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Nadace Partnerství, Czech Environmental Partnership Foundation

Our mission:

Empower local communities so they can solve their environmental problems on their own.



- Partnerships
- Public participation
- Healthy environment
- Sustainable development
- Professional approach



The tools we use to assist communities:

- **Small grants** (over 2 400 projects – CZK 220 million in grants)
- **Fellowships and study tours**
- **Technical assistance and services to local communities**
- **Own programs - focused on:**
 - improving public spaces
 - planting trees
 - greenways and improving infrastructure for non-motorized transport
 - traffic calming and safe routes to schools
 - environmental education
 - energy saving and climate protection



Regional context – 5,900 projects

protect over 160 endangered species of flora and fauna

plant more than 225,000 trees

insulate 800 homes, schools, and other public buildings

create over 4500 km of cycling paths and nature trails

employ 2,350 people (full-time, part-time, definite period of time)

mobilize and involve over 21,500 volunteers





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Open grant program giving communities the voice

- Supporting nature conservation and watchdog initiatives
- OKD grant admin.





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Greenways: linking people, places, and ideas

- multifunctional trails for non-motorized users typically leading along linear green corridors, historic trade routes, rivers and railways
- managed by local people in order to encourage sustainable development and healthy lifestyle





Mobilizing communities through planting trees

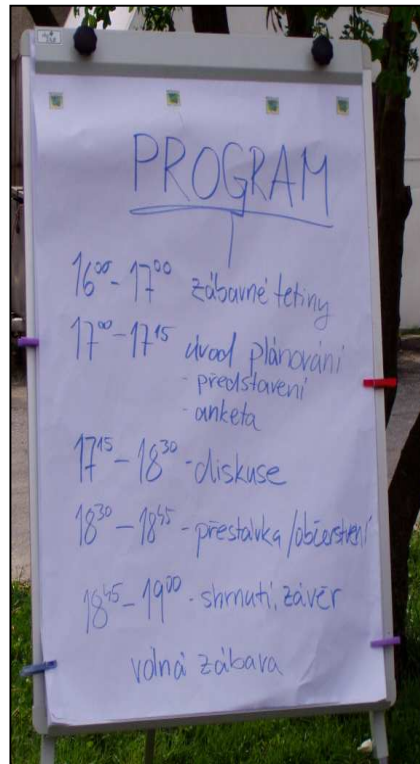
- alleys and tree lines as traditional component of the Czech countryside
- orchards of old fruit varieties as cornerstone for small scale business projects of local communities
- parks and green spaces as essentials for healthy urban spaces





Improving public spaces with the community involvement

- lively, functional and healthy public spaces
- designed and managed by the local community – local government, entrepreneurs, NGO's and citizens





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Act locally on global climate challenge





Major challenges of the sector and communities:

- increasing **inherence of the governments**, while not securing consistent policies
- **lack of independent sources** such as endowed foundations
- low tax and legal **motivation for private donors** to support NGO activities
- over-complicated and not well targeted **EU programs – inaccessible for small stakeholders**
- Big **demand for small grants** in user-friendly procedures (5-10 times higher than available funding)
- Economic depression might cause decline of NGO capacity to deal with growing social problems



SWISS CONTRIBUTION - NGO Block Grant

Basic facts:

- Total amount: 5,000,000 CHF
- Area of intervention: the Moravian-Silesian Region, the Olomouc Region, (the Zlín Region)
- Duration: 5 years (3 open calls for applications)

NGO beneficiaries:

- Associations
- Public benefit companies
- Caritas and Deaconess
- Foundations and foundation funds



Grant scheme implementation

NGO projects to be supported:

- Two major fields of activity:
 - social services
 - and environment (with possibility of institutional grants)
- Size of grants:
Range recommended by the tender:
10,000 – 250,000 CHF, most probable upper limit: 1,5 million CZK
- Co-financing: 10 %



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Thank you

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