

SUMMARY HUNGARIAN ENVIRONMENTAL PARTNERSHIP IN 2001

Ten years have passed since the first grantmaking meeting of the newly-founded Hungarian program of the 'Environmental Partnership for Central Europe' took place in Budapest. Over this decade, our region has changed enormously, and so did we. Nevertheless, the changes in Partnership were combined with stability, too: while we continuously reflected on new developments on the one hand, we also maintained our basic mission and activities on the other. This development process has by now arrived at a point where we have to re-think our role, considering the future of the Hungarian – and indeed Central-European – civil society as whole. In spite of the results – a generation of organizations reaching its adulthood, the establishment of operational institutional structures – the last decade of civic organizing didn't necessarily bring

stable legal and financial environments. To the contrary, perspectives are now more uncertain than ever. Therefore, we have entered into a dialogue with other private grantmaking and community development organizations to pinpoint needs and priorities in the light of new support mechanisms, also taking into account the possible (but largely still unknown) influence of the EU-accession process.

GRANTMAKING: CONTINUITY AND DEVELOPMENT

For HEPF, 2001 has been characterized by the above -mentioned „dual action”: our grant programs operated „business as usual”, but new programs were started, too. Within the framework of our various grantmaking programs – including thematic ones such as Energy, Tisza and Greenworks – we have been able to support altogether 95 applications with a total amount of app. 188 000 USD. Most grantmaking programs have meant the extension of previous efforts: The call for proposals within the framework of the Alternatives to Nuclear Power programs has been repeated annually since 1998, while in case of the Greenworks program, in 2001, we have already run the 5th phase. The trilateral „Civic Cooperation in the Tisza River Basin” program has been initiated in 2000, in response to the devastating cyanide disaster early that year. In 2001 we were able to announce a second call for proposals.

With our support, some high profile events were realized over the year. The anti-nuclear tent organized at the annual Island Festival now grew into a whole „green yard”, with stands from a variety of



NGOs, a stage and a film tent, fully powered by solar panels exhibited at the site. Debates on globalization, nuclear issues, climate change, gene technology and other hot topics took place, alongside the „Global Projector” films, concerts and exhibits. Many visited the green yard because they found it one of the most pleasant areas of the whole festival, attracting altogether about half a million young people.

In the Yugoslav town of Zrenjanin, OTPOR!, which started as a political protest organization, in a unique effort managed to bring together the inhabitants, the local government and the polluting industry, to find a common solution to the heavy pollution of the river Bega. They demonstrated the need for action by sampling the water and proving the presence of a variety of pollutants from industrial sources. During the roundtable discussion, some of the factories admitted the pollution and promised to use filters.

THEMATIC PROGRAMS: RENEWED ACTION

Besides grantmaking we have also maintained our technical assistance and training programs, too. The Integrated Organizational Development program which consists of a mixture of trainings, consultations and grants now works with the third group of NGOs to help them build their long-term organizational sustainability. Our information program, also known as Community Right to Know joined a major worldwide project initiated by the World Resources Institute (Washington, DC) and the Environmental Management and Law Association (EMLA, Budapest). This aimed at designing a comprehensive set of indicators to mea-

sure the regulation and practice in access to environmental information, public participation and justice. HEPF has actively participated in the efforts to pilot-test the preliminary indicators in Hungary. The national report – put together in cooperation with EMLA and the Ecological Institute for Sustainable Development (Miskolc) – will be published both as part of the international report but also domestically, to be used as a lobby instrument for further improvement in the field of environmental rights.

Our new programs in 2001 increasingly focused on rurals sustainability, the core theme of regional cooperation within the EPCE consortium. We continued, indeed renewed and extended the Amber Trail Greenway program aimed at helping the development of and cooperation among local projects to conserve the region's natural and cultural heritage and to develop eco-tourism, crafts and agriculture along the Cracow-Budapest corridor. Over the summer, these efforts were complemented by a series of study tours to introduce the little-known concept of eco-museums to Central-European community organizers and activists. Alongside these, the new Rural Livelihoods program took off as well, after a lengthy preparation period. Within this framework, the EPCE foundations will work together with 12 model micro-regions in Poland, Czech Republic, Slovakia and Hungary to help carry on and improve their local sustainability initiatives in the main areas of energy efficiency and renewable sources, agriculture (and marketing) and environment-friendly tourism.

General small grants program

Alliance of Nonprofit Human Services, Budapest – 345 USD

HEPF covered parts of the organizing costs of an international conference „Challenges of European Union – responses of Hungary” organized in March.

Association for Mesztegyő and Somogy – 500 USD

The Association aims at cleaning and decorating the streets and buildings of this small village in Southwestern Hungary. They base their activity on voluntary work: young and old work together on common activities. Besides the village embellishment program, the Association organizes events for local people to conserve their traditions and start new ones. The grant covered small gifts to the most active participants, photo documentation and newspaper subscription.

Association for Traditions, Handicrafts and Tourism of Kiskunság, Kerekegyháza – 900 USD

One of the association's principal aims is to preserve the traditions of their region, to

promote the use of local, natural materials and to raise awareness about the negative aspects of mass tourism around. Furthermore, they also aim at protecting and breeding indigenous varieties of farm animals. To this end, the association plans to participate at exhibitions, organize fairs and village tourism during the whole year. HEPF supported them with a computer and contributed to their operational costs.

Association for Village Tourism „Pearls of East-Mecsek” – 1000 USD

The Association was formed by inhabitants of Mecseknádasd, Óbánya and Ófalu who feel responsible for their environmental and architectural values, which they would like to show to visitors, too. Their project also dealt with the problems of illegal waste. The grant supported their operational costs of a few months and activities to clean the village from illegal waste dumps.

Association of Defenders, Budapest – 1035 USD

The grant supported the operational expenses of this rather fresh organization, which introduces new ideas and approaches fertilizing the intellectual life of

the Hungarian green movement. The Association has recently organized a number of conferences, street actions, and published a variety of statements (“The rights of future generations”, “Economy and society” etc.)

Association of Defenders, Budapest – 317 USD

The Association held a meeting about „Rainbow Economy”, dealing with alternative local economical initiatives. This model refers to the diversity of local initiatives aiming to solve the ecological and social crisis. HEPF contributed to their moderator's payment and participants' fee. The gathering was very successful, its participants established an e-mail listserver to strengthen their contacts and communication.

Association of Defenders, Budapest – 982 USD

The organization received support covering the costs of coordination and organizing among the groups participating at the Green Yard of the Island Festival.

Association of Environmental Counselors, Budapest – 1202 USD

The association was established in January 1995 in order to coordinate

activities and programs related to environmental counseling, to develop and maintain a network of environmental advisory offices throughout the country, and to improve cooperation among environmental NGOs. This time, HEPF supported them with a computer.

**Awakening Nature Association,
Orosháza – 1007 USD**

The organization also functions as the local chapter of the Association of Environmental Counselors. They received support contributing to their operational costs, including rent, telephone, bookkeeper's fee and office supplies.

**BOCS Foundation,
Székesfehérvár – 933 USD**

Collected works of the environmental scholar, Donella Meadows who recently passed away are not available to the wider public in Hungarian language.

The foundation has initially received a loan for editing and printing a volume of her writings, which – upon their request – was later turned into a grant.

**Békés Local Group of the
Bioculture Association
– 162 USD**

The group is active since 1991. Within the framework of this

project they organized a herbal tour, where they didn't only teach the participants about herb lore on the spot, but also filmed the plants, which will be later useful during lectures and workshops.

**Budakeszi Local Group of the
Bioculture Association
– 720 USD**

This local group was formed of the students of the qualified course in organic farming held locally in February 2000. The organization considers gardening as part and parcel of active environmentalism. In accordance with this, in autumn 2001 they organized a course on the following topics: Planting orchards, Reforestation and forest maintenance with the ecologist's eye. HEPF contributed to the organization of this course by covering the lecturers' fees.

**Central and Eastern European
Working Group on Biodiversity,
Miskolc – 1080 USD**

The organization, established in 1993, aims at implementing the Convention on Biological Diversity of Rio as well as other tasks related to the increase of biological diversity internationally. Their projects aim at presenting the environmental and nature conservation problems posed by

gravel pits and ponds through a publication. HEPF contributed to the printing costs.

**Civic Center and Databank of
Hajdúság, Hajdúböszörmény
– 610 USD**

The Foundation has been established in 1996 by NGOs active in Hajdúböszörmény town, to improve the local civil society. It carries out environmental and nature conservation activities as well. The present program aimed at raising awareness about an illegal waste incinerator operating in the town, and drew the attention of the authorities to this problem. They received support for expert fees, communication and travel costs.

**Danube Circle, Local Group of
Harta – 267 USD**

The Group's mission is to improve environmental awareness of the inhabitants in their village, which is located near the Danube. They celebrated some environmentally prominent days in autumn 2001. The grant supported the costs of four events and their promotion.

**Earth Day Foundation, Budapest
– 1000 USD and 667 USD**

In 2001, the Foundation issued two publications: the new traditional Hungarian version of the "State of

the World 2000” (by the Worldwatch Institute) and a translation of the book “Ecological Footprints” by M. Wackernagel – W. Rees. These two grants covered translation and proofreading.

Eco-chance Foundation – Mátyásfa Association, Kismaros – 975 USD

The two organizations jointly work on the revitalization of the Morgó creek, endangered by the water regulation arrangements of the local government neglecting environmental aspects. The organizations took and analyzed water samples five times throughout the year, they made a photo series from the creek’s source to its mouth, cleaned the waterbed, and also commented on the village’s development plan.

„Endre Benedek” Cave Research and Nature Conservation Association, Dorog – 534 USD

The Association is prepared a poster to introduce the natural values and environmental problems of Palatinus lake – a former mine lake – in Dorog’s environs. They distributed the poster in schools and public institutions of the region. HEPF supported the project with printing costs.

Environmental Association of Dorog – 1080 USD

The well-known local association has fought the construction of the 4th slag dump of the toxic waste incinerator located in the town, which would endanger to local carst water reservoir, since 1996. They began the struggle by collecting of signatures, later they organized demonstrations to stop the construction. This grant covered the fees of geological and hydro-geological experts.

Environmental Association of Hatvan – 333 USD

The grant contributed to the organization’s operational costs and to publishing their newsletter ‘Green News of Hatvan’. The Association is extending its activities and started a new program to locate waste deposit sites. In 2001 they have eliminated several such dumps, with the help of a conscientious objector employed with HEPF’s support.

Environmental Management and Law Association (EMLA) Budapest – 1071 USD

A group of citizens living in the 9th district of Budapest asked EMLA to plead their cause. They are suing NOKIA because the company placed antennas on their

houses without approval of the properties’ owners. HEPF contributed to the legal costs. If the win the case, they reimburse the grant.

Environmental Management and Law Association, Budapest – 1334 USD

The Association represents a family in this case. They filed a suit because a private company started a noisy business in their neighborhood. Several examples of mismanagement were uncovered. EMLA will publish a summary of the case when it is closed to inform wide public.

Environmental and Tourist Association of Bakonyalja, Csátka – 690 USD

It is the only active organization in the micro-region of 4 villages. They take on all sorts of activities serving their natural and social environment. A new employee is hired by the organization – part of her salary was covered from the grant.

Fauna Association, Budapest – 1071 USD

Fauna promotes animal welfare through environmental education work, by starting legal proceedings and establishing an animal protec-

tion service. HEPF contributed to the Association's operational expenses for six months.

Foundation for Gyarmatpuszta – 1798 USD

Gyarmatpuszta is a settlement of 62 inhabitants. Formally, it is part of Gyermely town, but geographically it is clearly separated. Historically it was an estate centre, and nowadays it is still a popular hunting area. The local people enthusiastically work on preserving the beauty of their environment – that's why they established the foundation in September 1998. The organization has cleaned upon the local chestnut alley with voluntary work, they repaired the dust road leading through and renovated the front of the local chapel. HEPF supported their operational costs.

Foundation for Gyarmatpuszta – 3597 USD loan

The organization, supported by HEPF before, received a loan to help find new supporters and raise funds locally.

Foundation for Natural Lifestyle, Tata-Agostyán – 690 USD

The grant contributed to the fees of 3 conscientious objectors working on the Foundation's site. The organization is extending its

activities – anything related to natural lifestyle can be found there: environmental education, teachers' trainings, camps, practical courses on life in nature, etc.

Foundation for Otters, Budapest – 345 USD

The grant contributed to the publishing costs of the second volume of Animal Stories. Readers appreciated the first one very much. Both books feature interesting and informing stories for children and grown ups about animals written by Pál Gera.

Foundation for Teachers Training of Sárospatak – 965 USD

The Foundation is planning and building demonstrative paths in the some neglected regions of Sárospatak and the Zemplén mountains. Usually they publish information guides of a high standard. HEPF gave them a loan to build their third path and publish the booklet about it.

Foundation „Sprouts”, Budapest – 2885 USD

The Foundation started a new program to help organize a selective waste collection scheme at a residential area of Kistarcsa. They do this by creating “waste yards”, installing selective waste

bins under the dishwashers in the individual apartments as well as by publishing documents about the procedures. Initiatives of this kind will hopefully help involve more citizens in the process. The local elementary school and kindergarten have already joined to the process. HEPF supported the Foundation by covering the costs of the waste bins, the publication of the documents, office rent and the salaries of social workers.

Green Point Environmental Association, Jászapáti – 1770 USD

Earlier, the organization functioned as the Jászapáti local chapter of the Green Future Association. Their main aim is to draw the attention of local inhabitants and decision-makers to the grave waste problems of the settlement. In order to help these efforts, HEPF contributed to the costs of soil, water and plant tests (to support lobbying for a recultivation plan) and also to the operational costs.

Göncöl Alliance, Vác – 1333 USD

The 2001 annual National Gathering of Environmental and Nature Conservation Organizations was organized by the Alliance. The grant covered

the rental fee of the lecture room and the typing, editing, printing and mailing costs of materials after the meeting.

**Göncöl Foundation,
Vác – 4856 USD loan**

During the years 2000-2001 the foundation has greatly extended its activities to gain independence from state environmental funding. However, these efforts were not always successful. Payment for some of the new works didn't arrive, not even after 9-15 months, due to permanent administrative problems on the founder's side. This delay caused serious organizational problems in the foundation. Nevertheless, they need to maintain the continuity of their staff and work in the period of November-January, and also wished to start their previously planned activities, therefore they needed to apply for loan to solve these temporary problems.

**Gypsy Organization of Somodor
– 417 USD**

The organization was founded in 1996. Their main goals are to improve the quality of life of the local gypsy community and to have a more powerful advocacy in the local politics. The also aim improving the environmental awareness of

the local inhabitants by organizing activities protecting the green areas in and around the village through reforestation, grassland creation, and landscape development. HEPF's grant covered the costs of education, including education materials, travel and tree saplings.

**Gyűrűfű Foundation, Gyűrűfű –
374 USD**

The Settlers' House of the eco-village in Gyűrűfű has been built for several years. It offers temporary accommodation for those who want to settle down in the village. The House will hopefully soon serve as a cultural center, office, school and meeting place. HEPF grant covered the costs of installing electricity.

**Hungarian Nature
Conservationists' Society,
Budapest – 190 USD**

HEPF covered the participation fee of a program officer to take part at a one-week Environmental Counseling Training Program organized by EBRD. He used his experiences in the Society's project on industrial environmental standards and regulation. He shared his experiences with the representatives of several NGOs through a one-day presentation.

**Ipoly Union,
Balassagyarmat – 1000 USD**

The Union set up an eco-tourism stand at the international fair „Travel 2001” to provide opportunity for some organizations from their region to introduce themselves to the wide public. HEPF contributed to the rental fee of the stand and to publishing a leaflet on eco-tourism.

**„Kiss Ferenc” Nature
Conservation Association of
County Csongrád (CSEMETE),
Szeged – 893 USD**

The Association started a nature conservation patrol program for schools years ago. In order to strengthen the cooperation with children and deepen their knowledge on nature, two activists lead tours once a month in spring 2001. The program is supported with cost for two bikes and travel.

**Living Space Foundation
of Eger – 720 USD**

The foundation is active since the year 2000, but they have only been recently registered. Their aim is to enhance the development of an environmentally benign, natural and healthy lifestyle both in terms of material and spiritual well-being, by blending environmental awareness with cultural and artistic

traditions. HEPF has supported their activities with a printer and a slide projector.

**Living Village Network,
Visnyeszéplak – 413 USD**

The Network organized the first Winter Meeting of Living Villages in February. Winter was more appropriate for members of the Network to meet and discuss their common problems because in summertime they are too busy in their fields. The meeting was held in the Drávafook training center. The program included discussions on community problems, advocacy and exchange of experiences in farming.

**Local Government
of Village Iklad – 333 USD**

The local government is coordinates in a variety of environmental activities in Iklad, mobilizing local sources. HEPF provided for the local events of International Environmental Day and for a research program on local natural values. They worked with low budget, involving many volunteers.

**Nimfea Association,
Túrkeve – 1000 USD**

The Association took on the task of mediating among programs and organizations relating the Tisza river. They also work for making

the results of monitoring and research programs financed by state funds publicly accessible. The Association hired a coordinator for these tasks. His salary for 6 months and costs of meetings were covered by the grant. The database of the results is already available in the form of a CD.

**Palocsa Association, Zalkod
– 172 USD**

Renewable energy sources and traditional forms of energy are utilized in Katonatanya, in the proximity of Sárospaták town: a pump operated by a windmill, an ice-pit, and a water heating system operated by solar energy. The Association was granted to restore the fishpond, also used as a reservoir.

**Palocsa Association, Zalkod
– 1035 USD**

The 2nd Conference for the Management of Flood Areas was organized by the Association in Nagykörű village in spring 2001. The aim of the conference was to prepare for a shift in water management systems and approaches, and also to initiate dialogue among the various stakeholders. The grant supported the expenses of the conference and publishing a booklet of the proceedings.

**Peter Sarkozy Foundation for
Bioculture, Budapest
– 540 USD**

The foundation was established in June 2001 in the memory of Peter Sarkozy, one of the founding members of the Bioculture Association. They aim at collecting, maintaining and publishing the works of the late Mr. Sarkozy, as well as at spreading the ideas of organic farming, organizing conferences and issuing publications. With this proposal, they wished to re-edit and publish the book "Plant Associations". HEPF covered part of the costs of fees, editing, layout, printing and organizing.

**Reflex Environmental
Association, Győr
– 1870 USD**

The association tries to find answers for the problems of Vág, a small village located near the Rába river. Since the '70s the walls of the houses keep on breaking constantly, the ground's impermeable layer is disappearing, deep underground water contains too much ammonia, so the locals are forced to use canned water. HEPF supported them to collect and analyze data by their experts, to consult and lobby in different forums and to help formulate

expert opinion by covering part of their travel and office costs.

Scout Group „Teleki Pál”, Kőtelek – 133 USD

The group is located in a village of the Great Hungarian Plain. The grant contributed to the organizational costs of prominent environmental days and programs: spring cleaning, Day of Birds and Trees, Earth Day. The group organized several activities and games for these occasions. The grant covered prizes and awards for the participating children – books, table games, calendars, T-shirts – all about nature conservation.

Town Embellishment Association of Budapest – 357 USD

The Association works on improving the environmental culture and the citizen-friendliness of the capital. Through its local groups it follows upon the activities of local governments related to natural and architectural heritage. HEPF contributed to operational costs of the Association.

Tree of Life Environmental Association, Eger – 6611 USD

The association has been working on the protection of wetland areas since its foundation. The aim of this project was to map the small

lakes (ponds) around the country, to evaluate their status and to develop a concept for their protection. In order to achieve this, HEPF covers the salary of the program coordinator for 12 months.

TRIDEA Nature Conservation Association, Mátészalka – 720 USD loan

The association applied for an urgent loan to solve temporary financial problems. HEPF's board supported their request.

Village Embellishment Association of Tiszaalpár – 862 USD

The Association builds a demonstrative nature path in cooperation with Kiskunság National Park. The path will have stops at every interesting spot of the village: ruins of an ancient fort, a workshop for traditional handicrafts, monuments, old wine cellars and traditional buildings. They planned to publish a guide about the path. HEPF grant covered the publication.

Village Protection Association of Százhalombatta – 567 USD

The Association is reviving hundred-year old traditions of local civil organizing in the old part of Százhalombatta, adapting to the

demands of the present. They organized a series of lectures on health and environment, since the area has a very high rate of cancer (due to heavy industrialization) and also received support for operational costs.

Walking Association of Kengyel – 1035 USD

The Association is suing Green World Ltd. for planning a hazardous waste incineration plant in this predominantly agricultural village. EMLA represents them in the case. They have to deposit the equivalent of technical and economical expert fees. The fee was provided by HEPF on the condition that they return it if they get a favorable result in the case. In November 2001, the county court ruled against their case, however, the plan to appeal this result at the Supreme Court.

Waste Working Group, Győr – 1080 USD

The organization started to create a database of companies and individual persons who could be potential new owners of used materials, as an instrument to decrease the amount of waste by recycling them. HEPF supported the program by covering telephone and Internet costs as well as the salary of a full-

time coordinator employed by the Group for this job.

Young Nature Conservationists Association of Hajdúböszörmény – 1284 USD

The organization, turning ten this year, initially worked only on local issues, but later they extended their activities for the whole micro-region and now also play a role in larger regional programs. With this project they aimed at establishing the Civic Environmental Forum of the North-Plain to enhance the flow of information and the knowledge about the region's development plans and politics.

Alternatives to Nuclear Power 2001

Energy and Environment Foundation, Nyíregyháza 1355 USD

“Antinuclear lecture series and exhibition”

The Foundation focuses on energy efficiency and the use renewable energy sources to protect the environment. They draw attention to the problems related to nuclear energy, its alternatives and seek for answers to other emerging questions. They organized a series of lectures about nuclear energy

and renewable energy sources and an exhibition about Hiroshima and Chernobyl.

E-mission Association, Nyíregyháza – 1355 USD

“Arts Competition about Nuclear Energy”

The organization announced a contest for products of visual arts – photos, paintings, sculpture, cartoons – prepared by young people between 16-24. The topics are nuclear energy, its advantages and disadvantages. The award ceremony, held in autumn 2001 was well covered by the media. The best pieces are assembled in an exhibition to be displayed in different towns around the country.

E-mission Association, Nyíregyháza 2373 USD

“Antinuclear programs at the Hegyalja Festival”

The organization put up a tent at the Hegyalja Festival in Tokaj. The programs targeted the youth visiting the Festival to inform them about the nuclear situation in Hungary and abroad. Usually 15-18 000 young people participate at this annual event. The program of the tent included awareness raising on energy efficiency and renewable sources, too.

Green Energy Network – E-mission Association, Nyíregyháza

– 966 USD, returned

“Antinuclear edition of enerGAIA”

Green Energy Network is an umbrella of environmental NGOs interested in the environmental impacts of energy production. The antinuclear edition of EnerGAIA magazine should have covered the problems of energy production in Hungary and the consequences of lifetime extension at the Paks Nuclear Station. However, unfortunately the publication was never realized.

Reflex Association, Győr 3730 – USD

“Nuclear Energy – With or Without – 2001”

Will blocks of the Paks Nuclear Station finally close down in 2017 as they are supposed to be? – This is the main question of the activities implemented by the Association. Their program aimed at pressing for the planned shutdown by awareness raising activities – lectures, publications – and also prepared a statement to be adopted at the 2002 National Gathering of NGOs. During a two-day professional meeting the participants discussed a list

of well-prepared topics. A publication summarizing the lectures and discussions is being distributed to organizations for free.

**Energy Club Association,
Budapest – 2712 USD**
“Island 2001”

Like in the previous years, Energy Club participated at the Island Festival in Budapest with a variety of programs, quizzes and demonstrations on energy issues. In 2001, they cooperated with the Association of Defenders and set up their tent in the so-called Green Yard. Their programs, discussions and concerts were fully powered by solar cells.

**Energy Club,
Budapest – 4745 USD**
“Activities related to the planned capacity increase and life span extension of the Paks Nuclear Station, as well as to the problems of radioactive waste disposal in Hungary”

One of the main aims of the Club is to monitor, uncover and publish all kinds of nuclear problems (primarily in Hungary), exert pressure and lobby related to these.

**Energy Club,
Budapest – 1865 USD**
“Awareness raising booklet on

nuclear reactors”
More and more people ask the Club about what a nuclear reactor is that they oppose. In order to answer these questions, the organization published a booklet about power stations and reactors this year. This freely distributed publication forms part of a series dealing with the various processes and steps of nuclear energy production.

**Energy Club,
Budapest – 1390 USD**
“Educational workshops on nuclear energy production for Hungarian green organizations”

The Club considers training, knowledge transfer and network building with and for Hungarian and Central European activists and NGOs as one of its main tasks. Within the framework of this activity, during autumn 2001 they organized a two-day seminar introducing the various processes and steps of nuclear energy production. The lectures were followed by discussions, informal exchanges and the elaboration of a joint action program.

**Energy Club,
Budapest 1695 – USD**
“Production of a poster to introduce nuclear energy

production in schools”
The Club prepared a poster illustrated with colored drawings and figures presenting the questions around nuclear energy for primary school kids.

**Energy Club,
Budapest – 3050 USD**
“Publication of the Newsletter of the Antinuclear Working Group in 2001”

Experience from the last three years clearly demonstrates that the Antinuclear Newsletter is one of the best vehicles to reach out to the old and new members of the working group, to supply them with information about the nuclear problems around the world, about the opportunities in renewables, about new trends and globalization. The organization published three issues during the year.

**„Nimfea” Nature Conservation
Association, Túrkeve
– 1000 USD**

“Awareness raising activities connected to the solar panel building workshop”
The Association hopes to promote a form solar energy use by demonstrating and lending their solar collector. Besides they prepared an awareness raising publication on renewable energy sources.

Civil Cooperation in the Tisza River Basin

HUNGARY

**Palocsa Association,
Zalkod – 14.246 USD**

Palocsa is a network with members from all over in Hungary, aiming at working out new methods for nature protection. Their guiding principle is the support of the self-organization and self-regeneration of natural systems: „nature is not a resource but a partner”, „man can only flourish by enriching nature”. They work on landscape rehabilitation in cooperation with 12 municipalities of the Bodroghöz region (close to the northeastern border of the country), in order to set up a model of landscape management in harmony with river Tisza by changing the economic structure of the micro-region. They use Geographic Information Systems to map the waterway, and have already assigned a pilot area in Bodroghalom village.

Agriculture Chamber of Bács-Kiskun County, Kecskemét – 8167 USD

The Chamber is involved in regional development and awareness raising activities. Its main target groups are farmers, producers and enterprises.

With this program, they aim at improving the environmental management of river valleys, waterside habitats and flood areas. In order to implement their plans they organized consultations for the public sector, local governments and civil organizations to initiate public debate and get information about the level of farmer's awareness on the issues.

CSEMETE Association, Szeged – 13.458 USD

The program aims at mapping public opinion about water pollution and the attitudes towards sustainable water management in small settlements around Szeged town by a questionnaire survey. After evaluating the poll, it will be possible to work out an information campaign to call attention to ecological models of water consumption in the surveyed areas.

E-mission and Nimfea Associations, Nyíregyháza and Túrkeve – 12.000 USD

The two organizations work on a comprehensive database to monitor typical species along the Hungarian part of Tisza river and pollution sources of 7 Hungarian and 5 Romanian counties. Data will be recorded in Geographical Information System.

ROMANIA

**ECOTUR,
Sibiu – 1798 USD**

The program is a continuation of last year's activities. This year, the aim was to spread public information along the rivers Tarnava and Ompoi, based on the experience of previous activities. They organized thematic ecological camps for the youth. Of these groups, River Guards were initiated in four villages, and children regularly monitored the rivers with the help of their teachers. The program included a meeting to exchange experience and share knowledge among experts and authorities about the threats to biodiversity along the rivers, where they also prepared a short-term action plan.

**Pro Europa League,
Tirgu Mures – 8500 USD**

The League focuses on rebuilding the Rumanian civil society, on the protection of environment, human rights and democratic values. Their program aimed at building a network of NGOs from Rumania, Hungary, Ukraine, Slovakia and Yugoslavia. Most of the organizations involved have been working together informally in monitoring activities along Tisza river and on public information. The League

held a three-day meeting where representatives of civil and governmental organizations worked on a framework agreement and action plan to address the ecological problems of the river. The results are presented in the form of a publication to the broader public.

Transylvanian Carpathia Society, Satu Mare – 7000 USD

The Society is more than a hundred years old, and has 18 branches at present. The motto of the Satu Mare branch is „healthy society in a healthy environment”. Their program was implemented along the river Túr, which can be described by a rich but seriously endangered biodiversity. The objective was to work out a sustainable development strategy for the region. They prepared an inventory and a classification of the ecosystems along the river, set up a database on the topic, and published a leaflet about it. The processed information will be introduced to the inhabitants of six villages along the river, but also the environmental authorities in charge will be involved in the campaign. The impacts of the campaign will be followed up by an opinion poll.

GeoMMed Association, Baia Mare – 4650 USD

The Association provides technical support and professional background for local and regional environmen-

tal organizations and activities. In the framework of this program the Association carries out an ecological research along the Ilba river. The region is seriously damaged by ore mining activities of several decades. Based on the results of the research they plan an information campaign, and form environmental groups for youth and adults (eco groups). They organize lectures and seminars for the groups and prepare the institutional background of environmental action groups. The results of the program will be published through the media.

YUGOSLAVIA

OTPOR!, Zrenjanin – 7435 USD

After the change of the regime in Yugoslavia, the protest organization OTPOR turned to monitoring and enhancing democratic development. Their programs aim to improve the quality of life in all respects. The center of the organization is located in Belgrade, and there are local groups in 138 towns of Serbia. The local group in Zrenjanin received a grant from HEPF to implement their project related to the river Begej that flows through the town. They took and analyzed water samples five times during the year. They organized a wide public campaign to increase the environmental awareness of local people. They managed to bring together a

roundtable discussion including citizens, authorities and companies, some of which has acknowledged the fact of water pollution and promised to install filters.

Bird Protection and Study Society of Vojvodina, Novi Sad – 2531 USD

The society is the only one of its kind in Serbia. During its 10 years of operation it carried out mainly research programs in international cooperation. Within the framework of this project, they conducted research on heron and stork species, which are good indicators of the changes in environmental conditions. In addition to this, they made efforts to change the local people's hostile attitudes towards these species. To this end, they organize workshops for the local governments and educate local people as well as decision-makers about how they can fit nature protection in their everyday activities.

Danube Environmental Forum – Yugoslavia, Belgrade – 4695 USD

The Forum is a network of environmental NGOs along the Danube. Their program focuses on awareness raising about the Aarhus Convention on public participation. Thus, they built contacts with and organized meetings for stakeholders and NGOs, and also published a brochure about the convention.

Integrated Organizational Development Program

Cultural Association of Szőny, Komárom – 3480 USD

This local association aims at enhancing the public and cultural life of their town. Their major problem proved to be the weakness of both internal and external communication. In order to overcome these, they intend to make their meetings more regular and organised as well as to renew their internal newsletter. They also plan to publish an introductory brochure, posters and leaflets and a year report with a uniform design.

„Kiss Ferenc” Csongrád County Nature Conservation Association, Szeged – 3204 USD

The main profile of this organisation, formed in 1989, is

environmental education and teacher training. They run two education centers in Southern Hungary. Their activity heavily relies on volunteers, who became members largely through these centers. In order to broaden their constituency, they plan to enlarge the offers of the centers and thus make them more attractive. They also intend to diversify their sources, therefore they will start a small carpentry and crafts workshop and to market the products of these.

Fejér County Group of HEROSZ, Székesfehérvár – 2910 USD

The local group of the national animal welfare association runs a local animal shelter in co-operation with the municipality. Besides they also run environmental education activities. Their major problem is small number of volunteers as well as the lack of personal contacts among

their members, which may lead to demotivation and burn-out. They are very much in the need of an office and meeting space, where they could also receive people interested in their work. Therefore, they plan to erect a wooden house on the shelter grounds.

Kalamáris Youth Cultural and Student Journalist Association, Nyíregyháza – 3472 USD

The association was formed in 1993. It aims at helping young people to find the information relevant for them, organising community and leisure programs and giving talented youth a space to express themselves. Amongst all their activities they miss a full-time co-ordinator, who would oversee the various programs, ensure the smooth running of the association, and, above all strengthen group feeling and identity.

GREENWORKS PROGRAM

Organization	Amount	Project Idea
Roma Minority Self-Government – Lakócsa	414 USD	Keeping 'mangalica' pigs, goat, and sheep
Association for the Roma of Garabonc	701 USD	Keeping grey cows and 'mangalica' pigs
Roma Advocacy and Cultural Association of Zala County – Sormás	755 USD	Farming based on cooperative forestry
Lungo Drom Roma Advocacy Association — Perkupa	350 USD	Keeping 'mangalica' pigs
Lungo Drom – Mátraterenye	485 USD	Willow cultivation, planting fruit trees
Natural Heritage of Somogy Public Foundation and LD – Rinyaszentkirály	468 USD	Botanical garden and eco-tourism
'Coexistence' Roma Advocacy Organisation –Hajmás	198 USD	Community orchard, black currant production
Lungo Drom National Roma Advocacy and Civil Association of Csobád	735 USD	Planting blackberry
'Good Hope' Roma Organisation of Pamuk	305 USD	Keeping 'mangalica' pigs
Roma Association of Kajdacs	595 USD	Herb collection and processing

AUDITOR'S REPORT

Simplified annual report of Hungarian Environmental Partnership Foundation's /„HEPF” / as at 31 December 2001.

I conducted the audit of the HEPF's public benefit financial report for the year 2001.

The purpose of the audit is to express an opinion whether the simplified annual report prepared by HEPF was compiled in compliance with the prescriptions of the Act on Accounting and accordingly whether it provides a true and fair view of the equity and financial position and results of operation of HEPF.

I conducted my audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing and the applicable laws and regulation in force in Hungary. Those standards require that I plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the report is free of material misstatements.

The audit's subject is to review the accounting records based on sampling, from which the annual report's actual data have been extracted. Beside these also includes the valuation of the accounting principles and the consistent application of the prescriptions. For the tax liabilities of the company I didn't carry out an itemised review of observance of the tax laws and the accuracy of the tax statements.

In making my audit, I checked incompliance with the annual report which is based on the general ledger as at the closing date 31 January

- observance of the accounting report making and valuation principles defined in the Act on Accounting
- in the balance sheet and profit and loss account:
 - correctness of the assets and liabilities valuation;
 - the permanence of the valuation principles, and the observation of the valuation method chosen among the valuation possibilities
 - allowed by the Act on Accounting;
 - success of the consistency;
- whether the balance sheet and the profit and loss account give a fair and true view of the equity, financial position and results of operation of HEPF.

The management's task is to prepare the simplified annual report - balance sheet, profit and loss account.

My detailed audit report as at 13 March contains my opinion to the balance sheet and the profit and loss account.

After the final result of my audit I summarise my findings as follows:

- The simplified annual report as at 31 December 2001. states:

total assets as per balance sheet	298.533 THUF
change in Fund Balance (result of current year)	63.033 THUF

- The books of the Foundation were continuously and as far as possible carefully kept in 2001.
- The annual report of HEPF was prepared based on the general ledger as at 31 December 2001. and was compiled in compliance with the balance sheet preparation basic principles.
- A fair and true view is given on the equity, financial position and results of operation of the Foundation.

Therefore I express the following opinion to the annual report of HEPF as at 31 December 2001. :

"The simplified annual report was compiled in accordance with the prescriptions included in the Act on Accounting and the general accounting principles. The annual report provides a fair and true view of the equity, financial position and results of operation of the Foundation."

Budapest, 14th of March 2002.


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**HUNGARIAN ENVIRONMENTAL PARTNERSHIP
FOUNDATION BALANCE SHEET
(SIMPLIFIED ANNUAL REPORT) YEAR 2001**

Figures in USD

ASSETS	Previous year	Current year
A. Fixed assets	195.000	73.700
Intangible assets	1.500	365
Tangible assets	28.000	27.760
Long term investments	165.500	45.575
Invested assets value correction		
B. Current assets	572.500	969.060
Inventory		
Accounts receivable	17.300	21.460
Short term investment (securities)	189.530	
Cash and cash equivalents	555.200	758.070
C. Prepaid expenses	103.250	31.170
Total assets	870.750	1.073.930
Sources		
D. Own capital	818.540	1.045.280
Start up fund balance	720	720
Change in fund balance	591.810	817.820
Result of current year	226.010	226.740
Reserves		
E. Marked reserves		
F. Liabilities	50.620	26.580
Long term liabilities		
Short term liabilities	50.620	26.580
G. Accrued expenses	1600	2060
Total net worth and liabilities	870.750	1.073.930

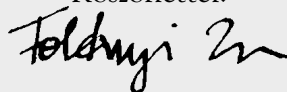
HUNGARIAN ENVIRONMENTAL PARTNERSHIP
 FOUNDATION ACTIVITY STATEMENT
 (SIMPLIFIED ANNUAL REPORT) YEAR 2001

Figures in USD

A Capital opening balance		1.045.280
B. Income		
1. Funds received for public benefit activities		430
2. Grant support		580.680
3. Other income		6.385
4. Bank income		121.625
Total income		709.120
C. Expenses		
5. Personnel		37.955
6. Programme costs		108.266
Grant-making and technical assistance		39.690
Rural development	20.726	
Energy	2.435	
Access	7.215	
Integrated Organizational Development	16.335	
Community Right to Know	2.260	
Tisza River	19.605	
7. Grants	308.810	
8. Fixed assets and depreciation		4.879
9. Bank costs		17.510
Total expenses		477.420
D. Result of current year		226.737
E. Capital closing balance		1.045.280
Start up Fund		720
Carry-over		348.475
Capital reserve		696.085

Az Ökotárs Alapítvány nem nyereségérdekelt, politikától és pártoktól független, a környezet állapotának javításáért és a hazai civil szféra és a lakosság környezeti érzékenységének és tudatosságának fejlesztéséért tevékenykedő szervezet. Kérjük, amennyiben egyetért céljainkkal és módjában áll, támogassa alapítványunkat és ezen keresztül a környezetvédelem ügyét.

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