

**[ about pontis foundation ]****orange communication new partner of pontis foundation**

The company Orange Slovensko has become our new communication partner thanks to the 99% discount for telecom services provided to us by Orange. Through this partnership we will be able to decrease costs for phone calls, whilst our team members will be able to use mobile internet during business trips.

**[ good country ]****we are looking for 50 projects which will change the face of slovakia**

The Pontis Foundation has announced a call for projects in preparing the program entitled 'Good Country'. Slovak NGOs can submit their proposals for projects which will compete for financial support directly from individual donors via new a fundraising tool – the portal Good Country. [more here >>](#) (in Slovak)

**[ techsoup ]****slovak ngos can get software donations**

On July 1, 2009 the non-profit organization Pontis n.o. launched a new web page called TechSoup Slovakia - [www.techsoup-slovakia.org](http://www.techsoup-slovakia.org). Through this website Slovak NGOs and public libraries can apply for software and hardware donations.

**[ corporate volunteerism ]****video from our žilina 2009 event**

Over two days in May, 200 volunteers from 9 companies and other 100 enthusiasts volunteered for 16 NGOs in the Žilina region. Together the volunteers worked 1,280 man hours, which equals over 150 working days of one person. A video from the event can be viewed [here >>](#)

**[ foundation grants and programs ]****accenture doubled investments for support of community projects in 2009**

The Accenture Fund administered by the Pontis Foundation will redistribute a total amount of 35,557 € throughout 2009 with the aim of supporting community projects. Through its Employee Grant Program, Accenture will support 20 projects with the theme „Skills to Succeed“. Moreover for the fourth year running, Accenture will give financial support for the activities of two NGOs – Maják and Dotyk. Both organizations are long term strategic partner organizations. [more here >>](#) (in Slovak)

**[ corporate social responsibility ]****new portal [www.zodpovednepodnikanie.sk](http://www.zodpovednepodnikanie.sk)**

The Pontis Foundation launched a new information portal devoted to information from the field of corporate social responsibility (CSR). The portal also contains basic information and definitions of the CSR concept, explains basic terms and answers questions on the reasoning behind responsibility in business. [more here >>](#) (in Slovak)

**[ belarus ]****the results of the 6th call for proposals for belarusian public policy fund announced**

Almost 30.000 EUR has been allocated for six successful applicants from the

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**[ upcoming events ]**

**August 24**  
Deadline for submitting projects for the Good Country program.

**August 27**  
Documentary movie on the Hungarian and Czech experience of joining the EU will be issued.

**September 4**  
Ernst & Young Community Day in Bratislava.

**September 9 - 10**  
Workshop on Visegrad Four Donor Coordination for Serbia in Bratislava.

6th call for proposals for the Belarusian Public Policy Fund. The results of the evaluation were announced on August 6, 2009 by the Pontis Foundation and the Lithuania-based Belarusian Institute for Strategic Studies. [more here >>](#)

### **belarus and europe: opportunities for slovakia**

On July 21, 2009 in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, SR representatives of MFA SR, MF SR, Slovak Aid and the Pontis Foundation met with guests from the Belarusian Institute for Strategic Studies to discuss the current situation in Belarus and the opportunities for Slovak engagement in the country. [more here >>](#)

### **[ serbia & the balkans ]**

#### **sharing our corporate volunteering know-how with serbian companies**

On June 30, the Pontis Foundation in cooperation with our partner organization Smart Kolektiv, organized an informal meeting in Belgrade with representatives from Serbian companies concerning the corporate volunteering concept. The participants got the opportunity to become familiar with the Slovak model of the ENGAGE group and the 5 years experiences of the Pontis Foundation in preparing corporate volunteering activities in Slovakia. [more here >>](#)

#### **serbian documentary movie on polish experience of joining the eu**

Serbian television B92 and the Pontis Foundation, together with its partner organization the Robert Schuman Foundation, produced a documentary movie about the Polish experience of joining the EU. The movie is the second in a series which seeks to describe to the Serbian public how transition and EU integration took place in the former socialist countries in Visegrad region. [more information and the film here >>](#)

### **[ development aid education ]**

#### **winners of the best essay competition on development aid**

On June 25, 2009 together with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and with the support of Slovak Aid, the Pontis Foundation announced the winners of the Best Essay Competition on Development Aid. The winner of the first prize was Eva Komlossyová, a student at the Department of Development Studies of the Faculty of Science at Palacky University in Olomouc. More information on the winners, copies of the best essays and pictures from the event (in Slovak) are [available here >>](#)

#### **development assistance concerns us all**

In July 2009 the Pontis Foundation began to implement the project entitled Development Assistance Concerns Us All. The project will run until February 2010. The aim of this project is to increase awareness and involvement of three main target groups, whose activities can significantly contribute to the improvement of Slovak official development assistance. These target groups are political parties, media and universities. [more here >>](#)

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