



annual report 2008



Year 2008 is already a memory. It is amazing that reflecting on this year is giving me feelings of happiness and victory. When in February 2008 I was elected as statutory representative by the General Assembly of Odysseus, I felt especially responsible.

I felt the responsibility for human stories, we learn about during our day-to-day work. Behind every human story are hidden concrete faces, specific words, sometimes tears, but also smiles.

The desire to protect human life delivered me strength every day.

Each day of the year was different. Peaceful days, still like a sea level, we enjoyed with happiness and pleasure. We deservedly took juicy fruits of our labor. Through the words of people we work for, we understood the incredible importance of safety to them. We became people who listen without condemnation and offer direct help. We have created a space where at least for a moment they can relax during their life trip.

However, every still sea level is sometimes torment. When our ship suddenly appeared at stormy sea, we had to snatch the rudder firmly. Our decisions had begun to split into simple and right. Today we can give thanks for the experiences this storm has brought to us. Turbulent times were for us an opportunity to challenge our skills and with courage to accept the challenges of these days. Over time, I feel proud because we grew and got stronger in these difficult times.

In Slovakia and abroad are many people who helped us. I have great colleagues who are not afraid of stormy sea. We have friends and relatives, who tolerated our commitment and helped us in their free time. The largest gift of the last year is the knowledge, that even few people are able to preserve the value of human life. I would like to give thanks for this knowledge.

We anchored our ship in a safe port. We are looking forward to the next voyage.

Soňa Javorková



Odysseus is professional organization operating in Slovakia since 199. It aims the attention and services at people who inject drugs and/or work in the sex-business and to young people. Its activities contribute to social inclusion and the protection of public health.

We are often perceived controversially by the society, despite the fact we do not feel the controversy. We deserved our controversial name because of the work with/for the target groups, which are for many others on the periphery of interest. In the same time we address the issues that are prohibited or not supported by the society (e.g.: the issue of drug use, sex work). Our work is guided by the principles of harm reduction. Harm reduction is a fiber that is inwrought in all our work.

his also contributes to the contradictory and controversial perception of the organization. This perception often fails to be removed by the fact **that our work contributes to the realization of national programs** (eg: National Program for the Fight against Drugs, National Program of HIV / AIDS Prevention, National Action Plan for Social Inclusion) **and of international commitments, which Slovakia has committed itself to meet** (eg: Declaration of Commitment on HIV / AIDS, Bremen Declaration on partnership and responsibility - together against HIV / AIDS). **Our principles and methods of work are based on the recommendations of the World Health Organization (WHO), UN agencies for the issue of AIDS (UNAIDS) and the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC).**

In the organization work mostly people with university degree. In 2006, OZ Odysseus gained accreditation under the Act 305/2005 Coll for the performance of selected measures of social protection of children and social guardianship.

OZ Odysseus' mission is to contribute to human rights and improving lifes of vulnerable communities, in particular:

- People who use drugs
 - Sex workers
 - Young people from vulnerable and marginalized communities
- and thus contribute to their full status in society.

Our values

The strength of a man

We believe, that it is in forces of each of us to make decisions that lead to positive changes.

Accesibility

We believe, that every person has the right to access objective information and low threshold services.

Equality

We believe, that every person is an equal member of society. Human dignity and human rights are inalienable.

Acceptance and respect

We believe, that every person is a unique human being and has the right to self-determination, self-realization and their own life-style choices.

Strength of the community

We believe, that communities have their own power to the common solutions of the problems.

Professionalism

We believe, that only professional services help people.

PEOPLE IN ODYSSEUS



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Works in Odysseus since 2000. She started in the organization as a volunteer. So far, she works as an outreach worker with people who inject drugs and/or work in the sex-business in the programme Protect yourself and with young people in the program SEX/DRUGS. During her work in Odysseus she coordinated the program SEX/DRUGS (2001-2007) and stood at the inception of the journal INTOXI (2000-2005). In the years 2003 - 2006 coordinated the needle exchange program in Púchov. The program was exceptional, as it was managed and its implementation was ensured by the people who inject drugs or by members of their community. Since 2004 she has been the deputy statutory representative (vice-president of Odysseus). In 2008 filled Mgr. Katarína Jirešová during her 11 months of unpaid leave in for the post of the statutory representative. Since 2003 she also lectures. She completed degree in Masters of Education - general and special education, specializing in emotionally and socially maladjusted. In 2008, completed postgraduate studies in Special education - counselling.

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Works in Odysseus since 2006 as project coordinator of the Social Assistance and as outreach worker in the program Protect yourself. Actively participates in professional seminars and conferences in the Czech Republic and abroad in connection with the issue of HIV / AIDS. Represents the organization at the meetings on the law changes in health and social field. Since 2009 has been a member of the Executive Committee of Odysseus. She completed Master's degree in social pedagogy at the University of Matej Bel in Banská Bystrica. After the finish of the university worked two years in England on various social projects with refugees, people with learning disabilities and homeless people.

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Works in Odysseus since 2004 as coordinator of the program Protect yourself, and as the outreach worker. In 2005-2008 he was a member of the working group Early warning system for the National Monitoring Center for Drugs. He completed Master's degree in social work at the Comenius University Bratislava. He finished counselling course and participated in site visits in international organizations working with drug users and sex workers. In the past he worked as a social adviser and assistant in the Social-Charity social center for homeless people.

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She took over the responsibility for the magazine INTOXI in December 2005, since then is also involved in performance of Odysseus. Thanks to one of the co-founder of Odysseus, this association accreted to her heart since its inception. In addition to coordinating of the project INTOXI Magazine, she also participated in the program SEX /DRUGS. She has one and a half years' experience as a personal assistant to the blind man and in recent years actively participated in various educations and trainings both within and outside the Odysseus. In 2009, she will complete her studies at the Department of Social Work, Comenius University in Bratislava, Faculty of Education with Master's degree in social work.

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In Odysseus works since 2007, when after the completion of internal training began to work as a outreach worker in the program Protect yourself, and since September 2007 works as its assistant. Currently studying at the Department of Social Work, Comenius University in Bratislava, Faculty of Education.

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Works in Odysseus since 2004, and since the beginning she focuses on the issues related to the sex work, mainly advocacy of human and workers rights of sex workers. In the years 2004 - 2007 coordinated the low-threshold contact center 'Club underpass' for sex workers. The center was closed for financial reasons and the program moved from providing direct services to sex workers to advocacy of their rights and interests at the public. Currently she coordinates the program "Red Umbrella", which is an international symbol for the rights of sex workers. She graduated from social work at the Comenius University in Bratislava.

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European Network for HIV/STI
Prevention and Health Promotion
Among Migrant Sex Workers

POSITION PAPER ON

TRAFFICKING IN WOMEN

Historic continuity of the phenomenon

Contrary to what is stated so often, trafficking in women did not begin with the collapse of the political system in Central and Eastern Europe.

Trafficking – with the aim of exploiting reproductive and productive work of women – has an old and hidden history in colonialism and patriarchy. Thus, trafficking is not a new phenomenon and is taking new historic forms and the same in society.

Apart from the historic context, women, there are various factors that strengthen trafficking.

Different factors determine the beginning of the 80ies, the beginning of the 80ies, the GLOBALISED MODEL ("new economy"). And in this respect, unemployment and poverty in South and East, the promotion of "golden West", the demand of white men for "exotic women", house-slaves, cheap and subordinated female labour in the illegalised female labour in the

The „new International economy“ and consequences

Sex Work, HIV/AIDS and Human Rights in Central and Eastern Europe and Central Asia

CORRELATION



EURASIAN HARM REDUCTION NETWORK

EHRN

www.harm-reduction.org

Eurasian Harm Reduction Network

Marginalised Social

Experiences based Correlation – Europe

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MISSION TO SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT



Eurasian Harm Reduction Network (EHRN)

<http://www.harm-reduction.org>

Eurasian Harm Reduction Network is a regional network, whose mission is to support, develop and advocate for harm reduction approaches in the field of drugs, HIV, public health and social exclusion by following the principles of humanism, tolerance, partnership and respect for human rights and freedoms. The network was established in 1997 with its initial name "Central and Eastern European Harm Reduction Network" (CEEHRN). In 2007 the network changed its name to EHRN, so the name also reflects the activities undertaken in Central Asia.

TAMPEP

European Network for HIV/STI Prevention and Health Promotion among Migrant Sex Workers.
www.tampep.com

TAMPEP Network was founded in 1993 in response to the needs of migrant sex workers in Europe. It is based on the principles of human rights and direct representation of sex workers. TAMPEP network objectives are:

- To advocate for the human and civil rights of female and transgender migrant sex workers.
- To facilitate the sharing of knowledge, experience and good practice across Europe, ensuring the needs and issues of sex workers from countries of origin, transition and destination.
- To further develop and implement effective and innovative health promotion and HIV prevention strategies and intervention models amongst migrant sex workers in Europe.

Correlation

European network for social inclusion and health

<http://www.correlation-net.org/index.html>

Correlation is an international network of more than 60 organizations founded in 2005. According to Correlation many persons in the European Union do not have access to basic social and health services. This situation jeopardizes their health and threatens public health in general. They live permanently or temporarily outside mainstream society, because they belong to a stigmatised group (ethnic minorities, sex workers), engage in unaccepted risk behaviour (drug users) or find themselves in risk situations (youngsters experimenting with party drugs), in which they cannot appeal to the protecting safety structures of mainstream society. They cannot be identified as one group or category of people, but they share a combination of the following characteristics: homelessness, stigmatised (risk) behaviour, low social economic status, social exclusion, illegal judicial status, mobility, migration, part of an ethnic minority group. Correlation overall objective is to improve access to services.

SWAN

Sex Workers' Rights Advocacy Network in Central and Eastern Europe and Central Asia

<http://swannet.org/>

SWAN was founded in 2005. It is an international network of 16 civil society organizations from 15 countries of Central and Eastern Europe and Central Asia, which are active in defending human rights of sex workers. The network is primarily devoted to active work with the media and advocacy activities promoting human rights for sex workers.

Program Protect yourself

Since 2nd October 1998

Program Protect yourself is outreach work program connected with the collection and distribution of needles and syringes and the distribution of condoms. The program provides services to people who inject drugs and/or provide sex services.

The program Protect yourself protects public health.

The program prevent blood-borne and sexually transmitted diseases (e.g.: HIV, hepatitis B and C, syphilis). In each country live people, who inject drugs. Any country where people, who inject drugs live, risks the development of the epidemics.

The last estimation of the number of people who inject drugs from 2007 says, that in Slovakia are 17,900 people, who inject drugs; from them 20% in Bratislava.ⁱ Syringe exchange programs are in contact with only 21 % of the total numberⁱⁱ.

The epidemic of HIV and other diseases have no boundaries. If the epidemic spreads among people who inject drugs, it will spread further (sex, pregnancy, the mobility of people, etc.) among people who never used drugs. This is the experience and the reality of countries where the epidemic has already occurred, such as Ukraine or Poland. **To ensure the protection of the society, we need to implement needle and syringe exchange programs and by that to prevent the development epidemics of HIV, hepatitis B and C and other diseasesⁱⁱⁱ.**

The program Protect yourself promotes social inclusion.

More than 68 million people across the European Union today is affected by poverty and social exclusion. This represents 15% of the population in the EU. Living in poverty is directly linked to higher levels of drug (ab)use, depression, suicide, violence, antisocial behavior and with the whole scale of health problems^{iv}. People and families living in poverty have difficulties in accessing of the rights and services for which they are entitled^v. The program alleviates the negative effects of social exclusion and contributes to the integration of people who use drugs and /or provide sexual services into the society. **It contributes to their empowerment, so they are able to manage and control their daily lives.**

The program Protect yourself is a program that saves the public finances.

However the prices for HIV / AIDS, hepatitis treatment will be reduced, the treatment will be still incomparably more expensive than prevention. Refusal to treat the infection, is ethically impossible. Health care treatment of diseases such as.: HIV/AIDS, hepatitis C and treatment of associated infections will cost the health service dearly. **Prevention is saving of the public finances in the future^{vi}.**

In 2008, workers of Protect yourselves program proved to contribute to the protection of public health, to promote social inclusion and to saving of public finances by ensuring following activities:



- The program Protect yourself was in 2008 available for people, who inject drugs and / or provide sex services 6 times in 5 days per week in the range of 19 hour per week. Services always provide a pair or trio of outreach workers .
- In 2008, we collected from people, who inject drugs 92 915 pieces of used syringes. Outside that staff of the program collected 90 pieces of discarded syringes. **Since the beginning of the program Protect yourself we have collected more than a million of used syringes. By doing so we ensured that these syringes were not discarded in public places, but were destroyed in the incinerator.**



- In 2008, we distributed material to prevent the spread of blood-borne diseases (particularly HIV, hepatitis C). We succeeded in distributing of 117 974 pieces of sterile syringes, 12 020 pieces of injecting water and 14 277 pcs of SteriCups (used instead of spoon). **By distributing this material we have contributed significantly to preventing the spread of HIV and hepatitis C among people injecting drugs.**
- In 2008, we distributed material to prevent the spread of sexually transmitted diseases (especially HIV, syphilis, gonorrhea). We succeeded in distributing of 10 457 pieces of male condoms, 80 pcs of female condoms and 1 800 pcs of lubricating gels. **We have contributed to preventing the spread of HIV, gonorrhea and syphilis among people, who inject drugs and / or provide sexual services. Consequently we have as well contributed to prevention of the spread of sexually transmitted diseases among people, who buy sex services.**
- In 2008, we issued a monthly magazine INTOXI. The magazine informs about topics that directly

affect lives of people, who inject drugs and / or provide sex services. Most of this information is not readily accessible because the information is specifically applicable to the injecting and the provision of sexual services. **The magazine informs about preventing the spread of diseases** (e.g.: when injecting), **on the prevention of death** (e.g.: prevention of overdose, what to do in case of an overdose), **the prevention of violence** (e.g.: publishing a descriptions of aggressive customers). It also contains information that is needed to address the day-to-day problems (e.g.: the work of the agencies supported employment, information on the amendments of laws). The magazine has a high popularity among people, who inject drugs and / or provide sexual services. It is interesting also for foreign and Slovak organizations, as an example of good practice. In 2008, we distributed in the outreach 1 464 pc of the magazine.

- Program Protect yourself distributes also the info-educational materials. Information materials are focusing on raising awareness about the conditions, addresses and contacts of helping institutions (e.g.: I want to be treated). Educational materials focus on topics that are relevant and important to the health and lives of people, who inject drugs and / or provide sexual services. Comics or small information cards are a popular form of brochures. In 2008 we released a new comics booklet on drug use and pregnancy. Overall in 2008, we distributed 1 057 pc of info-educational materials.
- Other services provided by the program Protect yourself include **professional counselling and interviewing. These tools are important for building motivation and gaining positive changes in life.** In 2008, we provided 1 648 consultations and advisory talks. Many advisory talks touched on problems that can not be dealt with on the street. Therefore, outreach workers refer to helping institutions, that are competent to solve problems. In 2008, we referred either orally or in writing at least 169 times. **But sometimes it is necessary to empower and support people, who inject drugs and / or provide sexual services when dealing with the helping institutions.** One of the effective methods is to accompany them to the institutions, offices, etc. to the doctor. The escorting part of social assistance was used 31-times.

In 2008 the program Protect yourself provided its services to 1 208 people, who inject drugs and / or provide sexual services. Of the total were 808 men and 479 women. Our services for the first time in 2008 used at least 127 people. During the year we met with them 5 864 times in total.

Program SEX / DRUGS

Since June 2001

The program SEX / DRUGS is the outreach work carried out in the so-called recreational settings (in open-air festivals, music and dance events). Its activities aim at young people. The program focuses on providing counselling on drug use and safer sex. In the area of drug use, the program focuses on young people who experiment with drugs and the safer sex is aimed at young people who are sexually active.

The program SEX / DRUGS protects public health

According to UNAIDS in 2007 each day were recorded more than 6 800 new HIV infections. Of these, 45% relates to young people aged 15-24 years. Young people have become endangered. The main weakness of many prevention initiatives for young people is that they do not say sincerely or do not provide complete information about what young people need.^{vii} **The program SEX / DRUGS provides information on safer sex in the places where young people come to have fun (music festivals, night clubs). In attractive and funny way it informs about safer sex practices. In an anonymous and confidential manner responds to courageous questions of young people about sex.**

The SEX / DRUGS reduces negative impacts of drug use

Young people use drugs! Drink alcohol in large quantities, smokes cigarettes and marijuana. With hallucinogenic drugs discover another dimension. In order to strengthen the good feelings use ecstasy, cocaine or pervitin. The truth is that children and young people under 18 years use drugs, and we need honestly, openly and without prejudice to cope with this fact.^{viii} In the year 2007 admitted in Slovakia 23.6% of young people aged 15 - 26 years experience with at least one type of illegal drug. This percentage is highest for the 13 year period.^{ix} **We account to ensure that young people are provided with correct information, which will help them to decide about the life and health of themselves as well as of their friends.**

The program SEX / DRUGS saves public money

In the U.S., they have calculated that each year the drug abuse and drug dependence costs the taxpayers nearly 534 billion U.S. dollar. These costs include health care, crime, cost of the judiciary, prisons, etc.. Prevention and early intervention work best and are the most effective. **Every \$ 1 invested in prevention reached \$ 7 savings in these costs, not to mention the wider impact on the lifes of young people and their families.**^x

The program SEX / DRUGS helps

Drug use and HIV epidemics are linked. HIV is spreading also through the risky sexual behavior. Still more cases reinforces the opinion that this risk behavior is higher when young people have sex under the influence of drugs.^{xi} **The program SEX / DRUGS simultaneously addresses the issues of drug use and safer sex in the places that young people use for their entertainment.** Often it's the time, when they are or will be under the influence of drugs.

The SEX / DRUGS ensures future

Children and young people are the future of the country. Young people who use drugs, can become dependent. Young people may due to drug use inevitably impair their health. Young people, who risky behave, may be infected with diseases such as.: HIV, hepatitis C. **An effective approach to prevention of these problems can protect the health and save the lifes of young people.**

In 2008, workers of the program SEX / DRUGS were able to contribute to the protection of public health and reducing the negative consequences of drug use by following activities:

- The program SEX / DRUGS visited together 4 musical-dance events. We attended the festival This is Hip-Hop 2008, Bažant Pohoda Festival 2008, electronic music Festival BeeFree 2008 and electronic music Festival Airport 2008. A team of 14 workers was available to young people in total 361 hours.
- In 2008, we distributed 6 294 pieces of info-educational materials.
- In the information materials on drugs we draw in 2008 attention to the topic of "what caused the drugs in the brain." We focused specifically on the substances: nicotine, alcohol, ecstasy, marijuana, LSD, cocaine and pervitin. Materials also listed the risks of these substances and the strategies to prevent these risks, as much as possible. At the same time we informed through information materials on the criminal law in the context of drug use. We distributed 4 698 pieces of informational materials about the drugs.
- The topic of safer sex covered the materials "Step by step, how to put the condom on" and "Transmission of sexually transmitted diseases." Together we have distributed distributed 1 596 pieces of materials about safer sex and 720 pcs materials about the topic of HIV / AIDS.
- Part of our work at festivals is individual counseling for young people. Counselling on drugs focuses on experimentation with drugs and reducing the risks associated with drug use. In 2008 we provided 257 counseling interviews. Counselling about sex is focused in particular on safer sex and preventing sexually transmitted diseases. On this issue we have provided 1 966 counseling interviews. We provided 62-times advisory interview focused on HIV infection and AIDS disease.
- In 2008, were also to young people offered workshops focused on the topic of safer sex. From training of correct condom putting on benefited 660 young people, the training of correct condom putting on without the possibility of visual inspection joined 58 young people and workshop on the use of lubricating gels (lubricant versus cream) joined 91 young people.
- Counseling and workshops on safer sex we support by the distribution of condoms and lubricating gels. Young people can get that from us after participating at one of the workshops. In 2008, we distributed 756 male condoms, 22 female condoms and 644 lubricating gels.



In 2008 the program SEX / DRUGS provided its services to **5 396 young people**. Of the total number were 3 568 men and 1 828 women.



Program Red umbrella

Since 1. December 2003

The program Red umbrella continues the activities of the Club Underpass, we were forced to close for financial reasons on 1st December 2007. Activities of the program Red umbrella from the closure of the club are dedicated to advocacy of human rights of sex workers. The program has received a name under the red umbrella, which is an international symbol of the rights of sex workers.

The program Red umbrella brings fundamental human rights

Basic human rights are the foundation of freedom, justice and peace in the world. Denial and contempt of fundamental human rights resulted in barbarous acts which have outraged the conscience of mankind. "Everyone has the right to life, liberty and personal security!". "All are equal before the law and are entitled to equal protection of the law without distinction!" "All are entitled to equal protection against discrimination!" No one shall be subjected to attacks upon his honor and reputation! "" Everyone has the right to free choice of employment , to fair and favorable conditions of work! " These are not phrases that relate to some! These are fundamental human rights which are inalienable! **The program Red umbrella protects the fundamental human rights among sex workers.**

The program Red umbrella protect public health

Laws and policies against sex work throughout the world lead to harsh and repressive measures against people, who work in this business. Intolerance and stigma makes it difficult for sex workers to protect their health and lives. **Decriminalization of sex work is therefore a crucial priority for many people working in the sex-business seeking to reduce the risk of transmission of HIV and other diseases.**^{xii}

The program Red umbrella stops violence

Many countries criminalize all or any part of sex work. This makes it impossible for sex workers to seek legal protection if they are exposed to abuse or poor working conditions. The combination of criminalization of sex work and an inability to recognize sex work as the work means that people who work in the sex business are cut off from government benefits and legislation that protect working people. **Decriminalization of sex work is therefore a crucial priority for many people working in the sex work seeking to stop violence against them.**^{xiii}

In 2008, the Red umbrella workers realized the following activities:

- In cooperation with the international network TAMPEP we mapped the sex work in Slovakia. The aim of the mapping was to obtain an overview of the sex work. At the same time, we analyzed the legislation aimed at sex work, health and migration of sex workers. The result will be a report on legal trends and their impact on human rights and quality of life. Analysis of the data for Slovakia will be part of a pan-analysis published by TAMPEP.
- Activities of program Red umbrella helped to run the site www.services4sexworkers.eu. The web page inform sex workers, health and social workers about the respectful and nondiscriminatory aid available throughout Europe. Lists the services available to people working in the sex work in 25 European countries.
- In cooperation with the international network SWAN, we participated in the implementation of training for trainers who will educate journalists. Training took place in Serbia and was aimed at young sex workers and civil society activists. In Slovakia, we have implemented a workshop for media workers in order **to sensitize the media to subject of sex work.**
- From June 2008 until May 2009, was realized project HETAIRA. The project was aimed at increasing the awareness of sex workers on human rights. We have informed sex workers attending the program Protect yourself about selected human and constitutional rights. Every month we informed on a single right through consultations, articles in the magazine INTOXI a specially created condom packaging. In December 2008, we distributed to sex workers **red umbrellas as a symbol for the rights of sex workers.**
- In December 2008 the project HETAIRA launched a public campaign „Walking the streets doesn't mean walking on own's rights!" The aim of this campaign was to draw public attention to **the human rights for sex workers** as they are guaranteed by the Slovak Constitution and the Universal Declaration of human rights for all people. A public campaign was carried out in 9 cities in Slovakia through the distribution of thematic postcards and in Bratislava also by beer pads.



Management of the organization

Profit and Loss

Costs	Expenditure in Sk	Expenditure in EUR	Percentage share
Material purchase	1 801 765,94 Sk	59 807,67 €	34,5%
Fuel cars	44 077,20 Sk	1 463,10 €	0,8%
Car insurances	50 392,50 Sk	1 672,72 €	1,0%
Energies	181 013,23 Sk	6 008,54 €	3,5%
Rent	82 477,00 Sk	2 737,73 €	1,6%
Postal costs	21 257,50 Sk	705,62 €	0,4%
Telecommunications, internet	93 630,80 Sk	3 107,97 €	1,8%
Reparation	91 733,00 Sk	3 044,98 €	1,8%
Travel and PR expenses	47 469,00 Sk	1 575,68 €	0,9%
Notary fees	9 949,50 Sk	330,26 €	0,2%
Services	491 509,90 Sk	16 315,14 €	9,4%
Personnel costs (wages, subcontracting, contributions to insurance)	2 005 943,50 Sk	66 585,13 €	38,5%
Other operating expenses	143 511,76 Sk	4 763,72 €	2,8%
Depreciation, reserves and provisions in operating costs	148 490,00 Sk	4 928,97 €	2,8%
Financial costs	1 765,30 Sk	58,60 €	0,0%
TOTAL:	5 214 986,13 Sk	173 105,83 €	

Profit	Profit in Sk	Profit in EUR	Percentage share
Profit from services	38 521,50 Sk	1 278,68 €	0,7%
Interests	1 803,29 Sk	59,86 €	0,0%
Exchange gains	1 405,11 Sk	46,64 €	0,0%
Revenues from sales of assets	40 000,00 Sk	1 327,76 €	0,7%
International Networks	193 496,45 Sk	6 422,91 €	3,6%
Local government and government	1 895 000,00 Sk	62 902,48 €	35,4%
State Administration	2 383 530,00 Sk	79 118,70 €	44,5%
Foundations, Funds	608 000,00 Sk	20 181,90 €	11,4%
Financial Donations	44 942,00 Sk	1 491,80 €	0,8%
Contributions from individuals	10 781,00 Sk	357,86 €	0,2%
2percents of taxes	135 413,00 Sk	4 494,89 €	2,5%
TOTAL:	5 352 892,35 Sk	177 683,47 €	

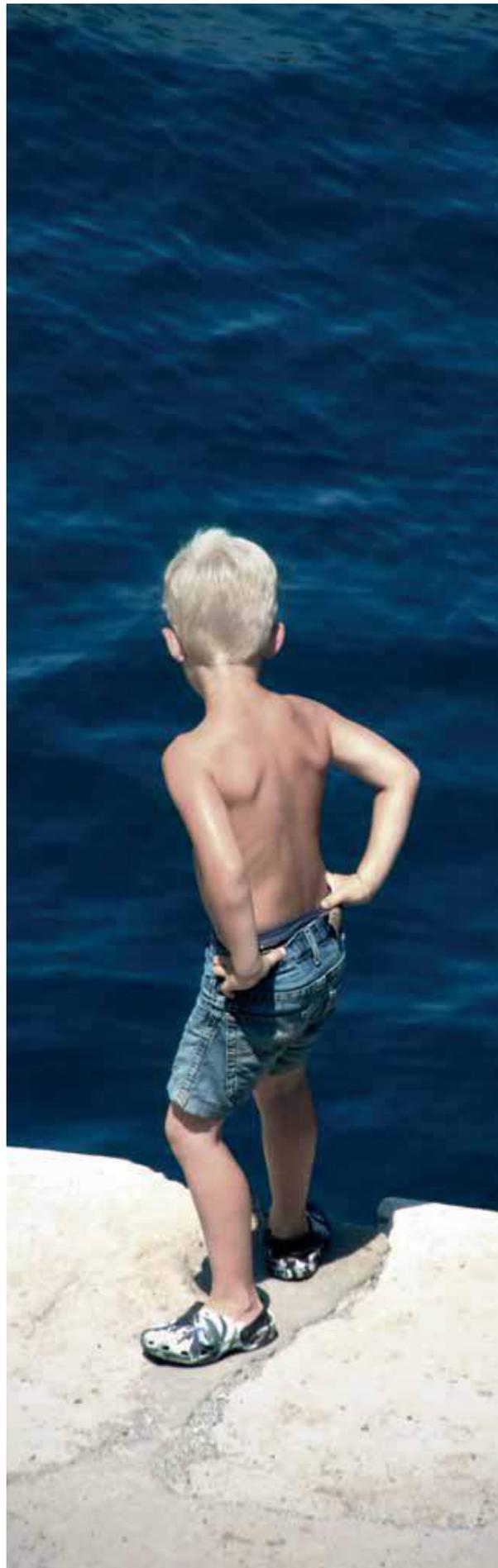
Financial Partners

Year 2008 was the year of existential problems of the organization after 11 years of activity. We thank to all our sponsors and donors, which contributed in 2008 in provision of our services, namely:

- Bratislava self-governing region for supporting low-threshold services in Bratislava by 1 400 000, - Sk. Thanks to the fact that the first installment of funds has been transferred to the account in the first quarter of 2008 the organization overcome the financial crisis. The money we can draw from 1.1.2008 to 31.12.2008.
- Anti-Drug Fund for supporting the program Protect yourself by 1 121 530,- Sk and the program SEX/DRUGS by 112 000, - Sk. Finances had been transferred to the account in November 2008 with the possibility of reversing the reimbursement of costs from July. The money had to be spend by 31.12.2008.
- Ministry of Labor, Social Affairs and Family for supporting the program Protect yourself by 900 000,- Sk (the money were delivered in September 2008) a project magazine INTOXI by 100.000, - Sk (the money were available in July 2008). Finances have been eligible for material aid and money had to be spend to 31.12.2008.
- Bratislava Municipal Government for material support of the prevention of HIV, blood and sexually transmitted diseases - a program Protect yourself: 400 000, -Sk. Thanks to the fact that money were transferred to our account in February 2008 program Protect yourself had enough material required for the implementation of the exchange and distribution of syringes and condoms. The money had to be spend to 31.12.2008.
- Endowment Fund Západoslovenskej energetiky, Pontis Foundation for exceptional flexibility and support in difficult moments of existence threats to the organization and program Protect yourself: 300 000, - Sk. The money were available in September 2008, when Odysseus already did not paid more than 3 months full payment for work and services performed. The money had to be spend to 31.3.2009.
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