



## **Community Foundations Study Tour – Slovakia**

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# **Ekopolis Foundation – a Community Foundation Support Organization**

## **WHAT IS EKOPOLIS FOUNDATION?**

**Ekopolis Foundation** is a value based, grant-making foundation, active in the field of sustainable development and providing financial support to various agents of change and agents that are critical to protecting and sustaining civil society in Slovakia. Its sources of income consist of a combination of

a) mostly on flow-through funds from few remaining foreign private donors, administering independent funding for structural strengthening of civil society and nonprofit sector

b) new private and public domestic sources covering issues of sustainable development and community development (in process)

The Ekopolis foundation has also a long term strategy to gradually build up its endowment which is currently at the level of \$600,000 so that it will strengthen its stability and move closer to the model of foundation, which will be able to fund activities independently of its donors. This is a long-term goal to which specific efforts are being undertaken (endowment raising campaign).

In the Slovak foundation context, Ekopolis is the second largest grant-maker in terms of amount of funding provided to NGOs in grants in open grant competitions.

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