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OUR HUNGARIAN  
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2015

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.

We are proud to present here the organizations we supported in Hungary in 2015.

2015 was chosen as this allows review of a year in full; complete information for 2016 is not yet available. This brief publication aims to provide insight on our work in Hungary where the Open Society Foundations has supported civil society for over 30 years. 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 2015. The total amount of the grant is listed. The grant duration can vary between one and 36 months, continuing the grant activity beyond 2015 in some cases.

# EARLY CHILDHOOD & EDUCATION

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

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

With this grant, Uccu Foundation provides support to schools and civil society organizations that effectively address the challenges underprivileged children face.

\$9,731

## ***Kompánia Foundation***

The purpose of this grant is to support the activities of Domino Tanoda—an after-school program for children from underprivileged backgrounds—operated by the Kompánia Foundation.

\$24,500

## ***Zöld Pók Foundation***

The Zöld Pók Foundation used this grant to create and implement innovative digital media training geared towards enhancing the identity development of underprivileged youth.

\$19,525

## ***Partners Hungary Foundation***

The purpose of this grant is to further develop and sustain the Romani Early Years Network Hungary (REYN) in 2015 and 2016, with the aim of empowering Roma and non-Roma Early Childhood Development professionals working with young Romani children and their families in Hungary.

\$23,964

## ***Igazgyöngy Foundation***

This grant supports the Igazgyöngy Foundation's skill development efforts through artistic activities with NGOs and schools working with children from disadvantaged backgrounds.

\$17,727

## ***Igazgyöngy Foundation***

This grant supports the foundation in continuing its operations after the freezing of its Buda-Cash account - DRB banking group.

\$55,775

## ***Central European University***

This grant supports the Central European University in organizing the fourth year of its summer course on Innovative Financing for Education.

\$18,785

## ***TE IS Foundation***

The grant contributes to the expenses of a three-day workshop about inclusive education.

\$1,953

## ***Miradouro Ltd.***

The purpose of the grant is to create a training package for the educational use of the film "Ítélet Magyarországon" ("Judgement in Hungary") in secondary schools, colleges and universities.

\$25,000

## ***Nonprofit Információs és Oktató Központ (NIOK) Foundation***

This grant supports the NIOK Foundation research project, which collects and analyzes civil society organizations' initiatives to implement educational programs aimed at reducing the disadvantages of school segregation in Hungary.

\$25,000

## ***Szama da Noj - Vigyázz Reánk Association***

The purpose of the grant is to develop a network of teachers, experts and NGOs working to create an inclusive, child-centered education environment in disadvantaged regions in and around Pécs.

\$21,525

### **Élménylelő Ifjúsági Association**

The grant intends to create a cohesive learning and experience-sharing platform for professionals working in child protection. Simultaneously, the program works to establish communication and collaboration amongst the various professional groups specializing in childcare services.

\$7,334

### **Pressley Ridge Hungary Foundation**

This grant is used to organize a series of educational workshops for teachers focused on children and adolescents with emotional and behavioral challenges.

\$21,000

### **Liget Műhely Foundation**

The purpose of the grant is the training and mentoring of secondary school volunteers to become community leaders and organize local projects.

\$19,760

### **Centrópa Foundation**

The Centrópa Foundation uses this grant to develop educational materials, organize teachers' training workshops, and enhance and maintain its website.

\$24,900

# 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.

### **Másság Foundation**

This grant supports the Másság Foundation's legal and educational efforts to fight hate speech and hate crimes against Roma, as well as discrimination against Roma, particularly in the areas of access to employment and housing.

\$75,000

### **Romedia Foundation**

This grant supported Romedia Foundation's organizational development in 2015: governance, financial transparency, fundraising strategy and human resources development.

\$61,528

### **European Roma Rights Centre**

This grant supports the European Roma Rights Center's regional workshops concerning the forced sterilization of Roma women, as well as other sexual and reproductive legal issues in which Roma women and other disadvantaged women are disproportionately affected in Central and Eastern Europe.

\$23,270

### **Chance for Children Foundation**

This grant supports the Chance for Children Foundation project to combat the educational segregation of Roma and other underprivileged children. Within the project, the foundation continues its legal and community-building activities.

\$45,243

### **Autonómia Foundation**

This grant supports the Autonómia Foundation in mapping, developing and supporting projects aimed at increasing the effective participation of Roma communities in local development.

*\$175,000*

### **European Roma Rights Centre**

This grant supports the monitoring and analysis of incidents of violence and hate speech against Roma in France and Italy, in order to identify the extent of the problem and to assess the efficacy of the state response.

*\$50,000*

### **Partners Hungary Foundation**

This grant to Partners Hungary Foundation is to assist in the development of its organizational strategy with the support from a local NGO development consultancy firm.

*\$13,600*

### **PATENT Association (Hungary)**

This 2015-2016 grant was used to develop and launch a peer-to-peer online sex education platform, for young people conducted by young volunteers aged 13 to 19 .

*\$79,000*

### **Partners Hungary Foundation**

This grant contributes to the operational costs of Partners Hungary Foundation over a period of three years—2016-2018. It covers travel expenses related to professional development, translation of early childhood development materials into Hungarian to ensure the information is accessible to non-English speaking professionals, and auditing reports of 2016, 2017 and 2018 accounts.

*\$30,000*

### **Partners Hungary Foundation**

The purpose of this two-year grant is to contribute to the development of conflict resolution skills in children. It aims to develop a model training program on conflict resolution and aggression management in Step by Step Schools – schools that follow child-centered teaching methods and family involvement in early childhood education – and kindergarten located in three regions with large Roma communities. This project will be implemented in partnership with Pressley Ridge Hungary Foundation.

*\$67,287*

### **Central European University**

This grant is a contribution to the Deborah Harding Scholarship for one Roma student pursuing a Masters in Public Policy in the 2015-2016 academic year.

*\$23,987*

# 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 who combine health and justice to take care of the most vulnerable who are suffering with debilitating illness.

### **Pécs-Baranyai Hospice Foundation**

With this grant, Pécs-Baranyai Hospice Foundation provides health and legal assistance to people suffering from incurable illnesses in the final stages of their lives.

*\$14,990*

# 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.

## **Central European University**

This grant supports the organization of a "civil learning and innovation platform" as a part of the School of Public Policy, to help strengthen the fabric of civil society in Hungary and in the region.

*\$50,000*

## **Hungarian Civil Liberties Union**

This two-year grant (2015-2016) supports Hungarian Civil Liberties Union's activities in protecting basic rights and the rule of law (e.g. the freedom of speech and freedom of assembly, freedom of religion, data protection and freedom of information etc.), and in protecting the rights of disadvantaged communities (Roma, people living with HIV/AIDS, people living with disabilities etc.).

*\$682,479*

## **Political Capital Ltd.**

The goal of this grant is to support Political Capital and their partner Social Development Institute to improve their analytical skills, outreach and advocacy capacity on migration, far-right and populism, and election research.

*\$200,000*

## **Political Capital Ltd.**

Political Capital will use this grant to mentor a young professional for the duration of 6 months, who will work on policy research projects while hosted by the organization.

*\$6,993*

## **Verzió Film Foundation**

This grant supports the organization of Verzió film festival, the 12th international human rights film festival.

*\$23,200*

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

The grant helps Energiaklub in strengthening public discourse and debates about the Hungarian energy sector.

*\$100,000*

## **Budapest Institute for Policy Analysis Ltd.**

This fellowship program supports young Roma researchers in the fields of social sciences and humanities from Central and South Eastern Europe to develop new skills under the guidance of experienced research staff at mainstream think tanks.

*\$8,608*

# 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.

## **Civil Rádiózásért Foundation**

This grant contributes to the development of a morning radio show providing up-to-date news on civil society, and has created the possibility for civil society organizations to have a public voice.

\$24,986

## **Magyar Szegénységellenes Foundation**

This grant supports the community organization program "Közmunkás mozgalom a jövőért" ("Public Workers' Movement for the Future") run by the Hungarian Anti-Poverty Network, which works to improve the situation of public workers and to strengthen their advocacy skills.

\$17,735

## **Marom Klub Association**

The purpose of this grant is to support the community building program of the Auróra Civil and Community House in the 8th district of Budapest.

\$39,738

## **Hungarian Helsinki Committee**

The aim of this two-year grant (2015-2016) is to provide support to Hungarian Helsinki Committee's activities in protecting human rights and the rule of law, with the focus areas of security and criminal justice, the rule of law, equal treatment and the protection of the rights of refugees.

\$545,000

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

This grant supports the program Miskolcon Maradunk II (We'll stay in Miskolc II), which provides legal, social and community organization support for Roma residents living in Miskolc who are threatened with forced evictions.

\$25,000

## **Olaszliszka Roma Közhasznú Association**

This grant supports the program Miskolcon maradunk III (We'll stay in Miskolc III), which provides legal, social and community organization support for Roma residents living in Miskolc who are threatened with forced evictions.

\$25,000

## **Civil Művek Közművelődési Association**

This grant supports the production of a documentary film titled "Meleg férfiak, hideg diktatúrák" ("Hot Men, Cold Dictatorships") which details how Hungarian society and the state treat the gay community since Communism.

\$10,112

## **Hungarian Europe Society**

This grant was used to organize two workshops concerning illiberal democracy.

\$12,500

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

The purpose of the grant is to support civil society organizations in analyzing and evaluating the state budget for their advocacy purposes.

\$20,143

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

This grant contributes to strengthening the communications and local fundraising activities of Eötvös Károly Közpolitikai Intézet for 2015, 2016 and 2017, in order to expose the activities of the organization to a wider audience.

\$95,000

## **Transparency International Hungary Foundation**

The purpose of the grant is to help Transparency International Hungary Foundation reach a wider audience through social campaigns and trainings and to strengthen its fundraising and public communications activities.

\$120,000

### **Akciókutatók a Fenntarthatóságért Association**

The purpose of the grant is to conduct a participatory action research in Szeged with the aim of assisting Roma inclusion.

\$17,710

### **ÉLETFA Segítő Szolgálat Association**

This grant supports ÉLETFA's program on strengthening vulnerable social groups and helping them participate in the planning and decision-making processes that directly affect them.

\$18,182

### **Dialóg a Közösségekért Közhasznú Association**

Dialóg a Közösségekért Közhasznú Association used this grant to create a neighborhood Council in the Avas housing estate in Miskolc, intended to help locals represent their interests more efficiently.

\$18,004

### **Opera Közhasznú Kulturális Association**

The purpose of the grant is to support the project of Opera Közhasznú Kulturális Association to strengthen new grassroots youth initiatives and to establish a common youth interest group forum in Debrecen.

\$18,165

### **Új Tér Foundation**

The purpose of the grant is to support a community building program run by Új Tér Foundation in Bányterenyé.

\$18,175

### **Szivárvány Misszió Foundation**

The purpose of the grant is to help build a wider base of supporters for the Szivárvány Misszió Foundation and generally for LGBTQ cases. With the help of the grant, Szivárvány Misszió Foundation intends to reach and involve a larger audience in their activities by launching a communications campaign and a community program, as well as hosting various cultural events.

\$13,550

### **Hungarian Civil Liberties Union**

The purpose of this grant is to strengthen the organizational development objectives of Hungarian Civil Liberties Union via the expansion of its volunteer base, increased local fundraising, and the development of effective communications and media relations. The grant applies to 2015, 2016 and 2017.

\$120,000

### **TILOS Kulturális Foundation**

This grant contributes to strengthening the "Eleven emlékmű" (Living Monument) group and to supporting the group's program in Szentendre.

\$18,182

### **Történelemtanárok Egylete**

The purpose of the grant is to contribute to the activities of Történelemtanárok Egylete in the fact-checking of history textbooks.

\$10,404

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

This grant supported the establishment of individual and group information sessions for asylum seekers at transit zones during the 2015 migrant crisis on legal regulation of the asylum application process, integration support services, and stages of the asylum cases process.

\$21,000

### **Hungarian Helsinki Committee**

This grant helped Hungarian Helsinki Committee increase its activities in providing legal assistance to asylum seekers during the 2015 refugee crisis.

\$174,732

### **Policy Solutions Political Research Institute**

Policy Solutions will use the grant to develop and launch a web portal analyzing the activities of members of the Parliament.

\$22,020

### **Nyitott Európáért Association**

The purpose of the grant is to support the "Europe makes us free" program, which intends to strengthen the commitment to European values in Hungary.

\$24,980

### **Nonprofit Információs és Oktató Központ (NIOK) Foundation**

The purpose of the grant is to strengthen the supporters' base of the Nonprofit Információs és Oktató Központ Foundation and to increase the visibility of the organization. The grant enables the organization to develop and implement a communications strategy targeted at a wider audience.

\$32,000

### **Mérték Médiaelemző Műhely Közhasznú Nonprofit Ltd.**

The purpose of the grant is to develop the organizational structure and the fundraising activities of Mérték Médiaelemző Műhely. The grant is also used to support the organization in making the results of their work more visible through effective public communications.

\$40,000



# 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.

## ***Hungarian Helsinki Committee***

This grant supports a project of six civil society organizations, including Hungarian Helsinki Committee, who conducts research activities, workshops and conferences on decriminalizing offence cases and establishing a fair and efficient administrative system of offences.

*\$105,000*

# 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.

## ***K-Monitor Association***

This two-year grant supports K-Monitor Association's anti-corruption activities in Hungary in increasing the effectiveness of its communications and fundraising activities.

*\$100,000*

## ***Center for Independent Journalism***

The purpose of the grant is to support investigative journalism as well as to provide an incubator for local journalism and digital media initiatives.

*\$160,388*

## ***Atlatszo.hu Közhasznú Nonprofit Ltd.***

This grant supports the activities of Átlátszó in investigative journalism and in the request and publication of public interest data for the years 2015, 2016 and 2017. The grant also helps Átlátszó broaden the scope of its readers and strengthen its base of supporters.

*\$203,120*

An earlier version of this publication attributed a grant for a community organizing project to Vasas Szakszervezeti Szövetség, Hoya Zrt. mátészalkai alapszervezete; in fact the organization did not use the grant.

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