

The Open Society Fund Prague 2019

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The OSF Prague in the Czech Republic supports vibrant civil society and by doing so develops a state in which everyone has equal opportunities and is involved in the events around them.

What we strive for:

- ▶ an open and democratic society
- ▶ active people involved in public affairs
- ▶ efficient and open public administration
- ▶ a strong and stable non-profit sector
- ▶ free access to information
- ▶ equal access to education, employment, housing or health care
- ▶ education for all children indiscriminately
- ▶ an independent media scene in the Czech Republic



How we want to achieve this:

WE ADMINISTER GRANTS: in 2019 we received **565** grant applications, we supported **56** projects and answered over **460** queries regarding grant procedures)

WE INFORM: in 2019 we provided **185** representatives of **24** organizations with **245** hours of consultations for advocacy work and organized **93** different seminars, events and workshops with our grant beneficiaries in the area of inclusive education with a total of **2,717** participants)

WE CONNECT AND NETWORK: in 2019 over **180** representatives and a record number of **20** exhibiting institutions came together at the Open Data Expo in 2019, which connects important players in the field of IT; we have established the Early Care Platform in which we engaged **28** organizations, **6** representatives of the state administration and local government and **4** foundations



„Looking across the borders to our closest neighbours, one realizes the importance of an active, strong, independent and responsible civil society. Without it, it would be difficult to maintain a democratic and open society in the Czech Republic. At the foundation, we see the strengthening of civil society, active individuals and organizations as one of our biggest tasks. That's why we've founded the Advocacy Forum, launched a programme to support NGO constituency building and the Active Citizens Fund grant programme to advance the stability and sustainability of the civic sector,“ said Robert Basch, director of the OSF Prague.

What we started

Our goal is to strengthen and develop civil society and democracy in the Czech Republic. That is why we support people's active interest in public affairs in the Active Citizens Fund programme and build their sense of responsibility for their actions. In the Stronger Roots programme, we strengthen non-profit organizations so that they can rely on their base of supporters and are able to engage the public in their work and benefit from the activity of the people around them. It's simply impossible without a strong non-profit sector. At the same time, we cannot build democracy without people who can defend their interests and promote change at all levels. This is what we teach them in our Advocacy Forum.

Advocacy Forum

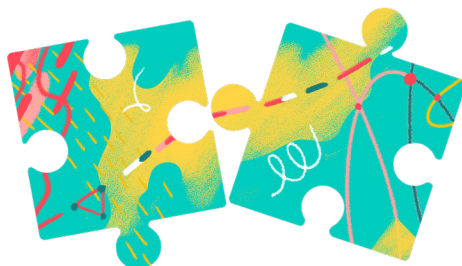
Active people are the foundation of any properly-functioning democracy. Whether they are striving for a cleaner environment, better education or a more transparent public administration, the key to success for a long-term and sustainable change is to address the causes of the problem and set the right goals, which should be ambitious but realistic at the same time. Next, it is necessary to map the political environment properly and choose an appropriate strategy to achieve change. In the Advocacy Forum, we help active people in NGOs, and informal initiatives make the world around us better in a more efficient and professional way.

Stronger Roots Programme

With this programme, we strengthen the resilience of non-profit organizations in the Czech Republic, Hungary and Slovakia and contribute to their greater connectedness with society. This grant programme is our response to the attacks that non-profit organizations have faced in recent years. Organizations supported in the programme will focus on strengthening the circle of their supporters and friendly community – so-called constituency building. They also have the support of experienced mentors and external experts.

Active Citizens Fund

Civil society is a prerequisite for a functional democracy, which cannot survive without the active involvement of citizens in public affairs and decision-making processes. With the Active Citizens Fund programme, we will support civil society. We will enhance transparency in public affairs, improve civic and media education, promote respect for human rights and take into account the needs of disadvantaged groups. We have chosen the motto WITH COURAGE for the programme. We see a great deal of courage behind every active citizen. We believe that in the coming years, together with our grant beneficiaries, we will change the system, our surroundings and the stereotypical rules in our society.



What others have said about us:

In 2019, the OSF Prague helped us stabilize the entire organization with its calm and supportive methods of communication and by increasing – or more precisely – prolonging grant funding in its implementation stage. At a time when we needed to focus all our attention on fundraising for EDUin's core activity, it was OSF that made it possible to make space for fundraising by supporting a part of the advocacy activities that had to be completed in 2019 with a grant.

It is often said that proper fundraising is actually friendraising, and therefore I would like to thank the OSF Prague for being able to create such a friendly relationship with their supported organizations. I am happy that the OSF is one of the entities where mutual professionalism in the grant application process, assessment of submitted applications, granting support and subsequent monitoring of its implementation has empathy for the needs of the supported entities. I am glad that our colleagues from the foundation trust us, and we try all the more not to jeopardize this trust with our actions and our approach to spending the foundation's contribution. Personally, I would like to add that the OSF is also a foundation where I can shake hands with anyone, and we both know that a person's word has value here.

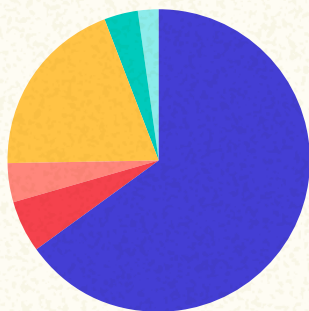
Honza Dolínek, EDUin director



Finances: Summary of received finances

How we've managed our finances

Summary of received finances



Czech and international funds and non-profit organizations

37 114 387 CZK

Business donors

3 145 108 CZK

Individual donors

2 427 542 CZK

EFTA-FMO – EEA Grants

11 077 851 CZK

2019

Supported projects

59

Fund contributions paid (in CZK)

20 020 383

Other income (revenue from own activity, grant refunds [SK1], interest, exchange rate differences, etc.)

1 155 895 CZK

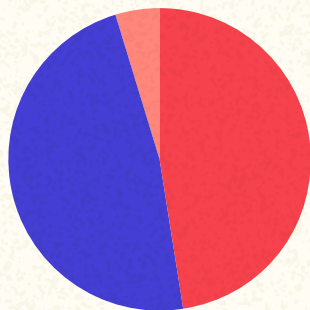
Revenue from fund security

2 050 576 CZK

Total

56 971 359 CZK

Summary of financial expenditures



Fund contributions paid

20 020 383 CZK

Own projects and OSF development

19 997 759 CZK

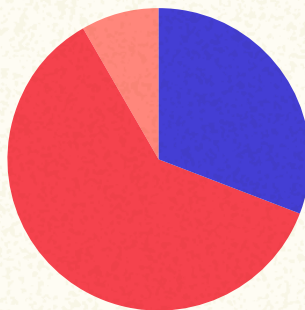
Fund administration

1 951 178 CZK

Total

41 959 320 CZK

Fund contributions paid



Shared education

6 197 232 CZK

The Discreet Charm of Democracy

12 170 747 CZK

Hyundai Endowment Fund

1 652 404 CZK

Total paid fund contributions

20 020 383 CZK

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