

[about pontis foundation]

lepší svet acknowledged pontis foundation

The Pontis Foundation has received acknowledgement from Lepší svet – a social services center which provides rehabilitation care and a sheltered workshop caring for mentally ill people in Petržalka, Bratislava. The Pontis Foundation was acknowledged in the category of Best Cooperating NGO with Lepší svet in 2008.

we have completed our partnership with ján langoš award

The Pontis Foundation was present at the very beginning of the formation of the Ján Langoš Award and for two years was partner of this award. In this third year, we will not continue with the partnership. The successful last two years have convinced us that the prize has succeeded in gaining a wider public awareness and our partnership is no longer necessary. We wish the organizers of the best success in the awards this season.

pohoda festival this year without ngo's fair and pontis arena

The Pontis Foundation will not organize an NGO´s Fair or a Pontis Arena this year. We do not want to give up the concept of presenting NGOs at the biggest Slovak summer festival completely and hope to return to the festival in the coming years. Instead, this year we have decided to focus on supporting the key activities of NGOs through grants.

[corporate volunteerism]

almost 300 volunteers dedicated more than 1 280 working hours to žilina

Almost 200 volunteers from 9 companies and another 100 supporters carried out activities to help 16 nonprofit organizations. During the Our Žilina event which took place during May 22-23, they dedicated more than 1 280 working hours, which is equal to 150 working days of one person. The Mayor of Žilina and Charge d´Affaires of the Korean Embassy in Slovakia also participated at this event. More information in Slovak and some pictures from the event can be found [here](#).

more than 6 tons of clothing for shelter house st. lujza and ngo maják

Based on an impetus from the company KPMG Slovakia, in April Pontis Foundation organized a collection of clothing for the civic association Maják in Zlaté Moravce and the shelter house Sv. Lujzy in Bratislava. Apart from KPMG Slovakia, another 15 companies participated in the clothing collection. More information in Slovak and some pictures are available [here](#).

921 volunteers already registered for our bratislava volunteering days

The Our Bratislava volunteering days event will take place on June 12-13. Employees of companies in Bratislava will contribute with their time and effort to support the activities of nonprofit organizations in Bratislava. The Our Bratislava volunteering days are organized in cooperation with Engage and the Municipality of Bratislava. The financial partners are Accenture, Hewlett Packard Slovakia, s.r.o. and T-Mobile Slovensko, a.s. More information is available at www.nasabratislava.sk.

[support for ngos]

beneficiary bike tour for dr. clown

In cooperation with the Embassy of The Netherlands in Slovakia on May 16, Pontis Foundation organized a beneficiary bike tour for the Fund of the Dr. Clown charity. The event was part of the re:Made in Holland week-long series of events to publicize The Netherlands in Bratislava. The aims of the bike tour were to promote bike transportation – very popular form of transportation in The

upcoming events

June 12 -13

We will organize **Our Bratislava**, an event of corporate volunteerism. More information is available at www.nasabratislava.sk.

June 18

We will organize a **Seminar for SME about Corporate responsibility – Economy, Environment and Society**.

End June

We will announce the **winner of the Best Essay Competition about Development Aid**.

Netherlands, and to raise funds for the Dr. Clown charity which provides care to ill and abandoned children. More information in Slovak and pictures from the event are available [here](#).

[corporate responsibility]

6th international conference on corporate responsibility and workshop starting with corporate responsibility

On May 14 in Hotel Bonbón in Bratislava Pontis organized the 6th International Conference on Corporate Responsibility. The previous day we organized a Starting with Corporate Responsibility Workshop. The conference focus was on the current financial crisis and the need to keep corporate responsibility programs alive during these times. More information, slideshows and some pictures are available [here](#).

[cuba]

pictures and video from march of solidarity

On April 28th Pontis Foundation and the civic association People in Peril organized a March of Solidarity with the Cuban movement Ladies in White which was followed by a public discussion about Cuba. With the help of our Czech friends from People in Need, the special guest of both events was Pedro Pablo Alveréz Ramos, a former Cuban political prisoner who was released into exile in February 2008. Pictures, video and more information about this event are available [here](#).

[belarus]

belarus was invited to the eu´s eastern partnership program

European Commission's announcement of the start of the Eastern Partnership indicated that the EU is opening up dialogue with countries which have committed to respect the values of democracy and human rights. Launching the Eastern Partnership program and inviting Belarus to join are welcomed steps. The Eastern Partnership program should bring benefits especially to societies in the countries of Eastern Europe and South Caucasus. To mark the arrival of the Eastern Partnership, Pontis prepared an article for the Daily SME which was published in its opinion pages. Slovak transcript of the article is available [here](#).

[serbia and the balkans]

serbian documentary movie about slovak experience from joining the eu

Serbian television B92, together with its partner organizations - including Pontis Foundation - has made a documentary movie about the Slovak experience of joining the EU. The movie is a part of the documentary movies project whose main goal is to describe and explain to the Serbian public how transition and EU integration took place in the Visegrad countries. You can watch the film [here](#).

the local economic development and cross-border cooperation topics of a discussion in vrsac, serbia

In cooperation with our partner organization Belgrade Fund for Political Excellence, we organized on April 22 a panel discussion in the Serbian town Vrsac on the topic: Local economic development and cross-border cooperation. The speakers were Ana Perisic, the director of section for international cooperation in the sector for local development of the Serbian Ministry of Economy and Regional Development, Andrej Steiner from the Carpathian Development Institute from Kosice and Zoltan Pogatsa from the West-Hungarian University from Sopron, Hungary. More information is available [here](#).

partner organization cira from macedonia announced philanthropy awards

On May 18, 2009, Pontis Foundation's Macedonian partner the Centre for Institutional Development (CIRa) announced the winners of their Philanthropy awards which is now in its second year. The Pontis Foundation provided know

how and expertise on the preparation and organization of such awards, based on the foundation of the Via Bona Slovakia award. More information can be found [here](#).

[development aid education]

we are evaluating essays in the best development aid essay competition

More than 30 students from Slovakia submitted their essays to the Best Essay Competition about Development Aid. After checking the formal criteria of all received essays, we will forward the essays to members of evaluation committee for judging. The results and name of the winner will be announced during June 2009. More information about the competition in Slovak is available at www.nadaciapontis.sk/esej.

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