

### [ about pontis foundation ]

#### **pontis foundation in moldova on cooperation between government and ngos on integration into the eu**

More than 40 Moldavian non-governmental organizations and representatives of the new Moldavian government participated at a workshop organized by the Pontis Foundation in Chisinau on May 7, 2010. Participants of the workshop mainly concentrated on the question of how to create a better mechanism for a regular dialogue between the government and non-governmental organizations and target it intentionally on the areas Moldova is now negotiating in the Association Agreement with the EU. more here >>

<http://www.nadaciapontis.sk/en/15040>

#### **belarusian project passed financial audit**

A project of the Pontis Foundation aiming to provide long-term support to the analytical community in Belarus passed an independent audit. The project was supported by the Danish Foreign Affairs Ministry in November 2008 as a part of the Danish Neighbourhood Programme in Belarus. According to the independent auditor, the summarizing financial report is in accordance with the accounting and financial declaration standards set in the agreement of the project's support.

### [ corporate responsibility ]

#### **corporate responsibility is about respecting society**

The Pontis Foundation and the Business Leaders Forum in cooperation with the monthly Stratégie organized the 7th year of an international conference on corporate responsibility. More than 130 representatives of companies and organizations met on May 13 in Bratislava to discuss the newest trends in corporate responsibility. more here >> <http://www.nadaciapontis.sk/en/15063>

The conference was organized by Pontis Foundation and Business Leaders Forum, in cooperation with Stratégie monthly. General partner was Orange Slovensko. Partners included: Philip Morris Slovakia, Slovenské elektrárne, member of Enel and Stredoslovenská energetika, member of EDF. Professional guarantee was CSR Europe. Media partners were: The American Chamber of Commerce in the Slovak Republic, EurActiv.sk, Hospodárske noviny and Trend.

### [ great country ]

#### **great country at dutch markets**

This year the Pontis Foundation participated at the Dutch markets which filled Bratislava's Františkánske square with various aromas and tastes of Holland on Saturday, May 15. This was the second year of the event, organized by the Dutch Chamber of Commerce aiming also to support three non-profit organizations. At the event, the Pontis Foundation decided to present its donors program Great Country. more here >> <http://www.nadaciapontis.sk/en/15043>

### [ corporate volunteering ]

#### **our bratislava: launched voting for activities**

All volunteers who will take part at the Our Bratislava 2010 event can now vote for activities, in which they would like to help. An addition to the project this year is the 100 new spaces for volunteers, coming from other than the companies participating at Our Bratislava, who can now participate at some of the activities. more in Slovak here >> <http://www.nasabratislava.sk/SK/page/Spravy/Preco-sa-prihlasit-na-Nasu-Bratislavu/>

#### **books and games for children in the new spring collection pleased ngos**

In April, the Pontis Foundation, together with the Engage group organized a spring collection of various objects for 11 non-profit organizations, the Children's Cardiac Centre at Kramáre and the School club at the Milan Hodža Elementary School. Employees of more than 12 companies collected altogether 1079 kg of clothing,

### [ upcoming events ]

**May 31**

**Deadline for the Pricewaterhouse-Coopers Employees' grant giving program Helping Hand.**

**June 8**

**Seminar on internet safety for representatives of organizations registered in the TechSoup Slovakia program.**

**June 18th -19th**

**Our Bratislava – an event of corporate volunteering**

**June 21**

**Announcing results of the Dexia bank Slovensko Foundation grant giving programs administered by the Pontis non-profit organization.**

**June 30**

**Deadline for 2 special software gifts from the TechSoup Slovakia program.**

**September 17th – 18th**

**Our Žilina - an event of corporate volunteering**

bedclothes and household textiles, 190 books, 51 kg of drugstore goods, school utensils and games and toys for children. They contributed to the collection also more than 300 PC games and educational CDs/DVDs. more here >>

<http://www.nadaciapontis.sk/en/15006>

### **a day in axa**

In April the AXA company in cooperation with the Pontis Foundation organized the second year of its event A Day at AXA. The event aims to support education of young people in the area of corporate business and finances. more here >>

<http://www.nadaciapontis.sk/en/15081>

### **[ foundation grants and programs ]**

#### **seminar on internet safety for members of the techsoup slovakia program**

Microsoft Slovakia in cooperation with the Pontis non-profit organization prepared the first working seminar on internet safety for representatives of organizations registered in the TechSoup Slovakia program. The seminar, under the name: "PARENTS TO PARENTS: How to safely use digital technologies" will take place on Tuesday, June 8, 2010 from 1 p.m. – 3 p.m. on the premises of Microsoft Slovakia in Bratislava. more in Slovak here >> <http://www.nadaciapontis.sk/15073>

#### **techsoup slovakia at the microsoft technology day 2010**

On May 5 the Pontis non-profit organization presented its modern technology donors program TechSoup Slovakia at the Microsoft Technology Day 2010. The event took place on the premises of the Technical University in Košice. Non-governmental organizations, students, starting businessmen and IT developers from Eastern Slovakia had a chance to see, among other things, showcasing of the most interesting tools of Windows 7, of the Office 2010 package currently being prepared, of programs for starting businessmen and web developers BizSpark or WebsiteSpark. more here >> <http://www.nadaciapontis.sk/en/15028>

### **[ belarus ]**

#### **building the cross-sectoral cooperation in belarus: call for participation**

The Pontis Foundation (Slovakia) and Batskauschyna (Belarus) announced Call for participation for Belarusian NGOs to take part in program: „Cooperation for the community: Building the cross-sectoral cooperation in Belarus based on the Slovak experience“. Within this program, 7-15 NGOs from different regions of Belarus will be selected to attend 3 capacity building trainings in autumn 2010. more here >> <http://www.nadaciapontis.sk/en/15070>

#### **domestic funding of ngos in belarus: opportunities and prospect**

The paper by Yegor Moroz analyses various sources for domestic fundraising that is available to Belarusian non-governmental organisations. The study looks into current opportunities embodied by charity by individuals, charitable donations by companies, sponsorship, enterprise activities, revenues from events, membership fees and volunteers and interns. more here >>

<http://www.nadaciapontis.sk/en/15069>

#### **current situation regarding domestic funding for belarusian ngos**

This new report by Yegor Moroz and Halina Rusetskaja, within which 14 case studies are examined, is a part of the analysis "Domestic Funding of NGOs: Opportunities and Prospects". The paper constitutes a summary of the main findings of the case studies, with a focus on the funding themes currently employed. more here >> <http://www.nadaciapontis.sk/en/15067>

#### **new analysis on belarus and european policy: issues and perspectives**

The author Andrei Yahorau, from the International Consortium EUROBELARUS, analyses the current relationship between Belarus and Europe, focusing on the ties and framework of cooperation with the European Union institutions. more here >> <http://www.nadaciapontis.sk/en/14991>

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

#### **development aid should be nonpartisan**

On April 26 the Pontis Foundation organized a panel discussion on Slovak

Development aid and parliamentary elections 2010. Barbora Straková (ĽS-HZDS), Milan Ježovica (SDKÚ-DS) and Martin Dilong (KDH) spoke on the panel. The press agency SITA reported on this discussion in a specialized section of their online news Webnoviny.sk devoted to development aid. more here >>

<http://www.nadaciapontis.sk/en/14985>

### **slovak political parties make development aid a part of their agenda**

Before the upcoming parliamentary elections on June 12, 2010, the Pontis Foundation was interested in finding out the stance of Slovak political parties towards foreign development aid, their evaluation of the current system and possible suggestions to changing state policy in this area. You will find more information on this in the political parties' election programs report evaluated from the point of view of development aid. more information in Slovak here >>

[http://www.nadaciapontis.sk/tmp/asset\\_cache/link/0000025055/100426\\_RPvAge\\_ndePolitickýchStran.pdf](http://www.nadaciapontis.sk/tmp/asset_cache/link/0000025055/100426_RPvAge_ndePolitickýchStran.pdf)

### **more than 200 students came to lectures on kenya**

The Pontis Foundation organized a series of lectures on Kenya at four Universities in Slovakia. David Ogiga, a guest from Kenya and from the partner organization Youth for Conservation focused mainly on the following topics: environment protection in reservation areas, protection of wild animals, topics related to working with communities and education of people living close to the reservation areas. more here >> <http://www.nadaciapontis.sk/en/15009>

### **[ serbia and the western balkans ]**

#### **during the business trip to belgrade pontis provided several workshops**

The Pontis Foundation signed an agreement with six young researchers and journalists, who would like to use their Slovak experience as a perspective for the Serbian ambitions to become a part of the European Union. Grant recipients participated at a training learning how to write a good research study and called it the most important part of the training which they will be able to make use of in the future. At the seminars organized by the Center for Democracy Foundation and the Balkan Community Initiatives Fund, trainers of the Pontis Foundation shared their know how in the areas of public advocacy and fundraising. more here >> <http://www.nadaciapontis.sk/en/14964>

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