

Development Co-operation Organizations in Central-/ Eastern Europe

EINLEITUNG

Die Entwicklungszusammenarbeit (EZ) in den Visegrad Ländern Polen, Tschechische Republik, Ungarn und Slowakische Republik (V-4) wurde in den letzten Jahren mehrmals umorganisiert. Die politische Neuordnung nach 1989 und die folgenden wirtschaftlichen Schwierigkeiten führten dazu, dass diese vier Länder selbst auf Fördermittel angewiesen waren.

Der Beitritt in die Europäische Union (EU) im Mai 2004 war mit der Verpflichtung verbunden, bis 2010 0,17% des Bruttonationaleinkommens für Entwicklungshilfe auszugeben (ODA- Official Development Assistance). Zum Vergleich: Die älteren Mitgliedsstaaten haben die Vorgabe, bis 2010 die Mittel für die EZ auf 0,51% aufzustocken. Obwohl alle V-4-Länder ihre Ausgaben in dem Zeitraum von 2001 bis 2004 mehr als verdoppelt haben, ist noch nicht abzusehen, ob bis 2010 die Zielvorgaben erreicht werden.

Die meisten Nichtregierungsorganisationen (NRO) aus dem Bereich der Entwicklungszusammenarbeit sind in den V-4-Ländern im Vergleich zu deutschen NRO jung, da sie erst nach 1989 gegründet wurden. Die Umsetzung der EU-Forderungen, Entwicklungshilfe nicht nur in östlichen Nachbarländern, sondern verstärkt auch in den Ländern des Südens zu leisten, ist nicht einfach. Viele Organisationen haben für ein Engagement in den Ländern des Südens im Vergleich zu deutschen Organisationen weder den notwendigen Rückhalt in der Bevölkerung noch die finanziellen und personellen Mittel. Für viele Akteure steht die Stärkung der Nachbarländer im Vordergrund.

Die Kanadische International Development Agency (CIDA) unterstützt die V-4-Länder durch das „Official Development Assistance in Central Europe“ Programm (ODACE) beim Aufbau des EZ-Bereiches. CIDA ist dabei sowohl den Regierungen als auch den NRO und dem privaten Sektor behilflich. Sie beteiligte sich z.B. am Aufbau von Dachverbänden und Plattformen der NRO. Daneben führt CIDA zusammen mit den einzelnen Ländern auch trilaterale Projekte durch. Ziel dieser Projekte ist es, Beziehungen zu Entwicklungsländern zu stärken und Wissen über Planung und Durchführung an Fachkräfte aus den V-4-Ländern weiterzugeben. Besonders die Slowakei und Ungarn nutzen diese Chance.

Diese Sonderausgabe des LHÜ-Infos geht auf die Aktivitäten der Visegrad-Länder im Bereich der personellen Entwicklungszusammenarbeit ein und stellt beispielhaft einige ausgewählte Institutionen der EZ vor. Die Informationen werden den Veröffentlichungen der Organisationen entsprechend in Englisch wiedergegeben.

POLAND

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs is responsible for development aid. Several departments work together in the field of development co-operation. Polish priority countries are Moldova, Georgia, Afghanistan, Angola, Iraq, Palestine and Vietnam. Albania, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Macedonia, Serbia, Montenegro, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan and Mongolia are categorised as eligible for aid, but up to now Poland does not have projects in all of these countries.

10% of ODA is a small project fund, Poland reserves for African countries (Burundi, DR of Congo, Kenya, Malawi, Mali, Rwanda, Senegal, Sierra Leone and Zambia). This fund is administrated by the Polish embassies in these countries. An informal platform about Polish Non-Governmental-Organizations is ngo.pl www.english.ngo.pl, which contains further information and a database.

Further information: Ministry of Foreign Affairs: Al. J. Ch. Szucha 23, 00-580 Warsaw, Tel.: +48 22 523 9000, www.mfa.gov.pl

Group of Polish NGOs working abroad (Grupa Zagranica)

The Zagranica Group is a coalition of Polish non-governmental organizations operating for and in cooperation with foreign organizations and institutions, which concentrate their efforts on development of humanitarian aid, strengthening the development of civil society and democratisation of the societies, the real beneficiaries of the projects.

Further Information: Grupa Zagranica, Tel: + 48 22 536 02 16, Fax: + 48 22 536 02 20, www.zagranica.org.pl

Democratic Society EAST Foundation

The Foundation was established in 2002. Its mission includes building networks of non-governmental organizations, journalists and volunteers in order to develop democratic societies in Central and Eastern Europe. Part of the activities are: organising volunteering activities in NGOs in Eastern Europe; organizing youth exchanges between Poland and other countries of Eastern Europe with the aim of sharing experiences in building democracy at school level and working for local communities.

Further Information: ul. Bagatela 10 m. 18a, 00 – 585 Warszawa, Tel./Fax (+48 22) 629 56 90, E-Mail: tdw@tdw.org.pl, www.tdw.org.pl

Polish Medical Mission (PMM)

The Polish Medical Mission is an association whose main objective is to provide emergency medical assistance to victims of disasters. The association was founded in April 1999 as a spontaneous initiative of Polish doctors and firemen in response to the humanitarian catastrophe caused by the outbreak of war in Kosovo and the mass movement of Kosovo population across the border into Albania.

Members of the PMM includes: doctors of all principal medical specialities, nurses and medical rescuers, other health care professionals (physical therapists, medical analysts, psychologists etc.). PMM is responsible for short-term rescue mission and long-term projects in different countries.

Further information: Stowarzyszenie Polska Misja Medyczna, ul. Rejtana 2, 30-510 Kraków, Polska, Tel.: (+48-12) 293 40 50, Fax: (+48-12) 293 40 55, E-Mail: pmm@mp.pl, www.pmm.org.pl

Centrum Europejskie Zrównowzonego Rozwoju (European Centre of Sustainable Development)

The European Centre of Sustainable Development is the advisory and training centre that conducts education and advisory activities mainly in the area of environmental protection and implementation of sustainable development. The association has project experience in Ukraine and Byelorussia and is now looking for possibilities of co-operation with NGOs from old EU member states for common projects in developing countries.

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Polish Humanitarian Organisation (PHO)

PHO is a non governmental organization registered in Poland, which works internationally and within the country. PHO realises its mission by helping communities in crises to regain responsibility for their own future and become self-reliant. PHO has long-term projects in a number of different countries, for example Sri Lanka, Iraq and India.

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CZECH REPUBLIC

Under the so-called Competency Act, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs is the central body of the state administration of the Czech Republic responsible for the country's foreign policy within the framework of which it drafts the concept of and coordinates foreign development cooperation and external economic relations. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs also coordinates - in cooperation with

the Ministry of Interior (www.mvcr.cz) - foreign humanitarian aid. Foreign aid is divided into three divisions, the official development assistance (ODA) for developing countries, official aid (OA) for transition countries and other official flows (OOF) for funding outside the two categories. The territorial priorities for the period of 2002-2007 are Yugoslavia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Macedonia, Uzbekistan, Ukraine, Kazakhstan, Lebanon, Palestine, Yemen, Vietnam, Mongolia, Afghanistan, Namibia, Angola, Mali, Burkina Faso, Ethiopia, Nicaragua, Salvador and Bolivia. The sectoral priorities differ depending on the territory.

Further Information: Ministry of Foreign Affairs: Loretánské náměstí 5, 118 00, Praha 1, Tel.: +420-224181111, E-Mail: info@mzv.cz, www.mzv.cz

Czech Forum for Development Co-operation (FoRS)

FoRS associates the Czech non-governmental organizations operating in the field of international development co-operation, development education and humanitarian assistance. The FoRS mission is: to represent common interests of FoRS members, to support information transfer on development problems, trends and progress and to co-ordinate selected development activities of FoRS members.

Further Information: FoRS, Máchova 7, 120 00 Praha 2, Česká republika, Tel.: (+420) 226 200 406, Fax: (+420) 222 513 971, E-Mail: czech.fors@fors.cz, www.fors.cz

People in Need (PIN)

People in Need is a Czech organization that provides relief aid and development assistance, while working to defend human rights and democratic freedom. At home, People in Need administers social integration programs in the Czech Republic and Slovakia and provides informative and educational activities. PIN is one of the largest organizations of its kind in post-communist Europe, and has administered projects in thirty-seven countries over the past fourteen years. PIN is a legally registered Czech non-profit, non-governmental organization

Further Information: Sokolska 18, Prague 2, Czech Republic, www.clovekvtisni.cz

Civic Association Bohemia Corps (BC)

Czech Republic civic association Bohemia Corps concentrates on volunteerism as a main principle of existing civil society. The association is active in legislative processes in the country and is sending volunteers abroad. BC also uses volunteers in the Czech Republic to organize different projects. It is based on the idea of the US Peace Corps but not founded by them.

Further information: Sekaninova 52, 128 00 Praha, Tel.: +420 2692 65 94, Fax: +420 2692 65 94, E-Mail: bcorps@vol.cz

TODERO

TODERO was established and registered as a civil association in 2000 to continue activities previously undertaken by IDEA Ltd. (Industrial Development Agency) in organizing training programs, exchanging know-how and providing advisory services to developing countries in the areas of sustainable development, development of Small and Medium Scale Enterprises and regional development. TODERO – “association for development aid“ is an independent, non-governmental, non-profit and non-political organization in compliance with the laws of the Czech Republic.

Further information: Toderer, Pražská 12, 30100 Pilsen, Tel.: +420 377 225 094, Fax: +420 377 225 152, E-Mail: toderer@volny.cz, www.volny.cz/toderer

SLOVAKIA

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA) is responsible for foreign policy and for the co-ordination of ODA. MFA has his own department for Development Co-operation and Humanitarian Aid. In addition there is the Committee of the Slovak Official Development Assistance (www.slovakaid.sk), as an advisory body.

The territorial focus of the ODA programmes is in Serbia and Montenegro. Other priority countries are Albania, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Macedonia, Afghanistan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan,

Uzbekistan, Mozambique, Kenya, Sudan, Cambodia and Mongolia. The Ukraine and Belarus receive official assistance. The territorial priorities of NGOs can differ from the ODA. The sectoral priorities of the ODA are: development of democratic institutions, market environment, infrastructure, landscaping, environmental protection, food safety and the use of raw materials.

Not only NGOs apply for ODA projects, but also profit organizations. These organizations try to pass their expertise on disaster areas or support them by providing their machines. Most of the approved projects include a transfer of knowledge and know-how to countries of the territorial priority group. At the moment development work includes mainly money donation to less developed countries. Nevertheless, the NGOs are increasingly trying to alter this and also send volunteers abroad. Some of the following organizations send volunteers abroad, but not on a scale comparable to the German counterparts.

Further information: Ministry of Foreign Affairs: Hlboká cesta 2, 833 36 Bratislava, Tel.: +421-2 / 5978 1111, E-Mail: informacie@foreign.gov.sk, www.mzv.sk,

The Slovak NGDO Platform (MVRO)

The Slovak non-governmental organizations platform is an umbrella organization of the Slovak non-governmental and non-profit organizations engaged in international development and humanitarian assistance.

NGDO Platform is one of the direct players in the field of the international development and humanitarian aid, cooperation and policy of the Slovak Republic, the European Union and other institutions involved in the development of economically less developed countries.

The main objective of NGDO Platform is to enable the development and professional improvement of its members and to promote public awareness in the Slovak Republic with respect to solidarity and mutual help. The Slovak NGDO Platform has 29 members

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People in Peril Association

This association was established in May 1999 by a group of Slovak journalists as a response to the events in Kosovo. It is receiving increasing public support for the implementation of projects related to the effective humanitarian and development assistance aimed at people suffering the consequences of conflicts or natural disasters both at home and abroad.

Further information; Svätoplukova 1, 821 09 Bratislava, E-Mail: cvo@changenet.sk, Tel/Fax: +421/02/55 42 22 54

Caritas – Slovakia

Caritas Slovakia is a non-profit organization providing charitable, social, health care, educational and other services to the general public regardless of their race, nationality, religion or political opinion.

Caritas Slovakia is relying on the work of volunteers. Its fields of expertise are education, emergencies, shelter and children.

Further information: Kapitulská 18, 841 15 Bratislava, www.charita.sk

The Slovak Humanitarian Council

The Slovak Humanitarian Council is a national voluntary centre for humanitarian organizations, charities, civil associations, and foundations engaged in social activities. It involves organizations that provide help, care, and counseling and organizes activities for socially disadvantaged and handicapped people.

The Office of the Slovak Humanitarian Council provides control, coordination, methodological and information services to its associated voluntary organizations. Currently it unites 169 voluntary non-profit organizations in Slovakia. It offers direct financial support for their activities and humanitarian projects.

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HUNGARY

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs www.kulugyminiszterium.hu/kum/en/bal/ and the International Development Cooperation Department working under the Deputy State Secretary are responsible for formulating and implementing the assistance policy. The first call for proposals for projects for the ODA programmes was not published until 2003. Naturally, Hungary does want to make an efficient contribution to other countries. Since its resources are limited, the country is focusing on its own experience as an aid receiving country and is trying to pass on their knowledge and experience of utilising donations. Countries, which benefit from ODA programmes, are categorised into four groups. Strategic partners include Serbia, Montenegro, Bosnia-Herzegovina and Vietnam, while other partner countries are Macedonia, Moldova, Mongolia, Kyrgyzstan, Ukraine and Palestine Authority. Out of the Least Developed Countries (LDCs) Hungary is supporting Ethiopia, Yemen, Cambodia and Laos. International commitments form the last target group, which consists of Iraq and Afghanistan. Hungary is operating in the following fields of activity: sharing Hungarian experiences associated with the political-economic transition, knowledge transfer, promotion of education, developing health service, agriculture, water management and water resources, developing general infrastructure, helping general and transport engineering activity and finally providing technical advice on environmental protection. The Minister of Finance is responsible to make a proposal to the National Assembly on the development assistance budget in the annual Budget Bill. This part of the central budget is the greatest resource of the development assistance programmes.

The organisation HUNDIA was selected in 2004 as an ODA implementing agency, but the NGOs did not fully support this decision because of a lack of transparency and an unclear link between the government and this organisation.

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Hungarian Association of NGOs for Development and Humanitarian Aid (HAND)

The HAND Association is a representative body of Hungarian NGOs active in various fields of development (development, humanitarian aid, development education etc.). The Association itself is involved in advocacy and awareness raising. The Association was legally registered in November 2003. Since then the number of the member organizations has increased to 20. According to the Statutes of the Platform it operates in the form of an association and is open at any time to all civil organisations and foundations fulfilling certain well-defined conditions.

Further Information: HAND, Budapest 1053, Egyetem tér 5 IV./20, Hungary, Tel: +36-1-318-55-40, Fax: +36-1-318-51-52, E-Mail: ngdosplatform@demnet.org.hu, www.hand.org.hu/english.shtml

Hungarian Volunteersending Foundation

The aim of the Hungarian Volunteer Sending Foundation is to provide the personnel needed to carry out developmental and aid projects undertaken by Hungarian or international organizations. The purpose of the Hungarian Volunteer Sending Foundation is to foster a relationship with organizations specialized in carrying out developmental and aid projects and to find the right volunteer or professional for the job, based on the needs and requests forwarded to them. The foundation also provides the infrastructure needed to carry out the tasks: transportation, insurance, food and lodging, health coverage and communications. It also offers support and oversees the volunteer's or professional's work and, upon their return home, helps them readapt to their normal environment.

Further information: H- Budapest, Szabolcska Mihály u. 7.; Tel.: +36 1 385-669, www.hvsf.hu

Hungarian Interchurch Aid (HIA)

Hungarian Interchurch Aid was founded in 1991. Today HIA is one of the biggest aid agencies in Hungary and gained international reputation as well. Founders of the organization include not only the historic Protestant churches, but also the Methodist, Unitarian and Orthodox churches, local and foreign individuals. HIA's activities are based on openness and adherence to humanitarian principles (Code of Conduct). As a member of ACT-International, HIA provides emergency assistance in case of humanitarian disasters of near and far-away regions and also operates humanitarian field-offices in several regions.

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CARITAS HUNGARICA - KATOLIKUS KARITÁSZ

Caritas Hungarica is a public-benefit, humanitarian organization helping anyone in need, regardless of gender, age and religion through providing aids of different kinds, and also maintaining social, and health institutions. The organization is the official relief agency of the Catholic Church, whose operation is guided by the rules and regulations of acknowledged international aid organizations and part of Caritas International.

Further information: H-1111 Budapest Bartók Béla u. 30, Tel.: +36 1 3720910, Fax.: +36 1 3720914, E-Mail: office@caritas.org.hu, www.caritas.org.hu

Useful links:

www.trialog.or.at The website includes a NGO-Database with short descriptions of various NGO in the V-4-countries.

www.concordeurope.org Including links to the member organizations

http://ec.europa.eu/echo/index_en.htm Humanitarian Aid Development of the European Commission

www.kas.de/db_files/dokumente/7_dokument_dok_pdf_8590_2.pdf "Development Cooperation in an enlarged European Union" Publikation der Konrad Adenauer Stiftung

<http://library.fes.de/fulltext/id/01427toc.htm> "EU-Osterweiterung und Entwicklungspolitik" Publikation der Friedrich Ebert Stiftung

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