

[about pontis foundation]**nominate socially responsible companies for 2008 via bona slovakia awards!**

The Pontis Foundation announced the 9th annual *Via Bona Slovakia* awards. Awards will be presented in 10 categories this year, reflecting the continuing development in the areas of CSR and corporate philanthropy in Slovakia. The closing date for submitting nominations is 13th February 2009. Go to www.viabona.sk for detailed information on individual Via Bona Slovakia categories for 2008, the nomination and evaluation process. Západoslovenská energetika is the General Partner of the 9th annual Via Bona Slovakia Awards, and DLA Piper is the event's Partner. Media Partners are the *Stratégia* monthly, *Trend* weekly, *Hospodárske noviny* daily and Slovak Television.

foundation activities in 2009

The Pontis Foundation is preparing numerous activities for the new year of 2009. We'll be continuing the successful formats in CSR and corporate philanthropy programs and extending our support of non-governmental organizations, democratization and development aid projects. A calendar of our activities scheduled for 2009 [is available here](#). We are looking forward to meeting you!

donate 2% of your tax to pontis foundation

The Pontis Foundation is asking for the donation of 2% of your income tax for last year. Proceeds will be used as part of transparent grant programs for activities defined by legislation. Detailed instructions on how to donate 2% of your income tax [are available here](#).

support us online

Besides donating 2% of your taxes, there are other ways for you to support our efforts. We'll be happy to receive your assistance in any form – be it financial or otherwise. One of the options is online bank transfer using your internet banking account, thanks to the portal dakujeme.sk. More information [here](#).

pontis now also at facebook

In addition to the official Pontis Foundation web site, you can also visit our *Facebook* profile. [Our profile](#) features a selection of information about our activities along with video footage from our events. We'll be happy if you also become one of our "fans".

[foundation grants and programs]**results of employee grant program tesco for healthier cities**

Tesco Stores Slovakia is distributing € 39,949 (Sk 1,203,503.57) as part of its employee grant program *Tesco for Healthier Cities*, administered by the Pontis Foundation. The support is granted to 13 non-profit organizations and self-governments for their environmental projects. Results of the grant program and information on endorsed projects [can be found here](#).

[belarus]**study on privatization in belarus**

As part of the project *Supporting Public Dialogue on Belarusian Economic Reforms*, financially supported by Slovak development aid, our partner, the Belarusian Institute for Strategic Studies, published a new study on privatization in Belarus. The study by the author Valeria Kostiugova can be downloaded in English language [here](#).

upcoming events**january**

We'll announce a **Best Essay Contest on the topic of development aid**.

february

Round table in Kragujevac, Serbia, on the topic of Social Dialogue and Knowledge Economy

13 february

Closing date for submitting nominations for the 2008 Via Bona Slovakia awards for corporate responsibility and corporate philanthropy.
www.viabona.sk

15–19 february

Study trip to Slovakia for our partner organization Smart Kolektiv from Belgrade as part of the project *Our City*

26 february – 1 march

Winter School of Development Aid in Banská Štiavnica

continuously

We regularly publish **news from our target countries** on our web pages. Get all the news [here](#).

[serbia and the balkans]

strengthening serbian regions project completed

At the Pontis Foundation, we have concluded the 11-month project *Strengthening Serbian Regions*. The project's aim was the transfer of Slovakia's experience from the areas of transformation and European Union integration. The project focused on two Serbian regions: *Bački Petrovac* and *Niš*. For more information about the project and recommendations to be drawn from project implementation, go [here](#).

[development aid education]

enroll in our winter school of development aid

As part of the Development Aid Education project, we are preparing a 4-day *Winter School of Development Aid* in Banská Štiavnica from 26th February to 1st March 2009. Experts will advise participants on how to carry out development aid and how to prepare projects. You may enrol until 15th February 2009. The project is financially supported by Slovak Aid. For full information about the Winter School and to download the registration form, [go here](#). Information is in Slovak language only.

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