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The Open Society Foundations have been present in Hungary for 30 years, supporting organizations and individuals who play an active role in defending democratic values, minority rights, freedom of the media, and quality education for all.

This report presents the organizations we were proud to support in Hungary in 2016.

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A note on terminology: we define “Hungarian grantees” as organizations based in Hungary and/or organizations with significant activities in Hungary. Regional grants awarded to entities based in Hungary but with no specific component addressing Hungary are not included in this publication. This document presents grants awarded in 2016. The total amount of the grant is listed. The grant duration varies between one and thirty-six months, in some cases continuing the grant activity beyond 2016.

# EARLY CHILDHOOD & EDUCATION

From inception, Open Society has been active in promoting access to quality early development and education for all, and in emphasizing the importance of ensuring all children have a good start including access to early learning. Today, we support Hungarian organizations that provide mentoring and tutoring for students from underprivileged backgrounds. Moreover, we help early childhood and education professionals gain expertise in their field by supporting the implementation of workshops and conferences.

## ***Bibó István Szakkollégium A Felelős Értelmiségért Foundation***

This grant supported a 5-day camp for 50 children aged 12-14 from two primary schools in Őr (Eastern Hungary) and Kiskunhalas (Southern Hungary) that both serve impoverished communities. Teaching materials are prepared and teaching is conducted by university students from the ELTE Bibó István Szakkollégium.

*\$4,000*

## ***Centrópa Foundation***

This grant supports the Common Ground Educational Program of Centrópa Foundation. It follows two distinct tracks: supporting teachers with varied teaching backgrounds and facilitating meaningful exchanges between students with diverse backgrounds through common cross-cultural educational projects.

*\$15,000*

## ***Kompánia Foundation***

The purpose of this grant is to support the work of the Dominó Tanoda community centre in strengthening the skills of disadvantaged, mainly Roma children from 6 segregated areas in the southern suburbs of Budapest.

*\$15,000*

## ***Közélet Iskolája Foundation***

This grant supported a 3x2 day long training on the role of pedagogy and critical thinking in the work of Hungarian social movements, civil society organizations and grassroots groups.

*\$5,276*

## ***Labrisz Leszbikus Association***

This grant supports the association's outreach efforts in Hungary's countryside and enhances its support to four LGBT organizations active outside of Budapest (Miskolc, Debrecen, Pécs, Kaposvár).

*\$15,000*

## ***Motiváció Oktatási Association***

This grant supports the reorganized operation of the Tanoda Platform, the development of the IntegRATION program and the overall reinforcement of the Motiváció Oktatási Association.

*\$80,000*

## ***Partners Hungary Foundation***

The aim of this grant is to continue to develop and sustain the work of the Roma Early Years Network Hungary in 2016-2017, to empower and provide professional training to Roma and non-Roma Early Childhood Development professionals and para-professionals who work with young Roma children and their families in Hungary.

*\$30,380*

## ***Partners Hungary Foundation***

This grant supports the Partners Hungary Foundation's work in Nyírbátor and Nagyecsed, two village communities in Eastern Hungary, where Roma children face difficulties accessing education.

*\$14,961*

## ***Rosa Parks Foundation***

This project supports the Rosa Parks association in facilitating the desegregation of a single elementary school at Losonci Square in Budapest, which is attended by a high percentage of Roma, refugee and migrant children.

*\$14,946*

## ***Számá Dă Noj! - Vigyázz Reánk! Association***

This grant supports Számá Dă Noj! – Vigyázz Reánk! Association in organizing debates and initiating a common action plan with local policy makers in order to bring about a more equitable school system in the city of Pécs.

*\$15,000*

### **Televele Médiapedagógiai Műhely Association**

The project aims to develop two sets of teaching materials on media freedom and the media system for elementary and secondary schools. The teaching materials will be tested in 3 tanodas, 2 secondary schools and 2 primary schools, in Budapest, Pécs, Győr, Bátortereny, Mezőcsát, reaching approximately 350 children.

\$13,900

### **Uccu Roma Informal Educational Foundation**

The purpose of this grant is to support Uccu in the development of a program piloted throughout 2016 in Budapest and Pécs, in which young Roma volunteers administer tolerance education sessions in elementary and secondary schools.

\$14,930

### **Zöld Pók Foundation**

This grant supports a series of workshops in the towns of Bag, Salgótarján, Szeged and Pécs, to be followed by a Digital Media Camp in May 2017.

\$14,460

# EQUALITY & ANTI-DISCRIMINATION

A strong and inclusive civil society is the foundation of a more equal society. We believe that those most affected by inequalities should be leading the fight for fair institutions.

In Hungary, we support organizations that advocate for equal opportunities, and we encourage the participation of marginalized communities, like the Roma.

### **Artemisszió Foundation**

This grant provides institutional funding to Artemisszió and contributes to two specific areas of the organization: communications toolkit creation, and the Bridge Builder Community program.

\$109,499

### **European Roma Law Enforcement Institute Association**

This grant supports the institutional development of the European Roma Law Enforcement Institute Association.

\$24,450

### **European Roma Rights Centre**

This grant is for general support.

\$4,000

### **European Roma Rights Centre**

This grant covered the costs for half of the participants at the three-day international Roma LGBTQ workshop in Prague, which took place in August 2016.

\$15,000

### **Fogyatékos Emberek Szervezeteinek Tanácsa (FESZT)**

This grant supports FESZT in strengthening the leadership of women with disabilities in the Hungarian disability movement, and in supporting research and advocacy work on behalf of women with disabilities.

\$17,000

### **Migráns Segítség Magyarország Association**

The purpose of this grant is to provide organizational support to MIGhelp in the planning and development of its long term migrant support services, and in enhancing its strategic response to the community's needs.

\$80,003

### **Political Capital Kft.**

The purpose of this grant is to provide support to Political Capital's internship allocations to young graduates who are seeking experience in good governance and the functioning of think tanks.

\$19,700

### **Jogriporter Foundation**

This grant enables the Jogriporter Foundation to continue Drugreporter's trademark international video advocacy work in promoting drug policy reform, and to address the impending funding crisis of harm reduction programs in Eastern and South-eastern Europe.

\$173,510

### **Rodav Amaro Drom Association**

The purpose of this grant is to support a campaign that will promote rights and obligations related to the "public works" employment scheme in Hungary, while contributing to the ongoing debate about its role in fostering social inclusion of Roma minority.

\$20,000

### **Roma Polgárjogi Mozgalom B.-A.-Z. Megyei Szervezete**

The purpose of this grant is to create a legal aid program for the remaining Roma families at risk of homelessness in Miskolc, while engaging volunteers in administering rights awareness activities.

\$19,300

### **Romédia Foundation**

The purpose of this grant is to develop a comprehensive advocacy strategy for Romédia Foundation.

\$73,528

### **Születésház Közhasznú Association**

The purpose of this grant is to promote a women-centered pre-natal and birth care system, in which the state ensures women's access to adequate information and appropriate treatments. Születésház will collect Roma women's experiences on current service practices and will start a dialogue with policymakers.

\$51,045

# HEALTH AND RIGHTS

Functioning democratic institutions are necessary for a good healthcare system, and to protect the rights and dignity of patients. In Hungary, we work with organizations that combine health and justice to care for the most vulnerable who are suffering from debilitating illness.

### **Szexmunkások Emberi Jogaiért Foundation**

This grant covers Szexmunkások Emberi Jogaiért Foundation's core operating costs, including partial salary expenses for executive, programmatic, and administrative staff, rent and utilities, and website-related expenses.

\$120,000

### **Szexmunkások Emberi Jogaiért Foundation**

This grant provides support to advance the organization's four broad strategic goals over a two-year period.

\$221,000

### **Transvanilla Transznemű Association**

The purpose of this grant is to empower trans and gender non-conforming communities to engage with the state systems and advocate for a human rights-based approach to legal gender recognition.

\$11,000

# DEMOCRATIC PRACTICE

Democracy can succeed only if citizens' participation is fully secured. In Hungary, we support organizations that work to promote civic engagement and to improve democratic policy.

## **Autonómia Foundation**

This grant supports Autonómia in expanding its work to new regions and locations. In terms of the thematic scope of the project, Autonómia will target community workers active in the following areas: Roma integration, provision of public services including health care, and education and citizens' activism.

\$220,000

## **Civil Kollégium Foundation**

The purpose of this grant is to strengthen progressive civic activism, social self-organizing, and community advocacy at the local level in the Hungarian countryside.

\$399,918

## **Cromo Közhasznú Foundation**

This grant aims at supporting Cromo in assisting selected social media initiatives to grow into self-sustained and well-organized communities.

\$23,549

## **Direkt36 Újságíró Központ Nonprofit Ltd.**

This grant supports Direkt36 in creating a database by collecting and classifying its individual donors, and in investing in the development of new communication channels that allow Direkt36 to maintain close contact with its supporters.

\$50,500

## **Energiaklub Szakpolitikai Intézet és Módszertani Központ Association**

This grant supports Energiaklub in increasing its base of social media followers and in expanding its portfolio of donors.

\$45,000

## **Eötvös Károly Közpolitikai Nonprofit Közhasznú Ltd.**

The purpose of this grant is to help EKINT promote political and public activism among university students, and to pursue advocacy and research tasks on legislation transparency, on the protection of academic freedom and on the monopolization of the media market.

\$29,244

## **Gyökerek és Szárnyak Foundation**

This grant supports a communications campaign on the diversity of civil society organizations. The project also seeks to build a broad and representative network of NGOs capable of strengthening the constituencies of the civil sector by providing information on the work of civil society organizations.

\$24,994

## **Háttér Society**

This grant supports Háttér Society's outreach to members of the LGBTQI community.

\$15,796

## **Háttér Society**

This grant supports Háttér's work in three areas: movement building, advocacy and research.

\$90,000

## **Habitat for Humanity Hungary**

The purpose of this grant is to help Habitat revise its current fundraising and communications strategy and launch a series of micro-donation campaigns. They will also launch a complex social mobilization campaign, which will draw on the research project that Habitat conducted on the consequences of the rising rental prices in Hungary.

\$50,000

### **Hungarian Women's Lobby**

This grant supports the Hungarian Women's Lobby's efforts in reaching out to broader mainstream audiences. Throughout the project HWL seeks to strengthen its connection to mainstream media outlets and journalists and will develop a toolkit for journalists addressing women's participation in political decision making.

\$24,999

### **kfib.hu Közhasznú Nonprofit Ltd.**

This grant supports KFIB in developing a detailed communication strategy and campaign. The strategy entails an intensive media campaign immediately following the submission of the state budget in online and broadcast media outlets, as well as an internet campaign.

\$16,434

### **Közélet Iskolája Foundation**

The purpose of this grant is to help Közélet Iskolája Foundation build a collaborative network that promotes the involvement of marginalized communities in knowledge production and social organizing.

\$24,996

### **Menedék - Hungarian Association for Migrants**

The purpose of this grant is to support Menedék in strengthening ties with groups of committed citizens and extending the circle of Menedék's constituencies. The project involves rebranding, communications, fundraising and organizational development elements.

\$68,739

### **Nemzeti Minimum Foundation**

This grant covers travel, accommodation and shipping costs, communications expenses as well as the costs of technical materials and equipment for the Nemzeti Minimum Foundation.

\$6,960

### **Romaversitas Foundation**

This grant supports a project encompassing the preparation of a detailed work-plan and agenda for volunteer management, crowdfunding and communications, improvements on the alumni database and of the website, and the launch of an awareness campaign on the occasion of Romaversitas' 20th anniversary. Further activities planned for 2017 are also included in this grant.

\$39,996

### **Szexmunkások Érdekvédelmi Egyesülete**

The aim of this grant is to support Szexmunkások Érdekvédelmi Egyesülete in building the organization's image as a credible and professionally acknowledged organization with a visible mission to advocate for sex workers' rights.

\$20,000

### **Szivárvány Misszió Foundation**

The primary goal of this project is to mobilize the LGBTQI community through outreach to other marginalized social groups such the Roma community, and to engage with LGBTQI people from the countryside.

\$25,000

### **TILOS Kulturális Foundation**

This grant supports Tilos Radio in widening its audience, in engaging new supporters and strengthening the ties with the community around the organization, and in establishing a membership system in order to encourage its volunteers' commitment and support.

*\$25,000*

### **Verzió Film Foundation**

This three-year grant allows Verzió to invest in the development of the Verzió International Human Rights Documentary Film Festival, focusing on establishing promotion, communications, outreach and fundraising for the program.

*\$100,000*

# HUMAN RIGHTS MOVEMENTS & INSTITUTIONS

A robust and diverse civil society is the cornerstone of democratic progress. In Hungary, the Open Society Foundations support organizations working to advance and defend human rights through advocacy, public communications and legal action.

### **Hungarian Civil Liberties Union**

This two-year grant covers core support for HCLU's activities promoting active citizenship and democratic public debates, as well as the protection of fundamental rights and the rule of law with a focus on monitoring how the rights of marginalized and vulnerable populations are enforced.

*\$365,500*

### **Hungarian Civil Liberties Union**

This twelve-month programmatic support grant has two components: disability rights and drug policy reform. The disability rights program will focus on promoting deinstitutionalization and community-living, advocating supported decision-making as the alternative to full guardianship, promoting the right of people with disabilities to vote and run in elections, advocating for the right to education of children with disabilities, promoting alternatives to forced treatment and forced hospitalization of people with psychosocial disabilities. In the field of drug policy reform, the proposed work includes: convening of a Hungarian Harm Reduction Conference, convening of a medical cannabis

conference, provision of legal aid and legal advocacy for people who use drugs, monitoring and analyzing implementation of the law, documenting violations and promoting evidence-based solutions, media monitoring and advocacy, and cooperation with the European Drug Policy Initiative (EDPI).

The requested budget will cover salaries of relevant program staff, part of the office administration costs, costs of meetings and conferences as well as local travel.

*\$110,526*

### **Hungarian Helsinki Committee**

This two-year core support grant to the Hungarian Helsinki Committee covers its key thematic work to safeguard the right to seek and enjoy asylum, promote the prevention of torture and ill-treatment, access to a fair trial and respect for human rights during arrest, in police custody and in detention, and decriminalize petty offences in Hungary.

*\$610,000*

# JUSTICE REFORM AND THE RULE OF LAW

Civil society has a role to play in strengthening national judiciaries. In Hungary, we help human rights organizations participate in advocacy focused on justice reform.

## ***Central European University***

This grant covered the organization of the second Legal Empowerment Leadership Course which took place from Monday, October 10 to Friday, October 14, 2016.

*\$80,000*

# INFORMATION & DIGITAL RIGHTS

Public access to information is at the heart of the democratic practice. In Hungary, we support efforts of investigative journalism organizations to strengthen the right to information and to defend the independence of the media.

## ***Central European University***

This grant supports the Aaron Swartz fellowship, which is focused on the following sub-areas of research in 2016/2017: demonstrating conclusions that can be drawn for information professionals, conflicting areas that are arising between the state of the art concepts and civil liberties in terms of access to information, and proofs of concept on authenticating digital documents for legal evidence and validation of research in the networked environment of information.

*\$10,000*

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