



Annual Report

2023

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Foreword

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Dear Friends,

In many aspects, 2023 was an exceptional year for the Foundation. We distributed a record amount of more than €1.4 million and helped more than 40,000 people not only in Eastern Slovakia but across the whole country. We have implemented eight grant programmes and our own initiatives through which we strive to help children and young people grow and develop, empower the most disadvantaged women, build the civic sector's capacities, sensitise people, and show them that there is no reason to fear being different.

We have significantly contributed to promoting inclusive education and childcare in our country. We have worked to build open, safe and accepting environments in many cities and towns and schools, kindergartens and other organisations working with children.

We have helped dozens of NGOs to "grow" and become more professional, more resilient and able to fund and improve the quality of their work with vulnerable groups over the long term. We continued to provide aid to people from Ukraine in 2023, delivering humanitarian aid totalling €160,000 to people impacted by the ongoing war and helping more than 10,000 internally displaced persons in Ukraine and more than 5,000 refugees from Ukraine who have found shelter and safety in Slovakia.

The driving force behind all our efforts is our great team who do their work with incredible dedication and with love and trust in justice and greater good. We are proud to be part of a strong civil society that has not been broken but rather strengthened by all the crises and challenges brought about by recent years. Striving to be able to provide help on a larger scale, we have split our system of management: the Foundation's Executive Director is now in charge of external



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affairs and international cooperation and our Programme Director is responsible for internal affairs. Time has shown this was a good decision, proving the well-known synergy premise that 1+1 can be 3.

At the same time, we have been experiencing unprecedented support from our partners and donors in 2023. The organisations we work with in the region of Eastern Slovakia, and beyond, form our closest community, which is kind, supportive and pulling in the same direction. Moreover, we have also worked with important international partners, and this experience has helped us grow professionally and prepared us for future opportunities.

Despite the value that we create together with other non-profit organisations and active citizens for the people living in Slovakia every day, we have also faced a strong onslaught of hostile and often untrue verbal attacks. The intentional creation of fictitious enemies embodied by (not only) NGOs has become the everyday agenda of high-ranking politicians, who have thus significantly contributed to an even greater distrust in institutions and the NGO sector.

The ongoing Russian aggression in Ukraine continues to divide the society, which is becoming increasingly immune to imbalance, injustice and unfairness. All of this has affected us in the Foundation, because everything that is happening to our community is happening to us.

Looking into the future, we see more challenges coming our way, which may be bigger, more significant and more difficult than those we had to overcome in the past year. Yet we are ready to face these and continue to support active civil society and NGOs not only in Eastern Slovakia but also in the wider cross-border region, which includes Ukraine as our neighbour. In 2023, we have prepared a crisis response strategy to make sure we are able to respond to any unforeseen needs in a timely and effective manner. Despite the previous challenging years we are more resilient and stronger. In the period ahead, we will build on the successes of 2023 and previous years and continue to make Slovakia, and its eastern part in particular, a better place. We trust you will help us do that. Thank you for your support, and we look forward to our cooperation in 2024.

Creating a better world

The Carpathian Foundation helps individuals and organisations, especially in Eastern Slovakia, to actively work to make the world around them a better place, to respect each other, to cooperate and to create a better future together. At the same time, the Foundation supports various innovative educational programmes and introduces new ones because we recognise that quality education and care for children and youth are crucial for the future of our society as a whole. The Foundation also recognises the vulnerability of people in need and the importance of the systemic and systematic provision of support to these people.

Our vision

We imagine a prosperous Eastern Slovakia as a place where people want to live, where individuals and organisations have accepted responsibility for their actions and their region. Where everyone works to improve the world around them and where people respect each other, work together, help each other, and form a better future together.

Areas of our interest

- Building active and strong communities
- Strengthening of civil society
- Education – promoting innovation and inclusion in education
- Social inclusion of Roma impacted by generational poverty – promoting early childhood development and empowering Roma women (not only) economically
- Philanthropy development – engaging both the private sector and individuals
- Cross-cutting areas: cross-border cooperation and crisis intervention

How do we do it?



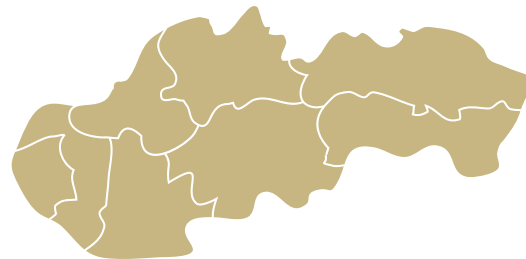
GRANT PROGRAMMES

Through our grant programmes, we have financially supported organisations, communities, schools, and municipalities and their projects focusing on the social, economic, and cultural development of the region. In 2023, we implemented 8 grant programmes.

Together for Children

The programme was funded by UNICEF

Place of assistance: entire Slovak Republic



The Together for Children programme, implemented in partnership with UNICEF, has been our largest grant programme to date. It has provided immense opportunities for developing inclusive approaches in working with children and the expertise building in this field.

The programme aimed to advance inclusive practices in early childhood (0-10 years) education and care, considering the needs of children from different disadvantaged backgrounds, especially those who fled the war in Ukraine.

The programme allowed us to integrate thousands of children into our society and

improve their access to the education and care system they need. We made our best to ensure that the projects we supported were inclusive and considered the individual needs of relevant children, allowing them to **reach their full potential** and live a fulfilling life. A key aspect of the programme was to build partnerships between schools, local authorities, NGOs, relevant professionals and other stakeholders active in the field of inclusive early childhood education and care to introduce systemic and sustainable changes.

Programme in numbers

92

92 organisations, including 19 local authorities and 23 schools (primary and pre-school) were involved.

27

in 27 locations in Slovakia

14,377

14,377 children participated in multiple learning activities

1,000,000+

106 applications submitted, of which 25 projects were supported by more than €1 million

12,670

12,670 beneficiaries – 7,435 children (of which 39% were from Ukraine) and 5,235 adults

12,469

12,469 people received psycho-social support

680

680 educators, policy makers and other professionals attended 20 training sessions and a highly praised international conference

11

11 mentors worked with 19 grantees, many of whom had a significant influence on the work of the organisations involved and advanced their approach to inclusion

197

197 unique activities implemented under the scope of the projects supported

16,600+

16,600+ children benefited from the programme indirectly

500+

A total of 500+ communication outputs with an estimated reach of 200,000+ (people) were published

You can read more about the programme [here](#)

“We were surprised to see that many professionals and educators had a distorted idea of what inclusion is, or they misinterpreted the term and did not know how to use the tools to apply it in practice. After the workshops, debates and specific training even in the pre-school environment, many of those who did not believe in inclusion have changed their minds and are now using it in their work.”

Jana Lukáčová
Medicsam Association
(a supported organisation)



Place of assistance: Košice
Self-governing Region (KSK),
Prešov Self-governing Region
(PSK), Banská Bystrica
Self-governing Region (BBSK)

We have been developing local and national partnerships and bringing together all stakeholders who impact and influence children living in marginalised Roma communities. We have been raising awareness about the problems faced by these communities and motivating key actors and policy makers to seek the best solutions.

72,000

15

454



The survey showed a general improvement in the developmental outcomes of the children involved in the five measured categories: gross motor skills (13% improvement), fine motor skills (24% improvement), communication skills (25% improvement), cognitive skills (28% improvement) and psychosocial skills (22% improvement).

1,493

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45

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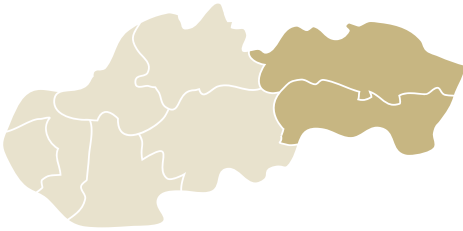
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We have published **24 articles** on a professional web portal dedicated to the topics related to early childhood, **odperinky.sk**, which were read by **3,500 users**



We Love Ukraine 2.0



Place of assistance: Košice Self-governing Region (KSK), Prešov Self-governing Region (PSK)

The programme was funded by the Carpathian Foundation's Crisis Fund

In the first call of the We Love Ukraine fast grant scheme in 2022, we reallocated €172,247 among 48 projects that assisted the people fleeing the war in Ukraine to Slovakia. In 2023, we decided to open another edition of the programme (due to the ongoing war and the need to help the war refugees). We have supported non-governmental, non-profit organisations and schools in Eastern Slovakia, which have been providing systematic long-term help to people from Ukraine in Slovakia.

Programme in numbers

80,000

33 applications were submitted, of which 8 projects were supported with a total amount of €80,000

1,064

More than 1,064 refugees from Ukraine in Eastern Slovakia benefited from the programme

The programme We Love Ukraine 2.0 was funded through the Carpathian Foundation's Crisis Fund by the funds received in 2022 and 2023 from Fondation de France and the Rockefeller Brothers Fund, a tax assignation from Deutsche Telekom IT Solutions Slovakia, and individual donations.

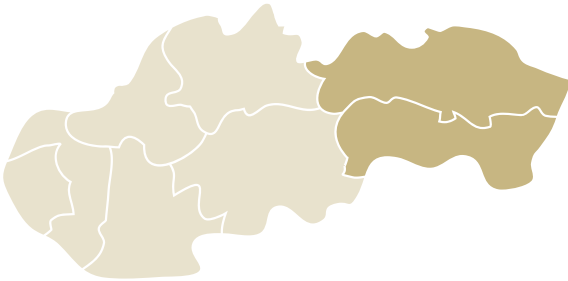


One of the supported projects was the Ukrainian-Slovak HUB in Kežmarok – take a look at their work in this [VIDEO](#).

“The first refugees from Ukraine were severely traumatised. Most of them came from Mariupol, Kharkiv, Donetsk, that is, from the areas which had been bombed, and they have nowhere to go back to. It is tough to imagine what it’s like for someone to lose their home or even their dear ones. That’s one of the reasons their world has disappeared, and they needed to find their inner peace and anchor themselves to understand that they can function well elsewhere again.”

Regina Lovišková Art-therapist
Vila Willinger
(a supported organisation)

We Love the East



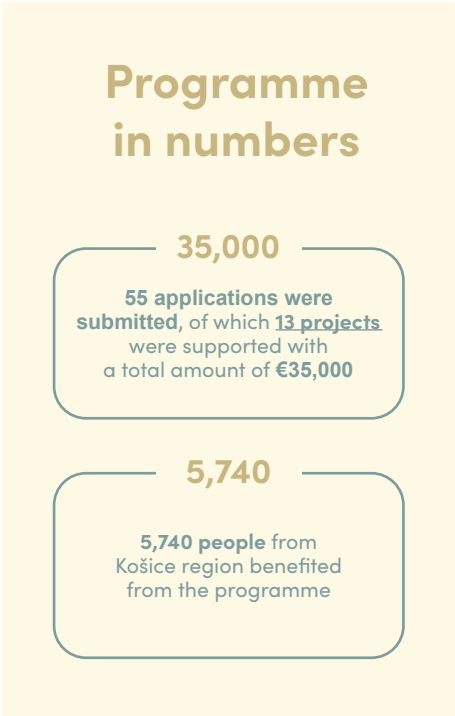
The programme was funded by the We Love the East Fund

Place of assistance: Košice Self-governing Region (KSK), Prešov Self-governing Region (PSK)

In 2023, the grant programme supported creative, immersive and practically oriented projects which contribute to a healthy lifestyle, the development of informal culture and the improvement of life in the villages and towns of Eastern Slovakia. These projects result from the local communities' joint efforts, i.e., the people who work together to upgrade their surroundings, actively engage in community matters and thus learn about the principles of civic responsibility and how to use them.

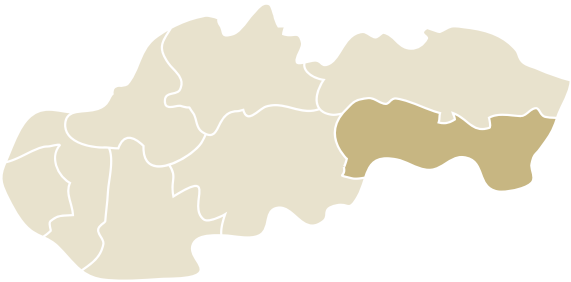
The programme is funded by the We Love the East Fund, which raises its funds through the donations made by the participants of the Carpathian Wander (Karpatská vandrovka) hike (the participants also vote on which project they wish to support), individual donors, as well as corporate partners through the income tax assignment mechanism. Corporate partners can "adopt" a specific project under the We Love the East grant programme.

In 2023, the projects were adopted by Deutsche Telekom Services Europe, NESS Košice and Lear Corporation Seating Slovakia.



One of the winning projects was the Košice 2023 PRIDE Festival. The video from this event is available [HERE](#).

Magna for the Region



Place of assistance: Košice Self-governing Region (KSK)

The programme was funded by Magna Endowment Fund

We have been implementing the Magna for the Region grant programme with Magna PT s. r. o. for a number of years already. Together we help communities and municipalities to address the challenges they face and encourage them to work with their residents, companies and other organisations.

In 2023, we focused on projects introducing innovative solutions to local needs and inspiring other organisations and communities in the Košice region. When doing so, we have been focusing on the cooperation of several actors from different areas of life. The projects targeted one of the three main topics: individual safety, healthy lifestyle and tolerance.

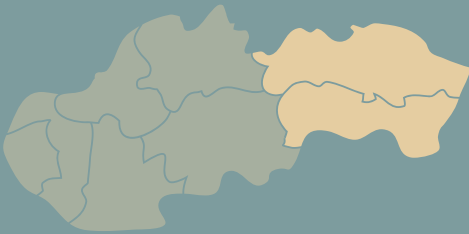
The programme was financed through the income tax assignment by Magna PT, s. r. o.

“In this part of Slovakia,
PRIDE is a unique
phenomenon which
really impacts people’s lives.
It brings them joy, pride and
energy to go on.”

Róbert Furiel,
Director of PRIDE Košice
and of the civic
association Saplinq



Schools of the Future



Place of assistance: Košice Self-governing Region (KSK), Prešov Self-governing Region (PSK)

The programme was funded by Magenta Life Endowment Fund

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In cooperation with Deutsche Telekom IT Solutions Slovakia, we have advanced the skills of teachers and other primary school staff members in creating innovative solutions to local problems. A total of 20 participants attended the training course **How to Become a School of the Future**.

Programme in numbers

20,000

11 projects were supported with a total amount of **€20,000** (projects were implemented during 2023, grants were awarded in December 2022)

2,200

2,200 people from Eastern Slovakia benefited from the programme

20,000

In autumn 2023 we have also launched another edition of the programme. We have supported **10 out of 56 projects** with a total amount of **€20,000**. Supported projects are being implemented in 2024

Wars, deteriorating climate crisis and the tons of hoaxes and misinformation in the online space are all affecting our lives, health and the environment. The outlook is not positive, and if society fails to focus on the ways to address these crises or their consequences, future generations are in for a tough time.

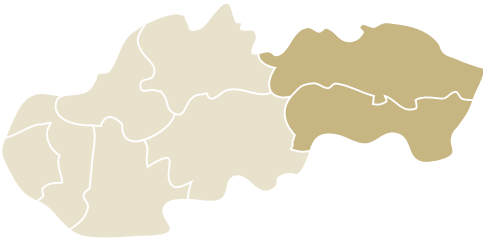
That is why we created the Schools of the Future programme in cooperation with Deutsche Telekom IT Solutions Slovakia (it is a result of the merging of two earlier programmes – School of the Future and Teacher of the Future). The programme’s focus is on educating future generations – we want to

help children prepare for life in a world full of challenges and innovations, where they will need critical thinking, good digital literacy and a sense of responsibility not only for themselves but also for their surroundings. The 2022/2023 edition of the programme, implemented in 2023, thus focused on the development of critical thinking skills, the ability to identify misinformation and hoaxes, digital skills development for all children and on promoting a responsible approach to life.

Both editions of the programme were financed through the income tax assignment by Deutsche Telekom IT Solutions Slovakia.



Strength of the Community



The programme was funded by Magenta Life Endowment Fund

Place of assistance: Košice Self-governing Region (KSK), Prešov Self-governing Region (PSK)

The Strength of the Community grant programme was developed in cooperation with Deutsche Telekom IT Solutions Slovakia to motivate and empower communities in Eastern Slovakia. Our goal was to help them take responsibility for the development of their region, network and initiate cooperation in volunteering activities. Our main focus was on rural communities, for which such opportunities are often scarcer than for the communities or organisations in cities.

The programme was open to NGOs with projects targeting:

- unconventional cultural and fun activities that bring together families, children, young and old people and entire communities
- informal educational activities and immersive learning, unconventional leisure activities which build children’s knowledge and skills
- activities aimed at increasing tolerance in the community, discussions, talks, promotion of traditional or minority culture, activities focused on vulnerable groups and topics which polarise society.

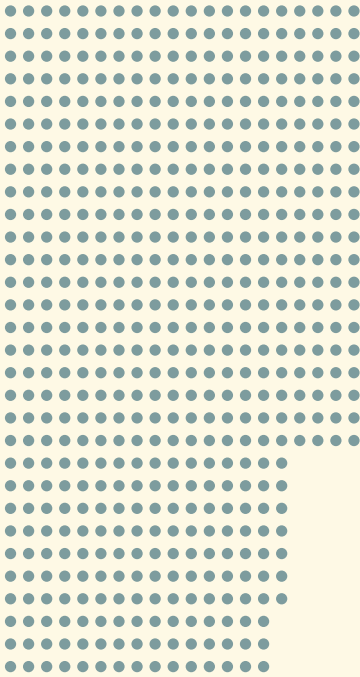
Programme in numbers

12,500

6 projects were supported with a total amount of €12,500 (projects were implemented in 2023, grants were awarded in December 2022)

757

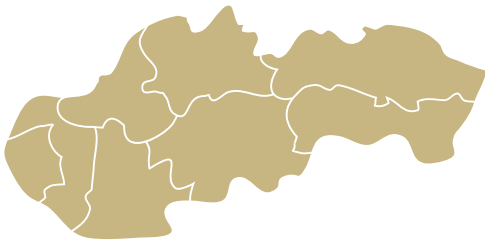
757 people from Eastern Slovakia benefited from the programme



The programme was funded through the income tax assignment by Deutsche Telekom IT Solutions Slovakia.



Active Citizen Fund



Place of assistance:
entire Slovak Republic

ACF is part of the financial assistance from Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway to the fifteen Member States of the European Union

Active Citizens Fund (ACF) – Slovakia is a grant programme focused on strengthening civil society, promoting active citizenship, and empowering vulnerable groups in Slovakia.

ACF re-distributes support across four thematic areas:

- 1. civic participation,
- 2. advocacy for public interests,
- 3. human rights, vulnerable groups,
- 4. development of civil society organisations.

The Foundation implements the programme as part of a consortium led by the Ekopolis Foundation together with the Open Society Foundation, administering small grants aimed at working with vulnerable groups.

Programme in numbers

36,264.34

In 2023, we supported **14 projects** from all over Slovakia with a total amount of **€34,264.34**. (The support paid from 2021 to 2023 totalled €318,148. The above-mentioned amount of €34,264.34 represents the share of this sum paid in 2023)

3,851

3,851 vulnerable persons from all over Slovakia benefited from the supported projects

17

Under this programme, we organised the **Resilience and Stability in Non-profit Organisations training** series in 2023 to strengthen the development and sustainability of the organisations involved and to foster cooperation and joint advocacy activities

Trainings were attended by **17 participants from 10 organisations** aiming to strengthen the human rights and inclusion of people living in marginalised Roma communities

1 organisation cooperated with a mentor in the follow-up on training series



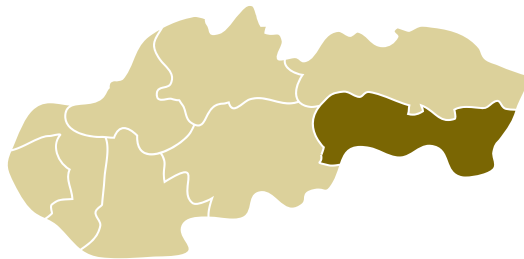
OTHER GRANTS

We awarded several separate grants outside of our open grant calls.



DASATO Academy

DASATO Academy, founded by three friends during their high school studies, has grown, in the 5 years of its existence, into a program that allows high school students to gain various soft skills and work on projects directly in the public sphere, non-governmental, non-profit organisations or private companies and create their own projects. Besides developing students' skills and competencies, thus building strong future generations, the project also aims to motivate them not to leave their region and Slovakia as their homeland



Place of assistance: Košice Self-governing region (KSK)

The programme was funded by Cyril Gazdarica Endowment Fund

but to become a part of active communities in their region instead. Thanks to our start-up grant, DASATO Academy was launched also in Eastern Slovakia in 2022/2023. What's more, in the 2023/2024 academic year, we have supported the project both financially and personally – our colleagues provided training for the participants on teamwork and storytelling. We have also helped the DASATO team to identify partners and implement their activities in Eastern Slovakia.

“Thanks to DASATO, I had the opportunity to grow and discover new sides of myself. I was able to overcome my fear of speaking in public, and I successfully delivered 6 presentations.”

Karolína,
DASATO Academy participant

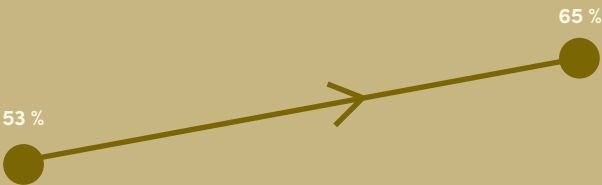
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9 students successfully completed the 1st edition of DASATO Academy in Košice. Of the total number of 64 applicants, 24 students were selected for the 2nd year of the programme



80 %

DASATO Academy regularly measures its impact. Upon completing the programme, more than 80 % of its students can clearly define their strengths and future plans; their desire to lead a team increased from 53 % to 65 %; and 100 % of students became more business-savvy thanks to the real-life projects



10,000

We supported the programme with €10,000 in 2023

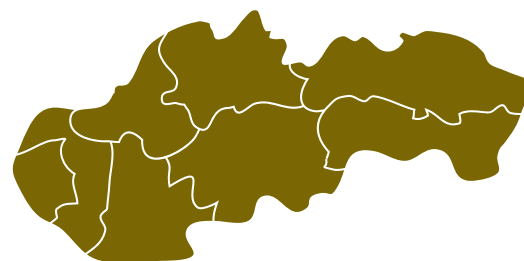


Some of the first-year graduates continue to work with their sponsors, developing the projects they completed under the programme. They also create their own projects on topics such as financial literacy or the popularisation of science



Roma Spirit 2023

Roma Spirit is a public award that highlights inspiring stories and activities that bring solutions to the challenges faced by Roma communities and our entire society. During its 15 years of existence, 2,110 individuals and organisations were nominated for the award. The 98 laureates clearly prove that well-functioning approaches and solutions in the field of social inclusion do exist.



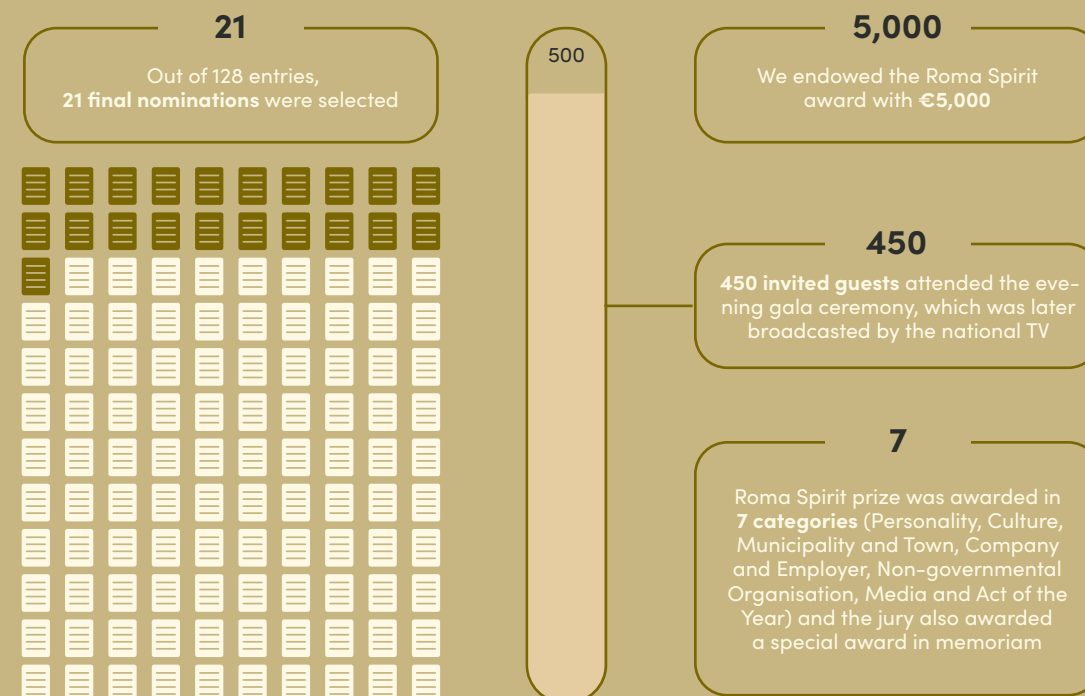
Place of assistance:
entire Slovak Republic

The award was funded by Cyril
Gazdarica Endowment Fund

The 15th edition of the competition was organised by the Association for Culture, Education and Communication (ACEC), Slovak Radio and Television (RTVS) and the Office of the Plenipotentiary of the Government of the Slovak Republic for Roma Communities (USVRK). The Carpathian Foundation was again a sponsor of the award in the Non-Governmental Organisation category.

“We trust that by acknowledging and recognising active efforts to improve the living conditions of Roma people, we help to make Slovakia better in an area where so many problems, poverty and prejudice exist; and that we are promoting the development of our society and building a country serving all its citizens.”

**Roma Spirit
organizers**



The Roma Spirit 2023 award ceremony was held on 25th November 2023 in the State Theatre in Košice, and the award in the **NGO category** went to **Šukar Dživipen** from Banská Bystrica.



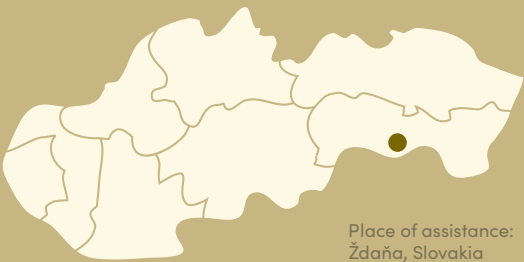
Teach For Slovakia

The project was funded by
Magenta Life Endowment Fund

For several years, the civic association Manageria has been actively working to ensure access to quality education for children from socially excluded communities, thus giving them a chance later in life to find employment, integrate into society and live a successful life. Quality education is an excellent chance for these children to break the cycle of generational poverty. Given that Slovakia consistently achieves poor results in reading and mathematical literacy assessments (see the PISA reports for 2023 and previous years) and the educational system is not adequately prepared to account for the specific needs of individual children, this has a negative impact

on their future, preparation for life, and recognition of their value.

Manageria has been implementing a two-year leadership programme [Teach For Slovakia](#), which helps to identify the individuals who have the potential to bring the needed changes into the existing system of education. Programme participants work at a primary or secondary school for 2 years, teaching children from disadvantaged backgrounds. We have supported the implementation of the programme at the primary school in Ždaňa (at 9 Jarmočná street). The programme has been running at this school for 8 years already.



5,000

We have supported Teach For Slovakia programme in Ždaňa with €5,000 (the grant for the civic association Manageria was awarded at the end of 2022, and activities were implemented in the course of 2023)

150

150 children benefited from the programme

The programme was funded through the income tax assignment by Deutsche Telekom IT Solutions Slovakia.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

In addition to the financial support we provide to other organisations, we also implement our own programmes which contribute to the development of civil society, mitigate social disparities, build skills in children and youth, and improve the lives of women from marginalised Roma communities or other people in need.



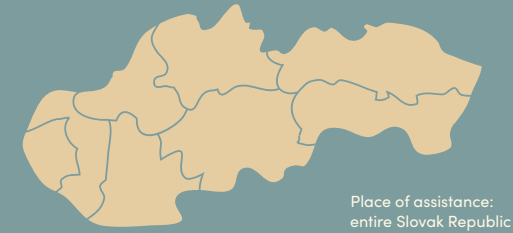
MyMachine Slovakia

The informal education programme [MyMachine](#) allows children and young people to develop creativity and other 21st century skills and promotes STEAM education.

Primary school children draw their dream inventions, university students design blueprints for how these could be made, and secondary school students produce functional prototypes. Experts, companies, and local governments are also involved in this process. The inventions are then presented to children and the world at the closing event called MyMachine EXPO.

MyMachine helps popularize technical education and build key competencies in young people, such as teamwork, critical thinking, and communication skills. For these important merits, the programme has been repeatedly awarded and ranks high in the world's leading non-formal education competitions (e.g. HundrED) every year.

MyMachine programme was supported by donations, tax assignation, charitable advertising and in other forms by the Slovenská elektrizačná prenosová sústava Endowment Fund administered by Pontis Foundation (general partner of the 2022/2023 edition of the programme), BBSK Regional Development Agency and Innolabb, Volkswagen Slovakia Foundation, Košice Self-governing Region, Magna PT s.r.o., Lear Corporation Seating Slovakia s.r.o. branch plant Prešov, BSH Drives and Pumps s. r. o. and Deutsche Telekom IT Solutions Slovakia.



16

We have completed the 7th year of the programme and successfully delivered 16 unique inventions

10

We have launched the 8th year with teams from all over Slovakia working on 10 new inventions

52

In 2023, we cooperated with 52 schools: 24 primary schools, 18 vocational secondary schools and 10 faculties from 6 universities

727

We involved 727 children and young people: 550 primary school pupils, 100 secondary school students and 77 university students

6

Practitioners from 6 companies were involved in the implementation of the programme

4

The questionnaire-based impact assessment showed that the participants developed their **creativity** (75% of respondents), **ability to co-create a product** (88%) and the **ability to work as part of a team** (91%)

“I would recommend the MyMachine Slovakia project to anyone interested in gaining experience in construction, design, teamwork, or team management. If you want to achieve something great in your life, MyMachine can be the first step to your success. You never know who is watching you and who can change your life.”

Michael Šeliga,
Student at the Secondary Vocational
School of Technology and Design
in Poprad and participant
in the MyMachine Slovakia



UPre Women

The UPre Women (UPreženy) education and development programme helps Roma women to lift themselves out of poverty. In order to do this, they need to find and keep good jobs, take care of others as well as of themselves, and develop their communities. The programme, which lasts for several months, supports them in all these aspects.

In 2023, the programme was implemented in Dobšiná and Veľký Krtíš. Towards the end of 2023 it was also launched at Luník IX estate in Košice. The programme aims to:

- Help Roma women **build their self-confidence** and gain necessary information and skills enabling them to make informed decisions;
- Assist them in **achieving financial independence and stability, ensuring their livelihood;**
- Empower them to become **actors of change within their communities** and positively influence and lead other Roma women;
- Eradicate **prevailing harmful stereotypes about Roma women** – through the World of Women event, social media posts, working with employers and through the publication of opinion-forming articles.

Detailed findings, success stories as well as challenges identified in the course of the programme implementation in Dobšiná and Veľký Krtíš can be found in our [publication](#) (analysis of results, findings and recommendations). The UPre Women programme is currently being implemented at Luník IX estate in Košice – you can read more about it [HERE](#).

*The UPre Women project: a programme for the development and better employability of women from marginalised Roma communities is implemented under the **Local Development, Poverty Reduction and Roma Inclusion Programme** financed by the Norway Grants 2014–2021 and co-financed by the State Budget of the Slovak Republic and with the support of Deutsche Telekom Services Europe Slovakia.*



Place of assistance:
Dobšiná and Veľký
Krtíš, Slovakia

12

12 Roma women in Dobšiná and Veľký Krtíš completed the **education programme**, and 22 women have registered for the programme at Luník IX estate in Košice



9

9 women have gained work experience

60+

We held a conference on the employment of women from marginalised communities attended by 60+ participants

2

We organized 2 **public events**, bringing together Roma and non-Roma people. More than 150 people attended the events.

“It is not only the society which underestimates us, but often, we are the ones who underestimate ourselves.”

A programme
participant from
Dobšiná

Humanitarian Aid



In 2023, we continued to deliver humanitarian aid to Ukraine on a regular basis. In cooperation with the civic association Podaj ďalej Prešov, we travelled even beyond the western parts of Ukraine to remote and poor villages and small towns in the North, which are rarely reached by convoys with humanitarian aid.

In addition to food, medicines, hygiene items, clothes, linen and toys, people in Ukraine also needed gas cookers, gas canisters and electric generators. These are necessary due to frequent attacks on energy infrastructure and the resulting power outages.

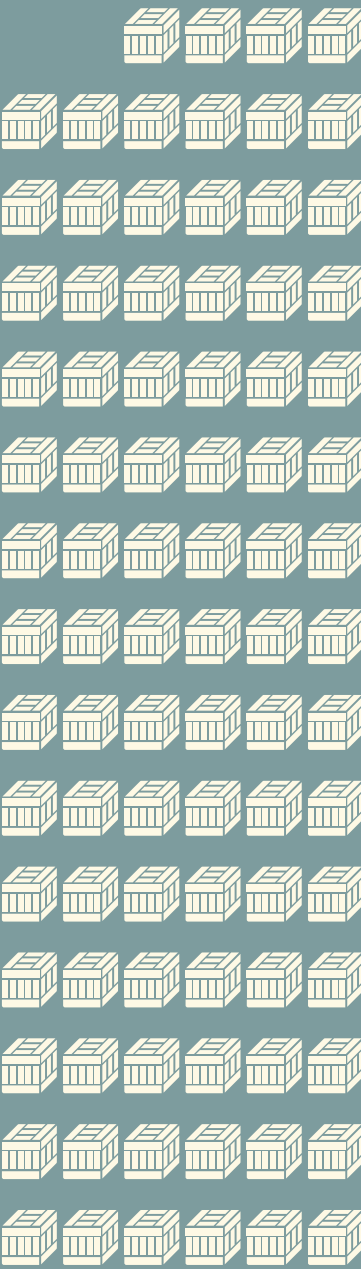
You can read about our humanitarian trip to the north of Ukraine [HERE](#).

The funds for the Carpathian Foundation’s Crisis Fund for the provision of humanitarian aid to Ukraine were raised thanks to the financial donations received in 2022 and 2023 from the Who Will Help Ukraine (Kto pomôže Ukrajině) initiative, Fondation de France, Tip Sport Foundation and Siemens, through cooperation with the Centre for Philanthropy Foundation, and from the Taipei Representative Office, Bratislava, through the Open Society Foundation and the Pontis Foundation consortium.



64

We have carried out 24 humanitarian missions and completed a total of 64 deliveries (vans carrying up to 3.5 t of humanitarian aid each)



61.5

The volume of aid delivered to Ukraine exceeded 88 tonnes, of which non-perishable foodstuffs accounted for 61.5 tonnes

“ During our humanitarian trip to northern Ukraine in December 2023, we visited the district hospital in the town of Ripky, where we saw the disastrous state of the old washing machine used by the hospital staff to wash laundry not only for the doctors and patients of the hospital but also for the children from the surrounding kindergartens and primary schools. This experience prompted our Executive Director, Laura Dittel, to start a [fundraising campaign](#) upon her return to Slovakia. The campaign organised through the donio.sk portal raised enough money to buy a new industrial washing machine. The campaign raised **€41,534** from almost **500 donors**, of which **€20,000** was contributed by the Open Society Foundation and the Pontis Foundation from the donation of the Taipei Representative Office in Slovakia. The collected funds were later used to purchase also an industrial dryer and mangle for the hospital (in early 2024).

You can see the story of the washing machine [HERE](#).

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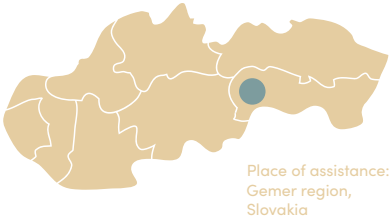
We have been providing humanitarian aid **regularly throughout the year** – every week until the summer 2023, twice a month there after

160,000

We have **distributed €160,000** of aid to different parts of Ukraine and **helped more than 10,000 people**, especially internally displaced people and vulnerable groups in Ukraine



Let Us Wake Up the Sleeping Valleys

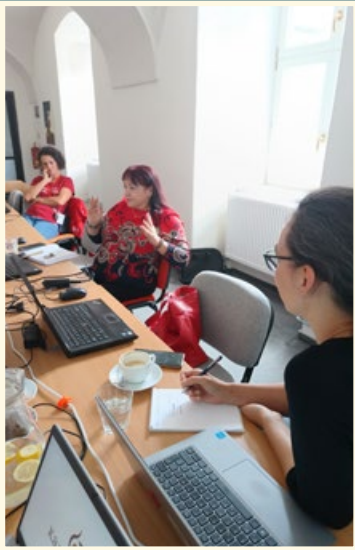
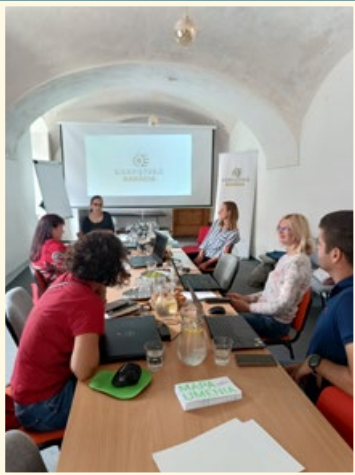


The Let Us Wake Up the Sleeping Valleys programme was launched in 2022 to identify and support community leaders who can inspire and activate their neighbourhoods and start working together to bring about gradual change in the region that seems to be sleeping. Various locations in the region have few opportunities for cultural, sports or social activities, and the local people frequently move out of the region to work or study in bigger cities elsewhere or even abroad. The identified leaders were provided intensive training and financial support for their projects.

In 2023, we continued the work we started with the leaders from the Upper Gemer-sub-region in 2022.

2
We organized
2 training sessions

4
The trainings were attended
by 4 local leaders



12
12 podcasts published
on all streaming platforms

12
12 video podcasts published on
our YouTube channel

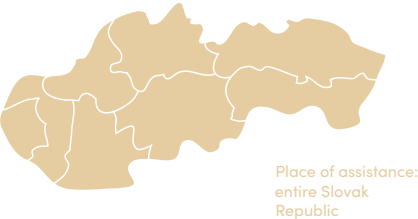
80,000
We have expanded the positive
information about active
people and their initiatives in
our region among 80,000
listeners/viewers and we
believe that by doing so we
have inspired others



"If anti-democratic extremists win the elections, it does not mean that all of us will also become extremists overnight. And if pro-democracy people win, it does not mean that homophobia, racism or sexism will disappear from our society immediately. Yes, politicians do have enormous power and this fact should not be taken lightly. But we are the ones who create the world around us, in our communities and neighbourhoods – and that should not be underestimated either. We also have a lot of power through our decisions, activities, actions, mobilisation... We can make the world a better place, even when people come to power who will do the exact opposite. ...in fact it is us who decide what this country is like."

Jan Gálik,
activist and founder
of the Za slušné Slovensko
(For Decent Slovakia) movement

Good News from the East Podcast



The Good News from the East (Dobré správy z východu) podcast brings interviews with interesting guests who make life around us better and inspire others with their ideas or activities.

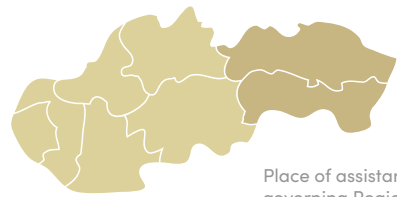
In 2023, the host and Executive Director of the Foundation Laura Dittel interviewed librarian and civic activist Ján Šimko, author and guide Milan Kolcun, teacher and founder of the civic association Jana Karl'ová, activist Rast'o Šelep'ský, volunteer Viktor Štefančík, strength and conditioning coach Radovan Gergel', expert on urban development and climate Andrej Šteiner, activist and founder of the Za slušné Slovensko initiative Ján Gálik, castle rescuer Martin Šáro'ssy, Romani language teacher and colleague Roman Eštočák, and genealogist Michal Rázus.

Similarly to the previous year, in 2023, we recorded the podcast in pro bono cooperation with the marketing agency Promiseo from Košice.

PHILANTHROPY

In 2023, we made it possible to people and companies to contribute to good causes and inspire the neighbourhood to philanthropy via following activities:

Carpathian Wander



Place of assistance: Košice Self-governing Region (KSK), Prešov Self-governing Region (PSK)

We have been organising the [Carpathian Wander](#) donor walk since 2010 to inspire individuals and companies to take part in an unusual philanthropic experience. In addition to the chance to complete a 50 km or 25 km route along the forest roads and ridges of the Volovské vrchy mountains, the participants can contribute to the development of Eastern Slovakia. All the proceeds from the walk are used to support the implementation of various community projects and beneficial ideas in eastern Slovakia.

You can watch the video from the 14th edition of Carpathian Wander [HERE](#).

14

In 2023 we organized the 14th edition of Carpathian Wander

230

We have welcomed a record number of **230 participants**, **11 partners** (ABB Solutions Slovakia, Bosch, Lear Corporation Seating Slovakia, NESS KE, U.S. Steel Košice, Curaprox, EXIsport, Davaj Makaj, FRESH, Powerlogy, Včelobal, Mellos), more than **20 volunteers** and **6 media partners** (FoodTips, Hiking.sk, MTHIKER, Nie je túra bez Štúra, Rádio FM, volovske.sk)

23,848.60

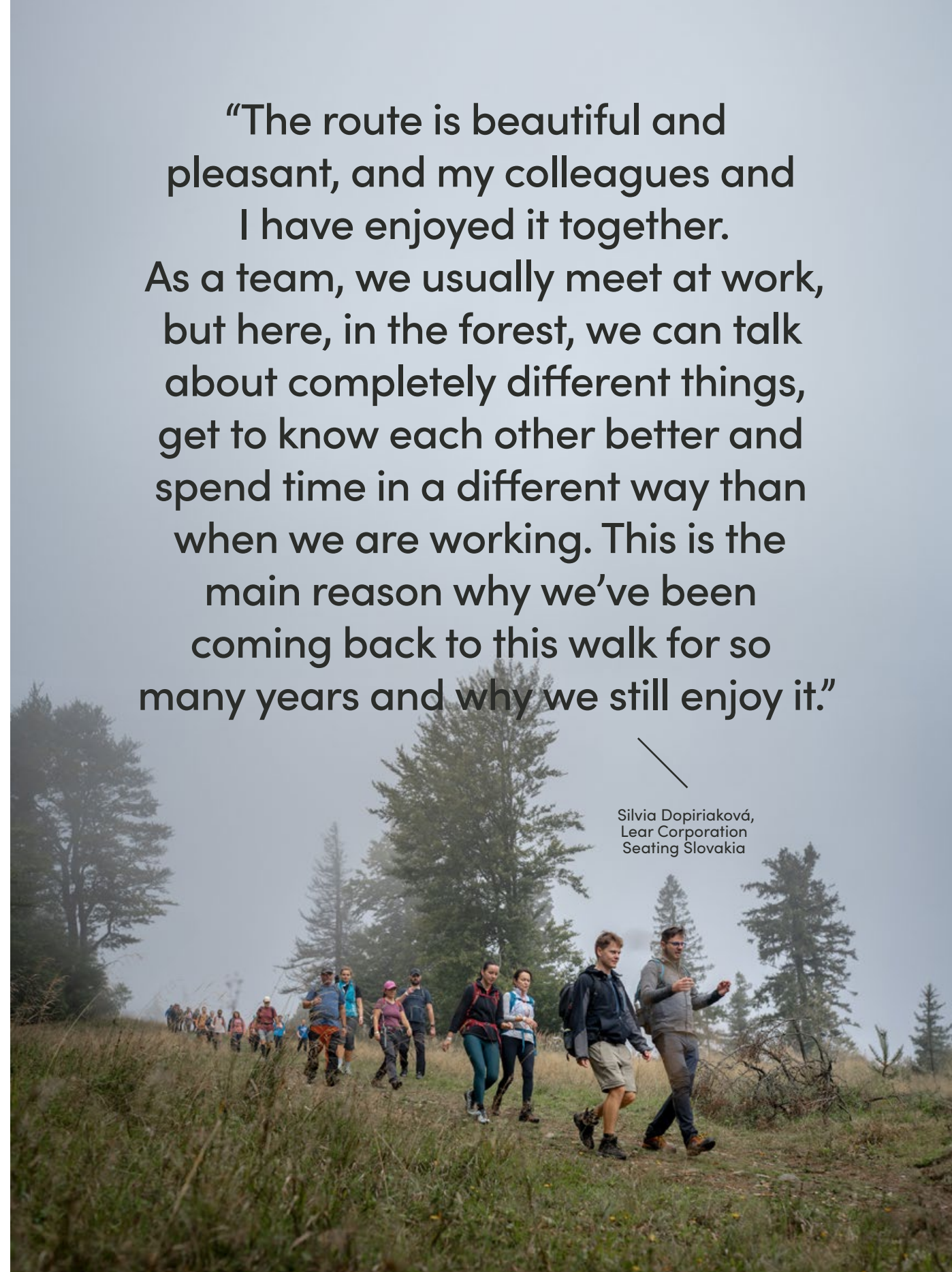
We raised
€23,848.60

9,000

of which €9,000 will be used to support great projects in Eastern Slovakia through the We Love the East programme in 2024. Participants will be able to vote for the projects which will receive financial support

“The route is beautiful and pleasant, and my colleagues and I have enjoyed it together. As a team, we usually meet at work, but here, in the forest, we can talk about completely different things, get to know each other better and spend time in a different way than when we are working. This is the main reason why we’ve been coming back to this walk for so many years and why we still enjoy it.”

Silvia Dopiriaková,
Lear Corporation
Seating Slovakia



Transnational Giving Europe (TGE)



The network of European institutions TGE enables financial donations to other countries while using all tax benefits of the country where the donor resides. For non-profit organisations in Slovakia, this means that thanks to TGE, their foreign donors can use the tax advantages available in their country even when donating abroad.

A short video on TGE and how it works in Slovakia can be found [HERE](#).



192.8 mil.
Since 2007, more than **€192.8 million** have been donated through the TGE network

20,358,381.43
In 2023 the donations totalled **€20,358,381.43**

11,601
In 2023, **11,601 donors** (691 companies and 10,390 individuals) used TGE services

Giving, that changes Europe

EFFECTIVE FUNDRAISING AND GIVING IN EUROPE

WHAT IS TGE?

TGE IS A NETWORK OF EUROPEAN ORGANISATIONS THAT HELPS ORGANISATIONS TO RECEIVE OR PROVIDE DONATIONS BETWEEN VARIOUS EUROPEAN COUNTRIES.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Non-profit organisations can receive donations from donors residing in different European countries.

TAX EFFICIENCY

Donors can benefit from the tax advantages provided in their country of residence. Support is thus not only a charitable act, but also a tax-effective move.

GLOBAL REACH

Organisations are expanding their network of contacts beyond national borders and new partnerships are emerging in Europe.

WHO CAN USE TGE SERVICES AS A BENEFICIARY?

NON-PROFIT ORGANISATIONS

NON-PROFIT CULTURAL ORGANISATIONS

NON-PROFIT EDUCATIONAL ORGANISATIONS

WITH A POTENTIAL DONOR IN ONE OF THE 19 TGE PARTNER COUNTRIES

RESIDING OR ESTABLISHED IN ONE OF THE TGE PARTNER COUNTRIES

WHO CAN BE A DONOR?

NATURAL PERSONS

LEGAL ENTITIES

MULTINATIONAL COMPANIES

CARPATHIAN FOUNDATION IS THE TGE'S EXCLUSIVE PARTNER IN SLOVAKIA

ENDOWMENT FUNDS AND SPECIAL FUNDS

1. Magenta Life Endowment Fund administered by the Carpathian Foundation

The endowment fund was established in 2013 under the name T-Systems Endowment Fund. Its income mainly comes from the assignment of income tax by Deutsche Telekom IT Solutions Slovakia, the company's new name, which is one of the reasons why the fund was renamed Magenta Life in 2019. The fund supports activities focused on the health of individuals and the entire region, green sustainability, education, and innovations that help us improve the region, with a special focus on its rural areas.

2. Magna Endowment Fund administered by the Carpathian Foundation

The endowment fund income is mainly generated by the income tax assignment and donations from Magna PT, s.r.o. The fund was established in 2015 as the Getrag Endowment Fund (the company's original name). In 2019, the fund's name was changed to Magna Endowment Fund. It supports beneficial ideas, helps non-governmental organisations, municipalities, and towns in the Košice region to carry out their activities, motivate others, and bring a long-term positive impact on the communities living in the region.

3. Cyril Gazdarica Endowment Fund administered by the Carpathian Foundation

The fund was established in 2016 and it is funded through a bequest from the late Cyril Gazdarica, a native of Slovakia. In accordance with the bequest, the fund primarily supports innovative approaches to education and non-formal education programmes for young people, which can receive start-up and strategic grants.

4. Carpathian Foundation's Crisis Fund

The Carpathian Foundation's Crisis Fund responds to crisis situations emerging in the region of Eastern Slovakia. The fund was established in 2020 in response to the outbreak of the Covid 19 pandemic, when the Foundation realised the need to swiftly and effectively provide assistance and respond to the acute needs arising from unexpected and critical situations. In 2023, the Crisis Fund was used to its fullest potential to assist refugees fleeing the war in Ukraine to Slovakia and to provide humanitarian aid in Ukraine.

5. We Love the East Fund

The We Love the East Fund supports publicly accessible projects and activities aimed at promoting a healthy lifestyle, informal culture and improving the quality of life in municipalities and cities in Eastern Slovakia. It builds upon the Carpathian Wander Fund, which was established in 2010. The fund is contributed to by participants of the Carpathian Wander hiking event and by individual or corporate donors. Additionally, it receives funding through the income tax assignment mechanism.

PR AND COMMUNICATION ACTIVITIES

In 2023, we have:

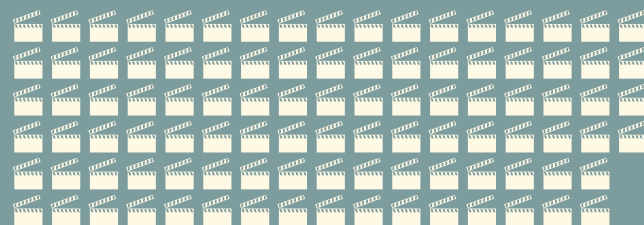
32

created **32 videos** about our work and the topics we cover – the most successful reached more than **261,400+ people on Facebook**



100

recorded more than **100 media appearances** promoting our work



4

created **4 articles** aimed at sensitizing the public towards Ukrainian refugees living in Slovakia and towards the Roma minority. The articles were published in a nation-wide opinion-forming media **aktuality.sk** and their combined reach was **4,500+ readers**



12

created **12 podcasts** reaching more than **80,000 listeners/viewers**



67,000

our websites (Carpathian Foundation, Carpathian Wander, MyMachine, UPre women, OdPerinky) had more than **67,000 visitors and over 171,000 views**



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written many social media posts to inform the public about what we are doing, but most importantly why we are doing it

1 mil. +

achieved a **1 mil.+** overall reach on social media

We believe that in this way, we can inspire people to take responsibility for themselves and their surroundings and help us create not only a better region but a better world we live in.

IN A NUTSHELL

The Carpathian Foundation is a unique non-governmental, non-profit organisation that operates mainly in the Košice and Prešov regions. Founded in 1994, it has supported more than 1,400 projects with a total of €6.6mil., thus helping more than 325,000 people since its establishment.

For donors, we are a trustworthy and reliable partner which can ensure efficient and transparent use of funds to support interesting, meaningful and sustainable projects.

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- a) Eastern Partnership Civil Society Forum
www.eap-csf.eu
- b) International Carpathian Foundation Network
www.cfoundation.org
- c) Civic Platform for Democracy
www.predemokraciu.sk
- d) Transnational Giving Europe Network
www.transnationalgiving.eu

The Carpathian Foundation is an observer in

- 1) Ambrela – Platform for Development Organisations
www.ambrela.org

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Programme Director



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Manager



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(from April 2023)



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Attorney, Košice



Jana Dravecká
January to April 2023, Finance Director, Open Society Foundation Bratislava, since April 2023 Finance Director, STaRZ

The following changes were made to the Foundation's bodies during the period under review:

- On 17th May 2023, the Board of Directors accepted the resignation of Daniela Petříková, dated 16th February 2023, from her membership in the Board of Directors and elected Zuzana Želinská as a member of the Board.
- The Board of Directors confirmed Jana Knežová as a member and Juraj Girman as a member and chairman of the Board of Directors on 17th May 2023.
- The Board of Directors confirmed Elena Petrášková and Michal Vašečka as members of the Board of Directors on 3rd October 2023.
- The Board of Directors confirmed Jana Dravecká and Marián Prievozník as members of the Supervisory Board on 17th May 2023.

No changes were made to the Foundation's charter during the period under review.

LIST OF DONORS

2023



**Thank you to everyone
who helped, supported
and stood by us in 2023.**

Organisations, foundations and financial mechanisms

Akademia Rozwoju Filantropii W Polsce, Poľsko
Európsky sociálny fond a Európsky fond
regionálneho rozvoja, OP Ľudské zdroje
Fondation de France, Francúzsko
Fondazione donator Italia, Taliansko
Fondation Roi Baudouin, Belgicko
Granty EHP a Nórska
Grant z Nórska so spolufinancovaním
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Taipejská reprezentačná kancelária, Bratislava
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Bratislava

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Nadácia Volkswagen Slovakia, Bratislava
Nadačný fond Slovenská elektrizačná
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Rozvojová agentúra Banskobystrického
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United Nations Children's Fund, Švajčiarsko
UK Online Giving Foundation, Veľká Británia

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Support in the form of a tax assignment:

Crooked Peak Production s. r. o., Spišské Vlachy
Deutsche Telekom IT & Telecommunications
Slovakia, s.r.o., Košice
Deutsche Telekom Services Europe Slovakia, s.r.o., Bratislava
Deutsche Telekom Systems Solutions Slovakia, s.r.o., Košice
JUDr. Marián Prievozník, PhD.,advokát, s.r.o., Košice
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Magna PT, s. r. o., Kechnec
ORAC Slovakia, s.r.o., Lipany
YANTCHI, s.r.o., Spišské Vlachy
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Support in the form of financial donations and contributions:

ABB Solutions Slovakia, s.r.o., Košice
Bosch Electrical Drives SK, s. r. o., Bratislava
BSH Drives And Pumps, s.r.o., Michalovce
Deutsche Telekom Systems Solutions Slovakia, s.r.o., Košice
Deutsche Telekom IT & Telecommunications Slovakia, s. r. o., Košice
Deutsche Telekom Services Europe Slovakia, s. r. o., Bratislava
Infobip s.r.o., Košice
Lear Corporation Seating Slovakia, s.r.o., Prešov
Magna PT, s.r.o., Kechnec
Ness KE, s.r.o., Košice

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c) Donors contributing within the Carpathian Wander event

Other donors

- a) Donors who have supported us via donation portals donio.sk, ludialudom.sk and darujme.sk.
- b) Taxpayers who have assigned a percentage of their paid income tax and chose not to make their information public.

Non-financial and pro bono support

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Strojnícka fakulta Technickej univerzity v Košiciach
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Volovské.sk, Gelnica
WebSupport, s.r.o., Bratislava
Záchranná služba východ, Gelnica

Members of the Board of Directors, Supervisory Board and evaluation committees of all grant programmes of the Carpathian Foundation.

Volunteers and interns who have donated their time to the Carpathian Foundation.

LIST OF GRANTS

2023

Together for Children

Grant beneficiary	Project name	Total grant approved in 2023 in €
Autistické centrum Andreas, n. o., Bratislava	Sme tu aj pre vás / WE ARE HERE FOR YOU	25,444
Bábky v nemocnici, Bratislava	Bábky v nemocnici hrajú aj pre ukrajinské deti. Psychosociálna starostlivosť a podpora duševného zdravia pre hostí z Ukrajiny nielen v nemocniciach.	18,525
Centrum včasnej intervencie Košice, n.o., Košice	PRVÉ (K)ROKY (first steps)	29,847
Centrum vzdelávania a odbornej pomoci, o.z., Modrý Kameň	Inkluzívne vzdelávanie zraniteľných detí	28,842
CINEFIL, Košice	Úsmev a Radosť pre Ukrajinu	78,571
Different – občianske združenie, Bardejov	SPOLU PRE DETI V BAŠTE	26,281
Dobrovoľná civilná ochrana, Malacky	Podporo-adaptačno-integračný program (PAIP)	60,865
EFFETA -stredisko Sv. Františka Saleského, Nitra	SPÁJAME SA PRE DETI SO ZDRAVOTNÝM ZNEVÝHODNENÍM (Podpora inkluzívneho vzdelávania a starostlivosti detí so zdravotným znevýhodnením)	29,998
Gaštanový koník, Snina	Remeslom k inklúzii	29,956
Inklucentrum–Centrum inkluzívneho vzdelávania, Bratislava	Trauma rešpektujúci prístup a inkluzívne vzdelávanie	58,282

K13 –Košické kultúrne centrál, Košice	Košice očami detí z Ukrajiny	79,289
Materská škola, Dr. Clementisa 59, Skalica	SPOLU BEZ BARIÉR	28,411
Medicsam asociácia, Stará Turá	Darujme nádej spolu	33,578
Mesto Levice, Levice	SPÁJAME DOBRO	24,202
Mesto Rožňava, Rožňava	Na deťoch z Ukrajiny nám záleží	74,403
Mesto Snina, Snina	Naše sertsya jekhetane	55,388
Mesto Trstená, Trstená	SPOLOČNE to dokážeme!	29,080
MESTSKÝ HOKEJOVÝ KLUB MARTIN, Martin	Pomoc zraniteľným deťom.	49,805
Občianske združenie Kolysočka – Kolíska, Prešov	Inklúzia hrou pre deti utečencov z Ukrajiny v Súkromnej materskej škole (SMŠ) Kolýsočka v Prešove / Inclusion through play for children of refugees from Ukraine at the Kolýsočka Private Kindergarten in Prešov	28,657
Spoločenstvo kresťanov Christiana, Bratislava	Ako doma pre všetky deti	79,995
Slovenské centrum pomoci, Čierne	Wisdom of Trauma	25,868
therun.sk, Bratislava	KIDS Run 2023	10,000
UKRAJINSKÝ DOM Žilina, Žilina	Ideme v tom spolu	77,531
Základná škola s materskou školou Milana Rastislava Štefánika, Školská 11, Budimír	Inklúzia nie je ilúzia – spolu to zvládneme	29,532
"ZOE", Nižná	Makovičky	17,450
TOTAL		1,029,800

Roma Communities Development Programme

Grant beneficiary	Project name	Total grant approved in 2022 in €	Funds provided in 2023 in €
Detstvo deťom, Dobšiná	Rodičovské centrum Domček – Montessori – kútiky pre bábätká a predškolákov	12,000	12,000
Gaštanový koník, Snina	Program ranej starostlivosti	12,000	6,000
Nádej deťom, Banská Bystrica	Partnerstvo medzi domácim prostredím, komunitou a PF UMB	12,000	6,000
SPOKOJNOSŤ – centrum sociálnych služieb, n. o., Prievidza	Na ceste – za hlasom budúcnosti	12,000	6,000
Vyrovnanávie šancí, Prešov	Veselo a hravo 4	12,000	6,000
Združenie PRE LEPŠÍ ŽIVOT, Rankovce	Materské poradne 007 v kecerovsko-olšovskom regióne	12,000	6,000
TOTAL		72,000	42,000

We Love Ukraine

Grant beneficiary	Project name	Total grant approved in 2023 in €
ADRA – Adventistická agentúra pre pomoc a rozvoj – Občianske združenie, Bratislava	Ukrajinsko-slovenský HUB	14,990
Občianske združenie Vila Willinger, Likavka	Psychotherapia a arteterapia pre znevýhodnené skupiny z Ukrajiny	7,050
Pre človeka, Poprad	Naša pomoc je stále potrebná	10,517
RELEVANT n.o., Prešov	Integrácia a prepájanie komunít	12,800
Slovensko-Ukrajinské Centrum Partnerstva, Kolinovce	Integrácia utečencov z Ukrajiny v Košiciach a na Spiši	13,935
Viera – Lásky – Nádej, o.z., Prešov	Jedna cesta pre všetkých	8,650
Základná škola, Kežmarská 30, Košice	Pedagogický asistent pre ukrajinských žiakov	5,160
Základná škola, Važecká 11, Prešov	Važecká: Intervenčné miestnosti	6,898
TOTAL		80,000

We Love the East

Grant beneficiary	Project name	Total grant approved in 2023 in €
COLLEGIUM MYSSLE, Nižná Myšľa	Rekonštrukcia lode z doby bronzovej	1,000
Cyklo Čajka Prešov, Prešov	Vybudovanie skillparku v areáli velodrómu v Prešove	3,000
Divadlo na peróne, Košice	Otvorený dvor	2,998
KRIŽINČATÁ, o.z., Košice	Rozčítaný dvor	2,610
Onkomamky, Prešov	Pobytové víkendy v prírode pre onkologické rodiny	3,000
Take naše, Veľký Šariš	Objavte Poloniny 2023	3,000
Žijeme skautingom, Zlatá Baňa	Aktívne trávenie voľného času	1,792
TOTAL		17,400

Magna for the Region

Grant beneficiary	Project name	Total grant approved in 2023 in €
Bezpečný prístav, Košice	Vráť sa domov	4,000
ENJOY THE RIDE, Košice	Refresh Mini pipe	2,500
FOLKLÓR KOŠICKÁ BELÁ, Košická Belá	Spevom a tancom k lepšiemu a veselšiemu životu	3,980
KedsadaTaksachce, Košice	Ženský tréningový program	4,000
Kollárova, Sečovce	Oddychová zóna Sečovce	3,789
Mestská časť Košice–Sídliisko Ťahanovce, Košice	Deň menšín	1,800
„Občianske združenie Za horizont“, Sečovce	Učebňa v prírode	2,727
okolo, Košice	Oprav si svoj defekt sám! – workshopy servisu bicykla	977
Saplinq, o. z., Košice	Festival PRIDE Košice 2023	3,000
Spoločnosť Parkinson Slovensko, Košice	Kráčajme spolu, mladí aj starší, zdraví aj chorí...	3,015
Vitalcity, Košice	BEH/Žkovačka na Kojšovskej holi 2023	2,330
Združenie príbuzných a priateľov zariadenia ARCUS Košice, Košice	KOGNISENSE	2,324
Združenie príbuzných a priateľov „Radosť“, Košice	Športujeme s radosťou	558
TOTAL		35,000

Schools of the Future

Academic Year 2022/2023

Grant beneficiary	Project name	Total grant approved in 2022 and the amount provided in 2023 in €
Anjelský dotyk, Sečovce	Interaktívnou podlahou k skvalitneniu života detí v CDR	2,415
Jana Marcinová, Sečovce	Dramatizácia	900
Nie sme sami, Prešov	Záhrada, ktorá učí	1,900
Rodičovské združenie pri Gymnázii Štefana Moyseša v Moldave nad Bodvou, Moldava nad Bodvou	Matematické prechádzky v Moldave nad Bodvou	2,000
Spojená škola, Vojenská 13, Košice	Spolu v záhrade	1,600
Zábavné momenty, Vojčice	Učím sa byť zodpovedný	2,200
Základná škola, Gemerská 2, Košice	Spoznaj kúzlo	2,000
Základná škola, Jána. A. Komenského 1, Michalovce	Online priestor	1,700
Základná škola, Kudlovsá 11, Humenné	Numicon matematika	1,700
Základná škola, Pionierov 1, Rožňava	Učíme sa s LISOU, učíme sa radi	2,000
Základná škola, Sídliisko II. 1336, Vranov nad Topľou	Žiaci pre žiakov	1,585
TOTAL		20,000

Academic Year 2023/2024

Funds have been/will be paid in 2024

Grant beneficiary	Project name	Total grant approved in 2023 in €
Autistické centrum Rubikon, n. o., Košice	Po stopách pravdy	1,500
Spojená škola internátna, Školská 10, Michalovce	Ľahšie a zábavnejšie vzdelávanie	1,600
Základná škola s materskou školou, Spišské Hanušovce 66, Spišské Hanušovce	MICRO:BIT INTERAKTÍVNA VÝUČBA NA ZŠ	1,000
Základná škola, Československej armády 15, Moldava nad Bodvou	LEGO robotika v ČSAčke	2,300
Základná škola, Jána A. Komenského 1, Michalovce	Oáza zelene	2,500
Základná škola, Komenského 2, Svit	Swap ako cesta k zodpovednej móde	1,100
Základná škola, Košická Belá 235, Košická Belá	Nedáme sa oklamať	2,500
Základná škola, Ľ. Podjavorinskej 1, Košice	Učíme sa myslieť kriticky	2,500
Základná škola, Marhaň 115, Marhaň	Zdravie v digitálnom veku	2,500
Základná škola, Važecká 11, Prešov	Debatný klub	2,500
TOTAL		20,000

Strength of the Community

Grant beneficiary	Project name	Total grant approved in 2022 and the amount provided in 2023 in €
BIKE KLUB – BREZOVICA, Brezovica	Bicykuje celá rodina	2,000
Informačný a vzdelávací inštitút, Nižný Hrušov	Byť EKO je in	2,500
Iniciatíva Pod' na dvor, Košice	Monumenty z ruín	2,200
Slovenský skauting, 49. zbor Geronimo Prešov, Prešov	Študentská vodácka akadémia	2,171
V Prepojení, Košice	Rodinný festival v Detskom lesnom klube Rozmarín	2,500
Za krajšiu Polhoru, Nová Polhora	Svätojánska noc	1,129
TOTAL		12,500

Active Citizen Fund

Grant beneficiary	Project name	Total grant approved in 2022 in €	Funds provided in 2023 in €
Bol raz jeden človek, Bratislava	Hento Toto III. Etapa	14,994	1,499
Bratislavské dobrovoľnícke centrum, Bratislava	Rozvoj dobrovoľníctva II.	14,400	1,440

Centrum vzdelávania a odbornej pomoci, o.z., Modrý kameň	Rovné šance pre každého	14,660	293
Detstvo deťom, Dobšiná	Amalky – raná starostlivosť v domácom prostredí rodín z MRK	15,000	1,500
HANS, Cinobaňa	IdeaStart	14,935	1,381
MISIA MLADÝCH, Tvrdošín	Čarovné pyžamko	14,778	1,055
Nadácia Milana Šimečku, Bratislava	Look Up Stand Up	14,998	4,134
OZ Margarétka Lovinobaňa, Lovinobaňa	Pracovné zručnosti a sociálne kompetencie pre zvýšenie životnej úrovne Rómov	14,999	3,046
Podnik medzitruhu práce, n.o., r.s.p., Banská Bystrica	Aplikácia sociálnych inovácií a rozvoj sociálneho podniku	14,970	3,579
Pre človeka, Poprad	Filmom búrame predsudky	14,998	5,085
Protect work, Veľké Leváre	Rozvoj zručností pre trh práce	14,058	7,029
Silnejší slabším, o. z., Trenčín	Medzigeneračné učenie v praxi	14,999	411
SPOLU – Slovensko, Žiar nad Hronom	TOTO je aj naše mesto	8,370	2,516
Štúdio Zážitku – Outward Bound Slovensko, Bratislava	Pádlovanie bez bariér	14,652	1,298
TOTAL		200,811	34,264

Other grants

Grant beneficiary	Project name	Total grant approved in 2023 in €	Funds provided in 2023 in €
Asociácia pre kultúru, vzdelávanie a komunikáciu (ACEC), Bratislava	Roma Spirit 2023	5,000	5,000
„I AMbitious“, Horovce	DASATO Academy v Košiciach	10,000	0
Manageria, Bratislava	Teach For Slovakia	5,000 (schválený v roku 2022)	4,000
Občianske združenie KRÁSNY SPIŠ, Levoča	KnihyPokrytectvo a Spišské exody v 20. storočí	6,100	6,100
Podaj ďalej, Prešov	Humanitárna pomoc Rozsvieťme Ukrajinu!	139,000	139,000
TOTAL		165,100	154,100

FINANCIAL REPORT 2023

Financial statements

The annual report includes a balance sheet, profit and loss statement and notes to the financial statements.

Auditor’s statement

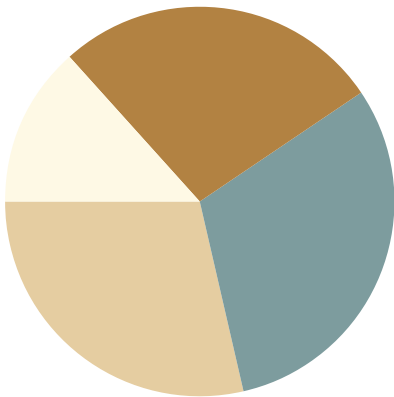
The Auditor’s Statement is enclosed at the end of the financial report herein as well as in the annexes to this Annual Report.

Annexes to the Annual Report of the Carpathian Foundation 2023

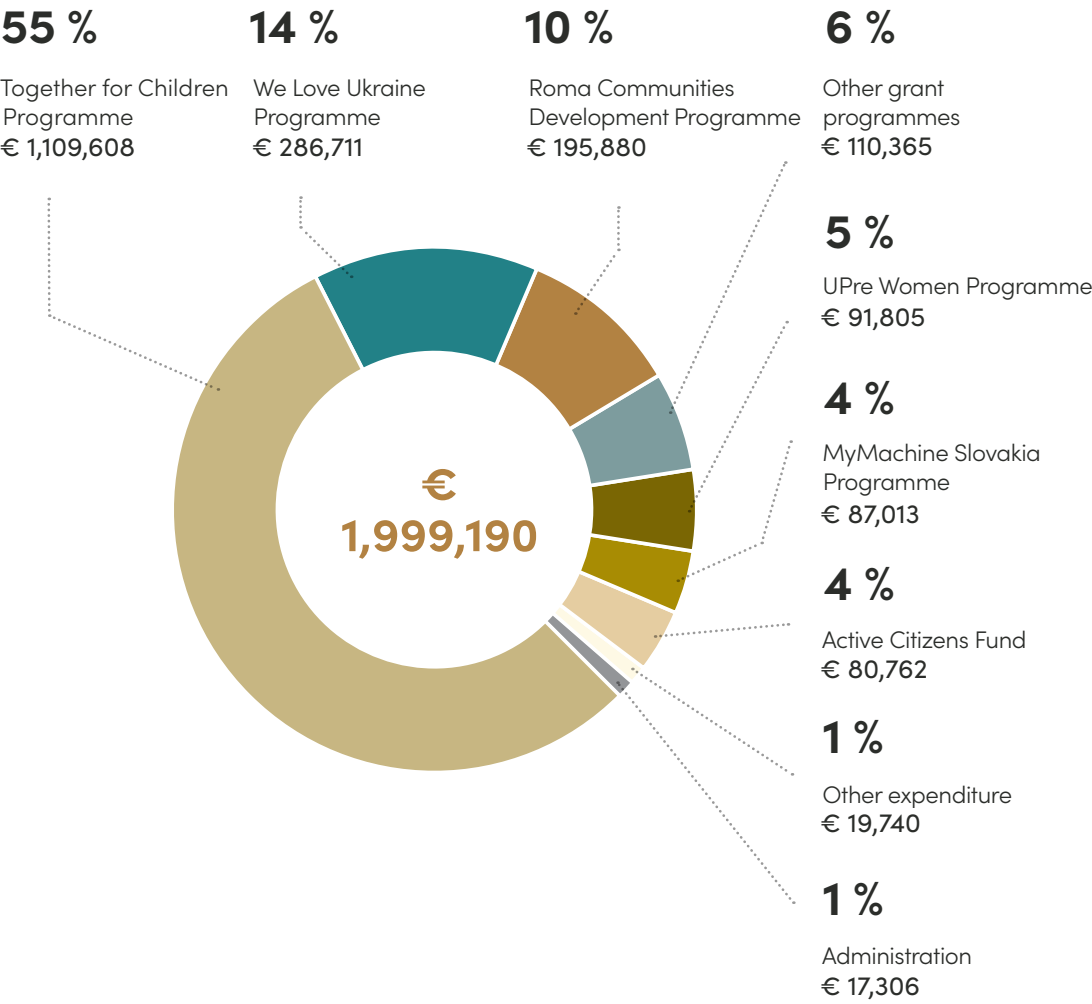
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The Board of Directors has decided on the Foundation administration costs in 2023 as follows:

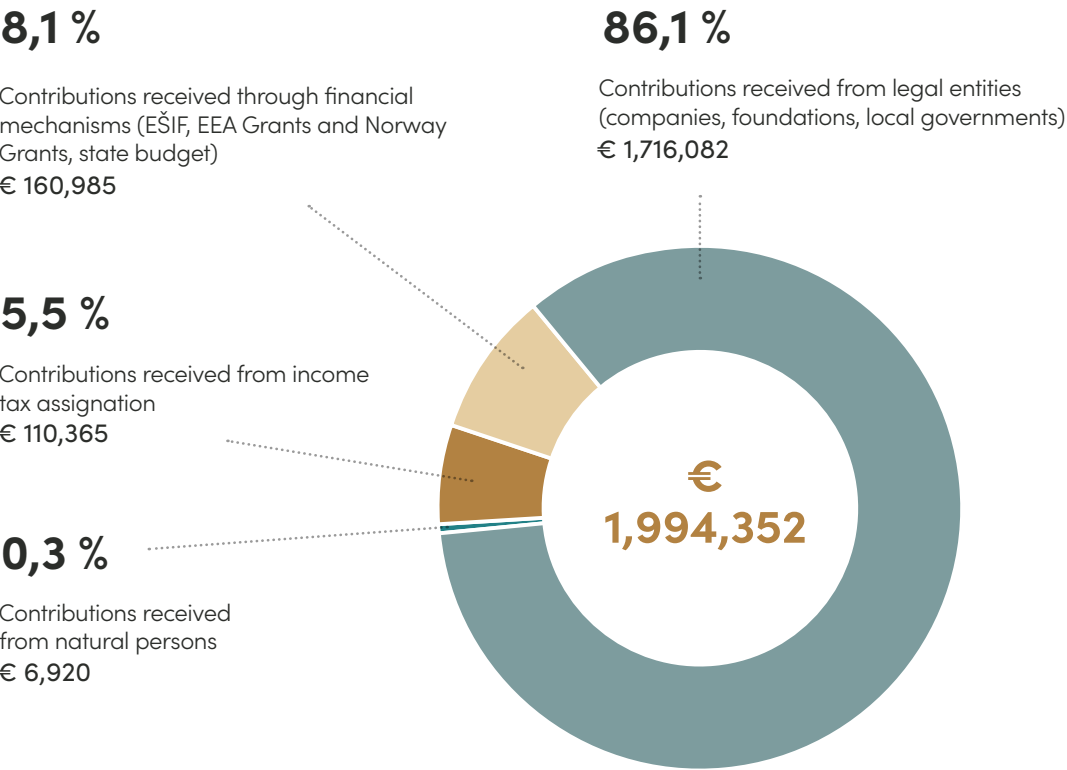
Administration	Amount in €	%
Promotion of the Foundation’s activities	2,125	13 %
Operating costs – Overheads	4,355	27 %
Remuneration for the Trustee’s duties	4,881	31 %
Other operating costs	4,540	29 %
TOTAL	15,901	100 %



Expenditure by
the Foundation's
activities in 2023



Revenues by
type in 2023



INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT 2023

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AUDITOR'S REPORT

ON THE VERIFICATION OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT AND ON THE ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR 2023

**of the
Carpathian Foundation**

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

for the Board of Directors, Trustee and Supervisory Board of the Carpathian Foundation

Audit report on the financial statements

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of the Carpathian Foundation (hereinafter the "Foundation"), which comprise the balance sheet as of 31st December 2023, the profit and loss statement for the year that ended, and notes, which contain a summary of significant accounting policies and accounting methods.

In our opinion, the enclosed financial statements provide

a true and faithful picture

of the financial standing of the Carpathian Foundation as of 31st December 2023 and its financial results for the year ending on that date in accordance with Act No. 431/2002 Coll. on Accounting, as subsequently amended (hereinafter referred to as the „Accounting Act“).

Grounds for our opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with the International Standards on Auditing (ISA). Our responsibilities under those standards are set out in the paragraph entitled Auditor's responsibilities for auditing the financial statements. We are independent of the Foundation in accordance with the provisions of Act no. 423/2015 on Statutory Audit and on Amendments to Act no. 431/2002 Coll. on Accounting, as subsequently amended (hereinafter the "Statutory Audit Act") concerning ethics, including the Auditor's Code of Ethics, relevant to our audit of the financial statements, and we have complied with all other requirements of these provisions relating to ethics. We believe the audit evidence we have obtained provides sufficient and appropriate grounds for our opinion.

Trustee's responsibility for the financial statements

The Trustee is responsible for preparing these financial statements so that they provide a true and fair picture in accordance with the Accounting Act and for such internal controls as the Trustee deems necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the Trustee is responsible for evaluating the Foundation's ability to continue as a going concern, for describing the facts surrounding the going concern, if applicable, and for using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Trustee intends to liquidate or dissolve the Foundation or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

The auditor's responsibility for the audit of the financial statements

It is our responsibility to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report, including the auditor's opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not a guarantee that an audit performed in accordance with International Standards on Auditing will always detect material misstatements, if any. Misstatements may arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users made based on these financial statements.

In an audit conducted in accordance with international auditing standards, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. In addition to that:

- We identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures to address those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of non-detection of a material misstatement due to fraud is higher than that due to error because fraud may involve collusion, forgery, deliberate omission, misstatement, or circumvention of internal control.
- We consider internal controls relevant to the audit to design appropriate audit procedures, but not to express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Foundation's internal controls.
- We assess the appropriateness of the accounting policies and methods used and the reasonableness of the accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the Trustee.
- We conclude whether the Trustee appropriately uses the going concern assumption in the accounting policies and conclude, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or circumstances that could cast significant doubt on the Foundation's ability to continue as a going concern. Suppose we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to qualify our opinion in our auditor's report by calling attention to related information in the financial statements or, if that information is insufficient, modifying our opinion. Our conclusions are based on audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or circumstances may cause the Foundation to cease to continue as a going concern.
- We assess the overall presentation, structure, and content of the financial statements, including the information presented in the financial statements, and whether the financial statements present transactions and events in a manner that gives a true and fair picture.

Report under the Statutory Audit Act on the information to be included in the annual report

The Trustee is responsible for the information in the annual report, drawn up per the requirements of the Accounting Act and Act no. 34/2002 Coll. on Foundations and on amendments to the Civil Code as subsequently amended (hereinafter the "Foundations Act"). Our opinion on the financial statements above does not apply to the other information presented in the Annual Report.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the information in the Annual Report and consider whether that information is materially inconsistent with the audited financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the course of our audit of the financial statements or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. The Annual Report as of the date of this auditor's report on our audit of the financial statements was made available to us.

We considered whether the Foundation's annual report includes the information required to be disclosed by the Accounting Act and the Foundations Act.

Based on the work performed during the audit of the financial statements, it is our opinion that:

- **the information given in the 2023 Annual Report is consistent with the financial statements for that year,**
- **the Annual Report contains information according to the Foundations Act.**

Moreover, based on our knowledge of the entity and its situation obtained during our audit of the financial statements, we must state whether we have identified any material misstatements in the annual report. In this regard, there are no findings to be reported.

30th April 2024

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