

NESST Country Profile

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for social enterprise development

NESST Portfolio: Czech Republic

NESST Venture Fund in the Czech Republic

NESST has been supporting social enterprises in the Czech Republic since 2001. 60 organizations have applied, and 32 of them have received training on the NESST methodology, focused on identifying and developing income generating strategies through social enterprise to increase their sustainability and strengthen their mission.

The Czech Republic later stage portfolio currently includes four organizations that receive financial and capacity-building support.

The Czech Republic in Numbers:

- *Population: 10,201,707
- Urban: 73%
- Below Poverty Line: -
- *GDP per Capita: US\$ 25,100
- *GDP of the Poorest 10%: 4.3%
- *Unemployment: 9.3%



Možnosti Tu Jsou

www.kacaba.cz



Location: Plzen
Sector: Disability issues; poverty, social services
Date Founded: 2003
Stage: Third year, later-stage portfolio

Mission: Create conditions for securing social services for people with intellectual disabilities and people in difficult life situations, including day care programs and housing.



In the Czech Republic, it is estimated that 40% of intellectually disabled adults are unemployed compared to 6% of the overall population.

Social Enterprise: Since 2005, Možnosti tu jsou (Diakonie) has operated the “Café and Tea-room Kacaba” in Plzen, which employs people with intellectual disabilities. The café plans to add a catering business and transform it into a self-sustaining social enterprise in which at least 60% of the workers have intellectual disabilities.



Support Needed:

Financial: US\$ 50,000

Support to Date:

Financial: US\$ 23,676

Capacity-Building: US\$ 22,500

Pohoda Association

www.pohoda-help.cz



Location: Prague
Sector: Disability issues, mental health, social services
Date Founded: 1998
Stage: First year, later-stage portfolio

Mission: Pohoda works to integrate people with disabilities into society by promoting independent living. It provides social services to improve their quality of life, help them integrate into their community, and give them the tools to manage their adult life.



The Czech Bureau of Statistics estimates that there are over one million people living with disabilities in the Czech Republic.

Social Enterprise: Pohoda's social enterprise is an educational center offering high-quality trainings to social workers, government officials, private companies, and families of people with mental disabilities, in order to improve interaction and communication with people with disabilities and ultimately their into society.



Support Needed:

Financial: US\$ 10,000

Capacity-Building: US\$ 7,750

Support to Date:

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Spolek Pratel Association

www.pratelefm.org



Location: Frydek-Mistek
Sector: Youth and community development, anti-discrimination, preservation of local culture
Date Founded: 2001
Stage: Third year, later-stage portfolio

Mission: Spolek Pratel seeks to improve the quality of life for low-income, at-risk youth in Frydek-Mistek through cultural, recreational and education programs.



Youth unemployment in the Czech Republic is about 19% compared to 6% for the population as a whole.

Social Enterprise: Spolek Pratel rents its theater and sports facilities and equipment to community groups (including sports teams, theater groups, families and companies) for activities that are compatible with the organization's social mission. It also runs a snack bar that serves refreshments and snacks to visitors during events.



Support Needed:
Financial: US\$ 10,000

Support to Date:
Financial: US\$ 12,000
Capacity-Building: US\$ 22,500

Transitions Online (TOL)

www.tol.org



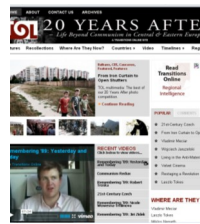
Location: Prague
Sector: Journalism & news media
Date Founded: 1999
Stage: Sixth year, later-stage portfolio

Mission: TOL strengthens the professionalism, independence and impact of the news media in post-communist countries of Central and Eastern Europe by working with journalists, media outlets, and other groups.



The mainstream media in Central and Eastern Europe and the Newly Independent States neglect and/or censor certain key issues as a consequence of prior communist politics.

Social Enterprise: TOL sells subscriptions to an online magazine that provides expert analysis and news coverage of Eastern and Central Europe, the Balkans, and the former Soviet Union. TOL also provides training to young journalists in post-communist countries.



Support Needed:
Financial: US\$ 8,000

Support to Date:
Financial: US\$ 15,200
Capacity-Building: US\$ 45,000

NESST

Mission: We work to solve critical social problems in emerging market countries by developing and supporting social enterprises that strengthen civil society organizations' financial sustainability and maximize their social impact.



Website: www.nesst.org

Sector: Venture philanthropy, social enterprise development.

Date Founded: Lee Davis & Nicole Etchart, , Maryland, USA, 1997.

Regional Offices: Santiago, Chile and Budapest, Hungary.

Location: 10 countries in Latin America and Central Europe: Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Croatia, Ecuador, Hungary, Peru, Czech Republic, Romania, and Slovakia.

Staff: 32 professionals in 11 countries.