

NESST Country Profile

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NESST Portfolio: Hungary

NESST Venture Fund in Hungary

NESST has been supporting social enterprises in Hungary since 2001. Almost 70 organizations have applied, and 49 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 portfolio in Hungary currently includes six organizations that receive financial and capacity-building support.

Hungary in Numbers:

- *Population: 9,880,059
- Urban: 68%
- Below Poverty Line: 12%
- *GDP per Capita: US 18,600
- *GDP of the Poorest 10%: 3.5%
- *Unemployment: 10.8 %

Source: www.cia.gov



Csoport-téka Association

www.csoportteka.hu



Location: Budapest
Sector: Unemployment and youth
Date Founded: 2001
Stage: First year, later-stage portfolio

Mission: Csoport-téka works for the employment and integration of people with disadvantages in the labor market, such as those who are long-term unemployed, young graduates, Roma people, people with disabilities, and young mothers.

Social Enterprise: Csoport-téka offers high-impact, replicable employment services for individuals who often face multiple disadvantages in the labor market.



Unemployment in Hungary averages 11.4 per cent in 2010. The employment rate is extremely low among youth between 15-25 and disadvantaged groups in general.



Support Needed:

Financial: US\$ 10,000
Capacity-building: US\$ 7,750

Support to Date:

Financial: US\$ 10,000
Capacity-building: US\$ 7,750

Fruit of Care

www.fruitofcare.hu

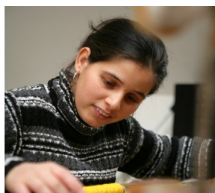


fruit of care®

Location: Budapest
Sector: Disability issues, employment
Date Founded: 2000
Stage: Second year, later-stage portfolio

Mission: Promotes sustainable employment for people with disabilities by marketing products made by them and by providing professional help to sheltered workshops in order to make their products more competitive and reach their full financial and social potential.

Social Enterprise: Fruit of care currently offers over two hundred high quality, designer gift and decoration products made by people with disabilities from five sheltered workshops.



Only one out of ten people living with disabilities in Hungary has a job, compared to four out of ten working in the EU overall.



Support Needed:

Financial: US\$ 10,000

Support to Date:

Financial: US\$ 27,000
Capacity-building: US\$ 25,000

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Kek Madar

www.kek-madar.hu



Location: Szekszárd
Sector: Disability issues, social services
Date Founded: 1997
Stage: Third year, later-stage portfolio

Social Enterprise: A restaurant that provides training and employment for people with intellectual and physical disabilities, while at the same time providing a nutritious dining alternative for them and their families.



In Hungary, it is estimated that fewer than 10% of adults with intellectual disabilities are employed.

Mission: Create economic and educational opportunities for people with intellectual and physical disabilities providing them temporary employment, job training, and childcare to help them transition to full-time employment and independent lives.



Support Needed:
Financial: US\$ 10,000

Support to Date:
Financial: US\$ 60,000
Capacity-building: US\$ 30,000

Vadvirág Foundation

www.vadviragalapitvany.hu



Location: Kaposvár
Sector: Children, disability issues
Date Founded: 1995
Stage: First year, later-stage portfolio

Social Enterprise: Vadvirág sells special development courses to parents of children with learning difficulties designed to increase their children's motivation to study.



By law children with special needs should receive specialized attention through the regular school system, but these initiatives are still not implemented.

Mission: Vadvirág Foundation works to improve the life of children with physical disabilities and other special needs, primarily by providing them with special aquatic therapies, physiotherapies and support services to their families.



Support Needed:
Financial: US\$ 10,000
Capacity-building: US\$ 7,750

Support to Date:
Financial: US\$ 8,000
Capacity-building: US\$ 7,750

Vöröskereszt Budapest - Hungarian Red Cross

www.voroskeresztbp.hu



Location: Budapest
Sector: Health and social welfare
Date Founded: 1882
Stage: First year, later-stage portfolio

Social Enterprise: Vöröskereszt established its "Service House" to provide training and employment opportunities to homeless people in the fields of carpentry, cleaning and maintenance.



In Hungary, there are about 30,000-50,000 homeless people. Only half of them have regular contact with social workers.

Mission: Vöröskereszt works to improve the health conditions and social welfare of low-income and homeless individuals by providing social and health services; and by organizing fundraising campaigns and blood donations in Budapest.



Support Needed:
Financial: US\$ 7,500
Capacity-building: US\$ 7,750

Support to Date:
Capacity-building: US\$ 7,750

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WELLDORF Cooperative
www.welldorf.hu



Location: Budapest
Sector: Education
Date Founded: 1997
Stage: First year, later-stage portfolio

Social Enterprise: WellDorf operates an online store that sells a wide array of stationery, arts and craft supplies, and special materials mainly used in Waldorf schools and preschools.



Decreasing government financing of alternative educational methods makes it difficult to fund and maintain Waldorf schools and other alternative educational institutions.

Mission: The WellDorf Cooperative is dedicated to creating a more socially-conscious community and society, by nurturing the creative, physical, social, and spiritual development of children through the promotion of Waldorf curriculum in education.



Support Needed:
Financial: US\$ 10,000
Capacity-building: US\$7,750

Support to Date:
Financial: US\$ 8,000
Capacity-building: US\$ 4,250

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, 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.

NESST in Numbers

The following are some of the results of our work:

* In total, over 2,400 organizations in 48 countries have been trained in the principles and tools of social enterprise.

* 454 CSOs have the capacity to develop a social enterprise. 100 per cent of the organizations that were trained in the past two years said they would go through the NVF process again, and would recommend it to other CSOs.

* The NESST Venture Fund (NVF) has provided business mentoring and financial support to 53 social enterprises in its later-stage portfolio, providing over US\$ 4 million in funds for start up and/or expansion of their business. These social enterprises have

increased their self-financing by an average of 51% and their beneficiaries by an average of 40%.

