



## **TRIALOG Information Service (TIS)**

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## **1. TRIALOG News**

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### **1.1. New TRIALOG Policy and Lobby Officer in Brussels**

Lada Parizkova from the Czech Republic recently filled the position of TRIALOG Policy and Lobby Officer. Hence, for the first time, a representative from a new EU member state will be responsible for the work of the TRIALOG Brussels office and provide the secretariat of the Working Group Enlargement. Lada Parizkova studied International Politics and Diplomacy at the University of Economics in Prague. During her PhD studies in the same field she spent one year in the United States (Northeastern University, Boston) and two years in France (European Institute for International Studies in Nice, French Institute for International Relations in Paris and EU Institute for Security Studies in Paris). She finished her PhD studies with a thesis on Strategies of the fight against terrorism in the USA and in France. Lada gained valuable professional experience in the field of EU Structural Funds: first as an assistant of the EU Pre-Accession advisor for the European Social Fund at the Czech Ministry for Labour and Social Affairs and then as an expert on Structural Funds at the Czech Ministry for Regional Development. In these positions she obtained an insight into the work with European institutions in Brussels. Lada speaks Czech, English and French fluently. We welcome her in our team!

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### **1.2. TRIALOG plans mapping mission in Cyprus**

Information provided by Adam Novak, TRIALOG

Despite a strong tradition of philanthropic activity and humanitarian assistance, particularly in the Eastern Mediterranean and Commonwealth countries, Cyprus remains curiously absent from most EU development debates, both at the official and the NGO level. In the coming months, TRIALOG will be intensifying activities in Cyprus to map the local situation and facilitate contacts between local development actors and their EU counterparts. A short TRIALOG visit to Cyprus in August identified a number of NGOs, in the South and North of the island, which are interested in

international development themes, and in educating the local population about global issues. A research mission is planned for October, and Cyprus NGOs are invited to participate in all TRIALOG events or make suggestions for local training and capacity building activities.

TRIALOG is also working with UNDP and the Management Centre of the Mediterranean to encourage NGOs in Northern Cyprus to become more involved in EU networks. (The Acquis Communautaire will not be applied in the north of Cyprus until there is a comprehensive peace settlement, but an increasingly large part of the northern population has obtained citizenship of the Republic of Cyprus, and there is strong support for integration with the south and thereby with the EU).

Any Cyprus NGO who is interested in being involved in TRIALOG activities or has suggestions concerning capacity building and networking activities please write to [office@trialog.or.at](mailto:office@trialog.or.at)

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### **1.3. First steps towards international development cooperation in Bulgaria**

Information provided by Adam Novak, TRIALOG

They don't call it international development cooperation, but Bulgarian NGOs are already active in supporting their counterparts in Macedonia, Serbia and Bosnia-Herzegovina. The Bulgarian government is also preparing to take on new international development responsibilities when the country joins the EU on January 1st 2007. A new TRIALOG report, which was produced on the basis of meetings and talks with several NGOs during a visit in Bulgaria in May, suggests that Bulgarian NGOs will enrich European development cooperation with their regional Balkan experience and knowledge, and their impressive know-how in fighting poverty at home and in the region. The report profiles several Bulgarian civil society groups that are already exploring international development cooperation ideas, based on their strong experience of promoting gender equality, strengthening local government, and other issues. It also reports on progress at the official level. The Bulgarian government has not really begun preparing an Official Development Assistance policy, and there is no budget or NGDO-cofinancing mechanism. It is very unlikely that Bulgaria will meet the NMS target of 0.17% of GNI to Official Development Assistance by 2010. However, the small ODA unit in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs hopes to learn from the 10 countries that joined the EU last year, and to draw on expertise in the NGO, academic and business sectors.

TRIALOG will organise a study visit for Bulgarian (and Romanian) NGDOs to Austria, Slovakia and Hungary later this year, and will help Bulgarian NGOs organise training events on various aspects of European development cooperation.

Download the full BULGARIA report from the TRIALOG website at:

<http://www.trialog.or.at/docs/bulgariatrialogfinal.pdf>

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### **1.4. Recent TRIALOG publications on Romania, Hungary and Slovenia**

Information provided by Anita Bister, TRIALOG

As a result of the NGO seminar organised by TRIALOG and the Civil Society Development Foundation in Romania in May (see TRIALOG Information Service from 31/05/2005), TRIALOG recently published a comprehensive research paper on "Romania as an emerging actor in international development cooperation". It contains not only information on Romania's Official Development Assistance but also on the emergence of an NGDO sector. The Annex provides profiles of several (potential) civil society actors in Romanian development cooperation.

With two country reports on Hungary and Slovenia, TRIALOG starts a series of reports on development NGOs in new EU member states. The focus of these publications is on the fields of activities of development NGOs, on NGDO networking and platform establishment as well as on NGO – government cooperation. The next reports to be published will be on Czech Republic and Slovak Republic.

Download all TRIALOG country reports (BG, ROM, H, SLO) from the following link:

<http://www.trialog.or.at/main.asp?m=2,123>

Direct link to the Romania report: <http://www.trialog.or.at/docs/romaniatrialogfinal.pdf>

Direct link to the Hungary report: [http://www.trialog.or.at/docs/ngdostudy\\_hungary.pdf](http://www.trialog.or.at/docs/ngdostudy_hungary.pdf)

Direct link to the Slovenia report: [http://www.trialog.or.at/docs/ngdostudy\\_slovenia.pdf](http://www.trialog.or.at/docs/ngdostudy_slovenia.pdf)

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### **1.5. Regional Partnership Programme: New coordinator and first Call for Proposals**

Information provided by Anita Bister, TRIALOG

The Regional Partnership Programme, a three years capacity building and project support programme for development NGOs and platforms in Austria, Hungary, Slovak Republic, Czech Republic and Slovenia, launched its first Call for Proposals. The deadline for submitting proposals is October 31, 2005. Please find all the documents of the Call in section 7 of this newsletter (Funding Opportunities).

Josefa Molitor-Ruckenbauer has been appointed as new coordinator of the Regional Partnership Programme. She will start her new job in October. Having worked for Austrian development NGOs as project officer for Southern Africa and Asia for many years, Josefa has extensive experience in development cooperation. More recently she has worked as a project manager for an EQUAL project on "Strategies against racism on the labour market". Josefa studied political science and history. She did several professional trainings, e.g. in project management, planning, monitoring and evaluation, gender, organisational development as well as in EU financing instruments and procedures. She speaks German, English and French.

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### **1.6. TRIALOG presentations on "NGDO Partnerships in the enlarged EU"**

Information provided by Anita Bister, TRIALOG

In the last few months, the European Commission organised seminars on the "EU Development Co-operation: Policy, Instruments & Funding" in all new EU member states. The overall aim was to increase the understanding and knowledge of the political, financial and technical aspects of the EU Development policy. In all seminars, an important part was to present the possibilities of applying for different European funds and to inform on ways how to co-operate on the European Union level. In the end of August and in the beginning of September such information seminars took place in Latvia and Lithuania. TRIALOG was invited to participate and to make a contribution on the topic of "NGDO Partnerships in the enlarged EU". The presentations are available on the TRIALOG website.

Presentation given by Adam Novak in Latvia (focus on development cooperation in new EU member states):

[http://www.trialog.or.at/docs/lv\\_ngdo\\_partnership\\_in\\_the\\_enlarged\\_eu.pdf](http://www.trialog.or.at/docs/lv_ngdo_partnership_in_the_enlarged_eu.pdf)

Presentation given by Christine Bedoya in Lithuania (focus on NGDO cooperation):

[http://www.trialog.or.at/docs/lith\\_ngdo\\_partnership\\_in\\_the\\_enlarged\\_eu.pdf](http://www.trialog.or.at/docs/lith_ngdo_partnership_in_the_enlarged_eu.pdf)

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### **1.7. July training workshop on FDR issues**

Information provided by Christine Bedoya, TRIALOG

By June 2005, only 3 platforms of new member states/NMS (Slovakia, Malta and Hungary) were represented in the CONCORD Funding for Development and Relief Working Group (FDR). Since they sometimes felt lost with the very specific FDR topics, TRIALOG organised an internal training workshop for current and future FDR members from NMS platforms. Representatives from the Czech, Estonian and Lithuanian platforms which want to become active in FDR also joined the training. It took place on Friday 8 and Saturday 9 of July in Bratislava.

Most topics of the FDR Working Group are quite complicated and very new to NMS as they had no access to EC funds for development cooperation in the past. Now the FDR topics are of great interest and importance for all NGOs and their platforms. The TRIALOG training was supposed to help FDR members from NMS to understand the context and background of these topics in order to be able to follow the ongoing discussions, bring the information back to their platforms and to be in the position to start and feed the national discussions on these topics as well as to give feedback to the FDR group. The training workshop in Bratislava was conducted by Maria Winnubst who is a real expert and long-year member of FDR. She explained the FDR topics and the actions to take in the near future from a very practical point of view and especially for "newcomers".

The workshop dealt with all important topics of the FDR working group such as: EuropeAid structure and function; CONCORD general issues: Development Policy Statement, Role of NGOs; Consultation Financial Perspectives 2007-2013; Rationalisation of Thematic Budget Lines; 21-02-03 Budget Line: NGO-Cofinancing; Future of Civil Society Organisations Budget Line/Funding; Deconcentration; Financial Regulation (contracts, reports etc.); EU-Budget; Micro finance; EURITAS etc.

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## **2. Events**

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### **2.1. October 14-15, 2005: Seminar on "Odious Debts", Prague**

Information provided by Jiri Silny, Ecumenical Academy Prague

The seminar on "Odious Debts" is organised by the Ecumenical Academy Prague in co-operation with the Czech Association for Fair Trade and the Work and Economy Research Network. The debt problems of poor countries are well known but there is still not enough knowledge about their origin and about the possibilities how to solve the problem. A big part of debts are disputable because of the unsound origin: some of them are defined like "odious debts". In last years Iraq debts of the Hussein regime or apartheid debts of former South Africa were discussed in this context. The seminar in Prague will present the definition of odious debts and the current stand of the discussion on this topic. Also the role of the Czech Republic and other former socialist states will be examined. Possible ways how to deal with odious debts and how to prevent them in the future will be discussed.

Seminar languages will be Czech and English.

Find the draft agenda of the seminar at:

[http://www.trialog.or.at/docs/odious\\_debts\\_draft\\_agenda.pdf](http://www.trialog.or.at/docs/odious_debts_draft_agenda.pdf)

For more information on the seminar and the application procedure please contact the Ecumenical Academy at: [ekumakad@volny.cz](mailto:ekumakad@volny.cz)

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## **2.2. October 25, 2005: Conference on Europe's Role in Making Poverty History, Leeds - UK**

Information provided by BOND

The time is ripe for genuine debate about Europe's role in making poverty history. BOND and CONCORD have organised a conference on this topic with the aim to identify some of the EU's policies and processes affecting developing countries, and to question the extent to which they are helping or hindering the fight against poverty.

The conference will take place on October 25 in Leeds - in parallel to the Informal Development Council meeting.

The following topics will be raised in roundtables:

- Economic Partnership Agreements: Undermining or enhancing the future development of the ACP
- EC aid for poverty eradication: the EU and its new member states
- Fostering peace and development? The EU's contribution to human security

Find the draft agenda of the conference and the outlines of the roundtables in the following documents:

[http://www.trialog.or.at/docs/leeds\\_draftagenda.doc](http://www.trialog.or.at/docs/leeds_draftagenda.doc)

[http://www.trialog.or.at/docs/leeds\\_outline.doc](http://www.trialog.or.at/docs/leeds_outline.doc)

The registration form has to be send to Marco Serena (mserena@bond.org.uk, fax: +44 (0) 20 7713 6330) by 15 October 2005. Download the form at:

[http://www.trialog.or.at/docs/leeds\\_registration\\_form.doc](http://www.trialog.or.at/docs/leeds_registration_form.doc)

Participation: TRIALOG will pay travel and accomodation for 1 person from each new member state non CONCORD member, delegated by the national NGDO platform and for 1 person from Romania and 1 person from Bulgaria. We kindly ask platforms to inform us before travel on the name/organisation/email address of their representative. NGOs from Bulgaria and Cyprus where there is no NGDO platform/coordination body, please send the application form at the link below to our office: [office@trialog.or.at](mailto:office@trialog.or.at)

[http://www.trialog.or.at/docs/application\\_for\\_events.doc](http://www.trialog.or.at/docs/application_for_events.doc)

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## **2.3. November 3-4: Euroforum on volunteering: "Shared challenges in the EU-25, Spain**

Information sent by Carolina Rodriguez, FSVCV

The Foundation for Solidarity and Voluntary Work of the Valencian Community (FSVCV) is organising the I Euroforum on volunteering: "Shared challenges in the EU-25", scheduled to take place on 3-4 November in the city of Valencia (Spain).

The I Euroforum on volunteering aims to be a platform for reflection and coordination between public bodies both European and non-European and Non-profit Organisations, so as to exchange information, good practices, experiences and concerns, with the overall objective of promoting volunteering and solidarity within the new enlarged European Union.

Main conference themes are the following:

- Political policies to promote volunteerism at regional, national and European levels, in the EU - 25 and the candidate countries.
- The presence of regional and national volunteering in Europe and its prospects after the EU's enlargement.
- Networking of volunteer organisations. Regional and National Volunteer Centres in Europe.
- Civil Society altruistic movements: could they be considered as Voluntary activity?

For more information about this conference, please consult the following Web site:

<http://www.solidaridadyvoluntariado.org/euroforum>.

For further information please contact Carolina Rodríguez at: [fsvcv-eu@global-eu.com](mailto:fsvcv-eu@global-eu.com)

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## **2.4. November 8-11, 2005: Fundraising Workshop, Budapest**

Information provided by the Civil Society Development Foundation Hungary

The 10th Central and Eastern European Fundraising Workshop, organized by The Civil Society Development Foundation Hungary, will be held on 8-11 November 2005 in Budapest. The organizers aim to provide the participants with the following:

- Cutting edge European and International know-how that you can apply to your NGO immediately
- Fundraising strategies and techniques to improve your fundraising efficiency.
- A glimpse into what is going on in the fundraising / philanthropic scene in the region and beyond.
- The essentials and more about fundraising as a profession.
- A forum for experience sharing and networking among NGO leaders, donors, fundraising professionals and suppliers.

For further information on the Workshop (and the possibility to participate in the CEE Fundraising Achievement Award 2005), please go to the website <http://www.csdf.hu/workshop2005> or contact the Workshop Team at: [fundraisingworkshop@csdf.hu](mailto:fundraisingworkshop@csdf.hu)

TRIALOG will consider applications for funding for this Fundraising workshop for participants from new EU member states and accession countries NGOs.

Please fill in the form at the link below and send it to Christine Bedoya: [c.bedoya@trialog.or.at](mailto:c.bedoya@trialog.or.at)  
[http://www.trialog.or.at/docs/application\\_for\\_events.doc](http://www.trialog.or.at/docs/application_for_events.doc)

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## **3. Information on EU and EU Enlargement issues**

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### **3.1. CONCORD Response to EC Communication on EU Development Policy**

Information provided by Lada Parizkova, TRIALOG

On 13 July, the European Commission presented its Communication on the EU Development Policy to the European Parliament, launching the official debate with the Parliament and EU Member States in the Council. The CONCORD Policy Working Group established a task force in order to follow the review process. The task force has been mandated by the group to deal with the EP and to react also quickly to the proposals discussed in the Council working party on development (CODEV). CODEV, made up of representatives of Member States, is meeting every week to discuss and redraft the Development Policy Statement (DPS). The UK presidency is already redrafting the initial Commission's proposal. In the European Parliament, MEP Wijkman (Development Committee) is preparing the EP report on the DPS.

In a period in which the European Union has asserted that it wants to use its responsibility to lead an irreversible advance in the global response to poverty, it is vital that it is seen to be living up to its commitments by making development a high priority at EU level and by supporting improvements in the poverty focus of EU development aid. Ensuring the right outcome to the Development Policy Declaration process is a central underpinning of this ambition.

The taskforce presented a document responding to the Commission's communication. For CONCORD, the inclusion of the following elements in the Declaration is welcome:

- Joint statement including Parliament (if result is satisfactory)
- Common EU statement, not just covering Community aid
- Covers all developing countries
- Inclusion of ODA commitments
- Emphasis on human rights and new reference to women's rights under governance
- Principle of shared responsibility and accountability between the EU and its partners
- Supports increased involvement of Parliaments
- The reference to Development Education and Public Awareness, although it should be mentioned in the first part of the Declaration, since it concerns the whole EU.

The review of the Development Policy Statement should build upon the successes of the 2000 Statement and should examine its failures. Serious gaps remain between the EU's stated policy on development and its actual practice, and only a full debate on the underlying reasons for this will allow the EU to make the changes necessary in order to ensure that the EU's actions match its rhetoric when it comes to playing a leading role in the eradication of global poverty.

Next political steps planned in the DPS process:

- October 5: European Parliament Development Committee - Vote on Wijkman report
- November: European Parliament plenary session - Vote on Wijkman report
- November 21-22: General Affairs and External Relations Council (GAERC) with a development and a trade cluster: expected approval of the Statement

Further reading:

EC Communication on the EU Development Policy:

[http://europa.eu.int/comm/development/body/tmp\\_docs/european\\_consensus\\_311\\_final\\_13\\_07\\_2005\\_en.pdf#zoom=100](http://europa.eu.int/comm/development/body/tmp_docs/european_consensus_311_final_13_07_2005_en.pdf#zoom=100) (English)

[http://europa.eu.int/comm/development/body/tmp\\_docs/european\\_consensus\\_311\\_final\\_13\\_07\\_2005\\_fr.pdf#zoom=100](http://europa.eu.int/comm/development/body/tmp_docs/european_consensus_311_final_13_07_2005_fr.pdf#zoom=100) (French)

CONCORD Response to the EC Communication on the EU Development Policy:

[http://www.trialog.or.at/docs/dps\\_communication\\_concordresponse\\_september-final.pdf](http://www.trialog.or.at/docs/dps_communication_concordresponse_september-final.pdf)

Draft report of Anders Wijkman MEP:

[http://www.europarl.eu.int/meetdocs/2004\\_2009/documents/pr/579/579259/579259en.pdf](http://www.europarl.eu.int/meetdocs/2004_2009/documents/pr/579/579259/579259en.pdf)

### **3.2. European Parliament asks for increasing funds for DE in New Member States**

Source: Development Education Times N.8 - September 2005

On 5th Sep 2005, the EP Development Committee approved an amendment in 2006 Draft Budget in favour of Development Education (DE). "Public awareness raising and development education programs undertaken by NGOs are a cornerstone of public mobilisation all over Europe and particularly in the new member states. The NGO co-financing line has been maintained for seven years at the same level. NGO co-financing is a unique instrument of solidarity between citizens of the EU and the developing countries, it provides a vital contribution to the promotion of partnership between European and Southern civil society in the achievement of poverty alleviation, whilst mobilising public support in Europe for EU development cooperation. Therefore, an increase of this line by 10 % compared to the 2005 budget is justified and the additional funds should be allocated to development education and awareness raising activities with a priority to actions taking place in the new member states."

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## 4. Information on activities of European NGDOs

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### 4.1. Report on GLEN lobbying training in Latvia

Information provided by Anda Vaice, chair of "GLEN Latvia"

On August 5 - 6, a capacity building training on lobbying for 8 GLEN (Global Education Network of Young Europeans) partners took place in Latvia. It was organised by the Latvian GLEN partner and development education NGO "GLEN Latvia" and supported by TRIALOG. This first internal capacity building event for GLEN aimed to provide national co-ordinators and volunteers with new knowledge and useful skills that are necessary when approaching decision makers, donors and prospective partners. 21 participants from 9 countries (7 CEE countries plus Germany and France) worked on topics like "advocacy mapping: the variety of things and actors to consider", "benchmarks and evaluation of success" and „tips concerning fundraising applications". GLEN partners also got an interesting and valuable lobbying experience during a meeting with representatives from the Development Co-operation department of the Latvian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and from the Latvian NGDO platform. The success factors of the training were the good atmosphere and the combination of theoretical background and practical experience – tips, interesting comments and best practice examples. All participants highly evaluated the experience, flexibility and competence of the trainer Angelo Caserta, who is the coordinator of the Development Education Exchange in Europe Project (DEEEP).

For more information on the training, please contact Anda Vaice at: [anda.vaice@va.lv](mailto:anda.vaice@va.lv)  
To find out more about GLEN, go to: <http://www.glen-europe.org>

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### 4.2. Czech participation in the Global Call to Action Against Poverty

Information provided by Jan Plesinger, Czech NGDO platform FoRS

CESKO PROTI CHUDOBE or "Czech Republic Against Poverty" is the brand for Czech Republic's participation in the worldwide Global Call to Action Against Poverty (GCAP). The ČESKO PROTI CHUDOBĚ campaign started in January 2005 when twenty nine organisations and think-tanks formed a nation-wide civil society coalition, inspired by similar coalitions in EU and G8 countries. The coalition members cut across a wide variety of sectors, such as relief and development, human rights, environment, fair trade, gender, volunteering or globalisation and represent all geographical regions of the Czech Republic. Primary aim of the campaign is to target wide public and politicians. The coalition has so far organised dozens of seminars, lectures, discussions, workshops and journalist and civil servant trainings in order to raise awareness of poverty issues and the top demands of the campaign. The 10 main demands include: increase the size of Czech Official Development Assistance, make development co-operation effective and transparent so that it would really reflect priorities of developing countries and contribute to the fulfilment of the Millennium Development Goals, relieve the poorest countries of undue debts, increase social responsibility of supranational companies in the area of human rights, environment protection and local development etc.

The CESKO PROTI CHUDOBE campaign culminated during September 9-10, 2005 just before the New York UN Millenium+5 Summit through street actions in Prague, Brno, Karlovy Vary, Plzen, Litvinov, Hradec Kralove, Vsetin and Olomouc. White bands, information materials and postcards have been available at information booths. The campaign representatives discussed various issues related to poverty in the world with passers-by. In many places supporting programmes

including concerts and screenings of documentaries took place. The campaign did not stop with the Millennium+5 Summit but will continue in different forms for the rest of the year 2005.

The main information gate of the campaign is its website: <http://www.ceskoprotichudobe.cz>

Read more about the CESKO PROTI CHUDOBE Campaign at the following link:

[http://www.trialog.or.at/docs/cesko\\_proti\\_chudobe\\_campaign\\_czech\\_republic.pdf](http://www.trialog.or.at/docs/cesko_proti_chudobe_campaign_czech_republic.pdf)

Find a few photos from the campaign at:

[http://www.trialog.or.at/docs/photos\\_czechgcap.pdf](http://www.trialog.or.at/docs/photos_czechgcap.pdf)

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#### **4.3. Press conference in front of the Hungarian Parliament with Fair Trade coffee**

Information provided by Reka Hunyadi, Protect the Future & Hungarian Fair Trade Ass.

On 14 September, on the first day of the UN Summit, a demonstration and press conference was organised in front of the Hungarian Parliament as part of the Global Call to Action Against Poverty Campaign. The organizers were HAND, the Hungarian Association of NGOs for Development and Humanitarian Aid, and Védegylet/Protect the Future, one of the HAND member NGOs. A 12 meter long white band with boards publicised some facts about the number of victims of hunger and HIV/AIDS and the lack of actions in giving aid to and cancelling debts of the developing countries, which were to emphasise the lack of actions taken to eliminate poverty. A fake horse leg sticking out of three stuffed canvas bags with dollar, euro and Hungarian Forint signs on them helped to visualise the message, referring to a Hungarian saying that literally goes „The horse's leg is sticking out”, which means that something stinks (i.e.: there is corruption, dishonesty, etc.).

The spokesperson of Protect the Future explained in a few words the NGOs' open letter addressed especially to the Hungarian delegation to the UN summit. In this letter the NGOs asked the Hungarian politicians to influence the outcome of the summit in such a way that helps to reaffirm the Millennium Goals and to generate new commitments with deadlines in the final Declaration of the UN Summit. On the occasion the press received fair trade coffee in order to demonstrate that fair trade is an already existing alternative way of trading that instead of exploiting the producer in the third world, ensures a fairer price, a long term trading partnership and democratic decision making.

The followings were present at the demonstration: 20 activists, the press: a journalist and photographer from the National News Agency, Hungarian National Television, a journalist and a photographer from the biggest national daily paper, a journalist from a national political and cultural magazine, Austrian National Radio. The event received good media coverage: a telephone interview given to one of the leading Hungarian radio stations (Info Radio), an article in the biggest national daily newspapers, an article in the on-line version of the same national daily newspaper.

Find a few photos from the event at:

[http://www.trialog.or.at/docs/photos\\_h\\_pressconf\\_sept.pdf](http://www.trialog.or.at/docs/photos_h_pressconf_sept.pdf)

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#### **4.4. World Day in Estonia**

Information sent by Martin Pentson, Estonian Roundtable for Development Cooperation

The Estonian Roundtable for Development Cooperation (AKÜ; <http://www.terveilm.net>) organised the first "World Day" in cooperation with the Estonian Ministry of Foreign Affairs. The

event took place on the 17th of September and got lots of attention from passers-by and the media.

During the World Day, Tammsaare public park in the centre of Tallinn turned into a small village: Estonian NGOs as well as international organisations and institutions introduced their activities. For example, several embassies (donors as well as recipients) were present, many programs introduced different possibilities of volunteering abroad, organisations who deal with transboundary cooperation presented themselves. In the discussion tent films on the situation of developing countries were shown, open discussions with experts took place and people who have been volunteering in developing countries shared their experiences. On the main stage different groups performed exotic music.

The World Day was the first public event in Estonia which aimed to introduce the topic of development cooperation to a broader public and to increase the interest in developing countries. The World Day explained how everyone in everyday life can help to reduce poverty in the world: the main topics were fair trade, consumerism and its relation to conflicts and poverty in developing countries. The event clearly showed that such kind of activities are needed in Estonia because of the lack of information and awareness people have. Raised awareness will also increase public understanding for the projects and the everyday work of Estonian NGOs and lead to a stronger interest of the media in development issues.

Photos from the event are available at [http://www.today.ee/tallinn\\_maailmupaev/](http://www.today.ee/tallinn_maailmupaev/) (click on "Tallinn: Peace Day")

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#### **4.5. Fair Trade Shop opened in Bratislava**

Information provided by Allan Bussard, Integra

On June 15, a Fair Trade shop was opened in Slovakia, which sells products produced by 70 small suppliers from Central Europe who comply with fair trade supply chain criteria, as well as Fair Trade food, textiles and house wares from Asia, Africa and Latin America. The shop "Ten Senses" is located in the Bratislava old town (Venturska 16), and sales so far have been above expectations. Ten Senses Ltd. is a joint venture between the Integra Foundation, the Vernus Co-op and Dorcas Development (UK). The official opening ceremony took place together with a press conference on September 9 as part of the Slovak MakePovertyHistory or "Svet bez chudoby" Campaign.

Read more on the opening of the shop in the September issue of the NEWSletter published by the Network of European Worldshops:

[http://www.trialog.or.at/docs/newsletter\\_september2005.pdf](http://www.trialog.or.at/docs/newsletter_september2005.pdf)

More information in Slovak language is available at:

<http://www.mvro.sk/fairtrade-predajaa-humanitarna-pomoc.html>

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#### **4.6. Success for the fair trade movement in Hungary: 5000 people over 5 months**

Information provided by Gyorgyi Ujszaszi, Protect the Future

The fair trade movement was launched at the Okofeszt in Budapest (15-16 April). Organizers came from different NGOs, namely Protect the Future (Vedegylet) and Green Youngs (Zold Fiatalok). Participants were informed about the existence and importance of Fair Trade products in respect of international equity and sustainability: the products available were not only FT but also organic, as well as from local small organic farmers. Materials were available calling for

Global Trade Justice and the event was registered as part of the international Trade Justice Week of Action. The success of the Okofest led to buffet-events at fest after fest all through summer. Although it was a very busy summer for all of the volunteers and organizers, they may talk about lots of successes. Around 5000 persons were reached, a 12 page – brochure was compiled, a colourful leaflet, a postcard, poster, stickers were printed and CD-s were written. Organizers won 60 volunteers to the cause, they permanently work with them on different aspects of the project. An educational book is close to completion. An amazing amount of press coverage has given their ideas a public profile.

The 'FairVilag Meltanyos Kereskedelem Magyarország Szovetseg' - Fair World, Fair Trade Association, Hungary - is being established. Its aim is to keep on awareness raising, educating and encouraging trading-related fair trade in Hungary. For further information please contact Ms. Gyorgyi Ujszaszi at [gyorgyi@vedegylet.hu](mailto:gyorgyi@vedegylet.hu)

View photos from the Okofeszt at the following link:  
[http://www.trialog.or.at/docs/photos\\_okofeszt.doc](http://www.trialog.or.at/docs/photos_okofeszt.doc)

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#### **4.7. "NEWS goes East" website goes live**

Information provided by Hilary Thorndike, NEWS

NEWS (Network of European Worldshops) has created a new website situated at <http://www.newsgoeseast.org> dedicated to the activities of its recent "NEWS goes East" project, which helps promote the Fair Trade movement in the new member states of the European Union.

Thanks to EU funding, NEWS, which is based in Mainz, Germany, and is the umbrella network of 15 national Worldshop (Fair Trade shop) associations around Europe, was able to begin activities to support NGOs, community and voluntary groups, as well as student and church led organisations in the EU new member states develop their own Fair Trade structures and strategies.

NEWS goes East's overall long-term goal has been to lead to the formation of a new Central and Eastern European Worldshop network to be integrated into the existing NEWS framework. Its broad methodology has been to take experiences of Best Practice in Worldshops from existing NEWS members and share them with those starting out in Fair Trade for the first time. Project partners from the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Poland, Slovakia, Slovenia, Latvia and Lithuania, as well as members of NEWS and others involved in the Worldshop movement have had the opportunity to benefit from the wealth of lessons learnt in the past and apply them to their future plans.

The project website is dedicated to the project's outputs and activities that ran between July 2004 and June 2005. These outputs include the Best Practice Handbook and downloadable materials to take part in the current European Worldshops campaign. Reflecting the project's commitment to promote opportunities for networking both during its seminars and through the online contacts database, cultural and professional exchanges are encouraged through the website which contains information and advice about internship possibilities within the European Worldshop network.

For more information about NEWS and its work, please aconsult its website at <http://www.worldshops.org/>

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#### 4.8. Slovak NGO becomes active in South Sudan

Information provided by Allan Bussard, Integra

On September 1 Integra Slovakia launched a new "credit with education" program for women at risk in South Sudan. This project, in partnership with four Kenyan and Ugandan development NGOs, will have three components: basic literacy, a savings program, and credits for microenterprise. The 15-month pilot project is funded by SlovakAid, with plans for modification and scale-up after completion. Sudan is a priority country of Slovak Official Development Assistance. Apart from Integra, other Slovak NGOs (e.g. eRko/the Movement of Christian Children Communities, Slovak Caritas, Association for People in Need in Africa) had or have projects in Sudan.

For more information on the Integra project please contact Allan Bussard at: [info@integra.sk](mailto:info@integra.sk)

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### 5. Information on global development issues

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#### 5.1. UN World Summit 2005

Information provided by Lada Parizkova, TRIALOG

In the middle of September 2005 the world leaders gathered in New York in order to review progress since the Millennium Declaration adopted in 2000. This declaration became known as the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) and all the 191 member states pledged to meet them for 2015. In order to include the NGOs in the consultation process, civil society hearings in the General Assembly have been organized in June 2005. This was an opportunity for NGOs to express their concerns and comments concerning the outcome document of the World Summit. Leading up to the summit, a draft of the outcome document was released, but the United States introduced more than 750 amendments calling for a drastic renegotiation of the draft agreement. The developing countries in response to such a staunch position of the US created the group of 77 (headed by Jamaica). The EU played a positive role as a facilitator of negotiations and a progressive player in the development agenda. The result of the World Summit was rather predictable. The outcome document was "weak and full of platitudes and generalities" as critically said Jim Paul, executive director of Global Policy Forum. There are a number of problems and weaknesses such as lack of urgency of reaching the MDGs, the issues of trade or nuclear proliferation were not adequately mentioned. The document is seen as simply reaffirming past commitments, without adding anything new or substantial. On the other hand, there are some positive aspects, such as agreement to create a Peace Building Commission and a Human Rights Council or stopping genocide. Some issues such as debt relief or HIV/AIDS were addressed more concretely. The outcome document also gives a new opportunity for NGOs to express their opinions by taking part in the interactive hearings with the General Assembly.

Further reading:

UN World Summit : <http://www.un.org/summit2005/>

World Summit Outcome and main documents: <http://www.un.org/summit2005/documents.html>

Millenium Development Goals: <http://www.un.org/millenniumgoals/>

Analysis:

- Poor left behind as world leaders posture, Christian Aid, September 15, 2005,

<http://www.christianaid.org.uk/news/media/pressrel/050915p.htm>

- At a glance: UN World Summit, BBC, September 14, 2005,

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/americas/4245848.stm>

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## 5.2. Human Development Report 2005

Information sent by UNDP, [hdr2005@undp.org](mailto:hdr2005@undp.org)

The Human Development Report (HDR) 2005 with the subtitle "International cooperation at a crossroads: Aid, trade and security in an unequal world" was launched on September 7. This year's HDR takes stock of human development, including progress towards the MDGs. Looking beyond statistics, it highlights the human costs of missed targets and broken promises. Extreme inequality between countries and within countries is identified as one of the main barriers to human development—and as a powerful brake on accelerated progress towards the MDGs.

Visit the HDR 2005 website and download the report from:

<http://hdr.undp.org/reports/global/2005/>

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## 6. Sources of information

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### 6.1. First issue of "Development and Transition" newsletter

Information provided by Jim Hughes, Department of Government, LSE

Development and Transition is a quarterly newsletter covering the UNDP's work in Eastern Europe and Eurasia, including Turkey. Co-published by UNDP and the London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE), the newsletter will be a forum for policy analysis and the discussion of innovative approaches in all the areas in which the UNDP is involved in this region.

Issue 1 is now available from the website. It explores the concepts of development and transition from a variety of perspectives - political science, economics, political economy - and includes contributions from academics and policy practitioners.

Articles in the first issue:

Special Report: Millennium Goals in Transition - Kalman Mizsei

Economic development versus transition - Ben Slay

Lost in transition: when is transition over? - Gwendolyn Sasse

Linking Economic Development and Transition - Waltraud Schelkle

Poverty during the early transition - Nicholas Barr

Productivity, prosperity and development - Andrei Sarychev

Ukraine's transition: The first 100 days - Iryna Akimova

Download the first issue of Development and Transition at

<http://www.developmentandtransition.net> (You have to subscribe in order to read the issue, subscription is free.)

The theme of the next issue is Minorities and Migration in Europe and Eurasia.

If you are interested in contributing an article, you are invited to submit your suggestions.

Please find the instructions for contributors on the website:

<http://www.lse.ac.uk/collections/developmentAndTransition/ifc.htm>

For further information please write to: [developmentandtransition@lse.ac.uk](mailto:developmentandtransition@lse.ac.uk)

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## **6.2. CONCORD Flash N.24 - Special issue on the Global Call to Action against Poverty**

Information provided by CONCORD

For months, media, NGOs and citizens have widespread the message of this worldwide alliance that is committing to making world leaders live up to their promises regarding Development countries to overcome poverty. The special summer issue of the CONCORD Flash reports on the actions of CONCORD members over the past months in the framework of the Global Call Against Poverty. It is available to download from:

<http://www.concordeurope.org/view.cfm?idref=PUB3&tab1=publications>

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## **6.3. Development Education Times N.8 - September 2005**

Information provided by Lara Paoletti, DEEEP

The DEEEP newsletter "DE Times" is addressed to National Platforms and NGOs who are interested in development education issues in Europe. DEEEP aims to intensify the exchange of information and experience between DE NGOs.

Inside the latest issue:

- National Platforms presentation: LUXEMBOURG/Cercle of cooperation, CZECH REPUBLIC/FoRS
- What's going on in DEEEP: Development Education Summer School 2005, Methodologies for Evaluating DE Activities, November DEF meeting etc.
- News for Europe: Having a separate programme for Development Education and Awareness Raising, European Parliament asks for increasing funds for DE in new member states, Millennium Development Goals statement, Update on the Development Policy Statement process etc.
- NPs, Networks and NGOs: Reference document on Development Education, Development Education Forum, 25 October 2005; 2005 European Year of Citizenship through Education
- and many other issues.

Read the DE Times N.8 at: [http://www.deeep.org/english/news/de\\_times/times8/index.php](http://www.deeep.org/english/news/de_times/times8/index.php)

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## **6.4. WIDE Annual Conference 2005 presentations**

Information sent by Katariina Lensu, WIDE Interim Information Officer

The presentations given at the WIDE Annual Conference 2005 which took place in London on 24-25 June are now available on the WIDE website at <http://www.wide-network.org>. The topic of the conference was: "Poverty, inequality and insecurity: What answers does feminism have?" The direct link to the seminar documentation is: [http://www.eurosur.org/wide/project\\_AC.htm](http://www.eurosur.org/wide/project_AC.htm)

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## **6.5. NEWSletter September 2005**

Information sent by NEWS! Network of European Worldshops

The NEWSletter from NEWS - the Network of European Worldshops - aims to inform about fair trade events across Europe and to inspire readers with new ideas for bringing fair trade to more people.

Content:

- NEWS Goes East Website
- T EN SENSES – Slovakia's first Worldshop
- Fair Trade Point

- Tuttaunaltracosa
- Festa Nacional de Comércio Justo
- Advocacy

Read the September issue at:

[http://www.trialog.or.at/docs/newsletter\\_september2005.pdf](http://www.trialog.or.at/docs/newsletter_september2005.pdf)

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## **7. Funding Opportunities**

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### **7.1. First Call launched by the Regional Partnership Programme**

Deadline: October 31, 2005

The Regional Partnership Programme between Austria, Slovak Republic, Czech Republic, Hungary and Slovenia launched its first Call for Proposals.

Please find more information in the following documents:

[http://www.trialog.or.at/docs/call\\_for\\_proposal.doc](http://www.trialog.or.at/docs/call_for_proposal.doc)

[http://www.trialog.or.at/docs/rpp\\_project\\_proposal.rtf](http://www.trialog.or.at/docs/rpp_project_proposal.rtf)

[http://www.trialog.or.at/docs/rpp\\_budget\\_sheet\\_ds.xls](http://www.trialog.or.at/docs/rpp_budget_sheet_ds.xls)

[http://www.trialog.or.at/docs/evaluation\\_of\\_project\\_proposals.doc](http://www.trialog.or.at/docs/evaluation_of_project_proposals.doc)

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### **7.2. CEE Fundraising Achievement Award - 2005**

Deadline: 17 October 2005

NGOs can apply for the CEE Fundraising Achievement Award - 2005 with their most successful recent fundraising effort and compare it with other regional fundraising achievements. The winner will be rewarded with 5000 USD. If you are interested to participate in the award, please find more information on the application procedure, eligible countries etc. on the website of The Civil Society Development Foundation Hungary:

<http://www.ctf.hu/workshop2005/pages.d2?id=award>

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### **7.3. International Fellowship Programme for CEE Foundations and NGOs**

Deadline: November 7, 2005

The second call for applications of the International Fellowship Programme for CEE Foundations and NGOs has been announced. Through this programme, six European and US foundations aim to strengthen civil society in Central and Eastern Europe (CEE) and international cooperation of NGOs by means of fellowship. The programme has three principal objectives:

- To give CEE foundation and NGO staff the opportunity to develop their professional skills with an international and practical orientation.
- To support civil society in CEE by improving the management competences of staff members.
- To trigger or deepen contacts and cooperations between non-profit institutions in CEE and Western Europe.

After the first round in early 2005, the second round will take place in spring 2006, bringing fellows from Central and Eastern Europe to foundations and NGOs in Germany, the United Kingdom and other pre-2004 EU member states. The fellowships are offered for young leaders and senior managers of foundations and NGOs located in Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia and Ukraine. They will last between three and twelve weeks,

allowing the fellows to work intensively on focus topics defined by themselves in agreement with the host institutions. The fellowships are framed by an introductory and a final seminar, and fellows can receive further financial support for additional training, alongside with reimbursement of travel and accommodation costs etc.

- All individual candidates have to apply until 7th November for the 2006 round.
- The programme schedule can be individually adapted to the needs of the fellows and the sending and host institutions involved. The foundations funding the IFP put a strong emphasis on quality standards, starting with a transparent matching process and a thorough preparation well ahead of the fellowship.
- Foundations and NGOs interested in hosting a fellow from Central and Eastern Europe are very welcome to contact the Robert Bosch Foundation to learn more about what it means to participate in the programme. Candidates may also suggest particular host institutions. By the same token, host institutions may propose fellows of their choice, who have to compete with the other candidates on the same conditions.

Complete information about the International Fellowship Program, as well as contact data and the relevant applications forms, are available at: <http://www.bosch-stiftung.de/ifp>.

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#### **7.4. EU Calls for Proposals**

Information provided by Christine Bedoya, TRIALOG

This listing gives you an overview of recently published EU Calls for Proposals and indicates the deadlines of the respective calls. For more information on each call, the regions concerned, on objectives, priorities, size of grants, guidelines etc. as well as on other open EU Calls please go to the TRIALOG website at: <http://www.trialog.or.at/detail.asp?ID=871>

Or turn directly to the website of the European Commission at the following link:

<http://europa.eu.int/comm/europeaid/cgi/frame12.pl>

(Select "other" from the drop-down menu at the top of the left-hand frame, select the status by clicking on "open", select the project type by clicking on "grants", select "all" to search in all regions and countries. Submit your query by clicking on the 'Submit Query' button at the bottom of the left-hand frame.)

#### **EIDHR 2005: Kazakhstan - Fostering a culture of Human Rights**

Deadline: January 12, 2006

#### **EU-Australia Cooperation in Higher Education and Vocational Education /Training**

Deadline: November 30, 2005

#### **Food aid Zimbabwe**

Deadline: November 30, 2005

#### **EIDHR Microprojects Albania**

Deadline: November 21, 2005

#### **EU Support for Regional Economic Development in BiH Fund – IV**

Deadline: November 18, 2005

#### **Food Security Programme for Eastern Afghanistan**

Deadline: November 14, 2005

#### **Human rights, democracy and governance strengthening in Rwanda**

Deadline: November 14, 2005

**Capacity building EIDHR Rwanda**

Deadline: November 9, 2005

**CARDS Regional Programme 2003 - Media Support Programme**

Deadline: November 3, 2005

**EIDHR: Microproyectos para el fomento de la cultura de Derechos Humanos en Venezuela**

Deadline: October 31, 2005

**Support Programme to nutrition in Madagascar (PRONUMAD)**

Deadline: October 31, 2005

**Syria: MEDA - second call 2005**

Deadline: October 31, 2005

**LIFE Preparatory actions, LIFE Third Countries 2005-2006**

Deadline: October 30, 2005

**EU-ACP Microfinance programme**

Deadline: October 20, 2005

**Food Security in Zambia**

Deadline: October 17, 2005

**Aid to Uprooted People in Thailand**

Deadline: October 14, 2005

**Aid to Uprooted People in Burma/Myanmar**

Deadline: October 14, 2005

**MEDA II: Extracurricular activities in Morocco**

Deadline: October 13, 2005

**EIDHR 2005: Kazakhstan - Promoting the Democratic Process**

Deadline: October 7, 2005

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