



Annual Report

2021

Carpathian Foundation-Hungary

The Foundation deals with donations through tenders and the implementation of development programs and projects aimed at supporting disadvantaged rural areas and communities, as well as with scholarship granting.

The Carpathian Foundation-Hungary is a member of the **International Carpathian Foundation Network** for the development of the Carpathian region, that consists of three independent foundations:

- **Carpathian Foundation – Hungary** – www.karpatokalapitvany.hu
- **Karpatská nadácia - Slovensko**, Slovakia – www.karpatskanadacia.sk
- **Карпатський фонд – Україна**, Ukraine - www.carpathianfoundation.org.ua

The **strategic goal** of the Foundation is to develop the human resources of the region (individuals, organizations, communities) for the development of lagging rural areas, disadvantaged communities and minorities, thus indirectly reducing poverty and social exclusion.

Our strategic goals:

- we support sustainable development initiatives by local communities and NGOs;
- we strive to reduce the lagging and exclusion of rural areas and communities by supporting local development initiatives;
- we encourage and help local communities addressing and solving local problems;
- we support and develop organizations working with disadvantaged and excluded people living in poverty, in order to strengthen the advocacy capacity of the people they represent and to have a more effective say in the decision-making process that affects them, making them full members of society;
- we strengthen social attitudes, mainly by disseminating the practice of volunteering and increasing the opportunities for disadvantaged young people;
- we encourage cross-border cooperation, the transfer of knowledge, the exchange of experiences and the presentation and dissemination of good practices of people living in the countries of the Carpathian region;
- we strengthen the willingness to donate in Hungary by developing, presenting and supporting good examples and sample projects;
- we support the nurturing and utilization of cultural and natural heritage values and the promotion of multiculturalism.

THE MOST SIGNIFICANT PROGRAMMES IN 2021

Fred Robey – Carpathian Equal Opportunities Scholarship Programme

The program provides disadvantaged students living in Northeast Hungary with the successful completion of university / college, as well as the opportunity for students to remain in the region after completing their studies. Its aim is to educate European-level intellectuals with expertise and profession who remain in the field and are struggling to improve the region. The scholarship is announced at all universities in the region. The tools of the program: financial benefit - 30 thousand HUF / month scholarship and the implementation of a ten-month voluntary work program called “In the Region for the Region” at a non-governmental organization.

In the academic year 2021/22, our scholar was Zsolt Hamar, who is a student of Community Organizing at the Eszterházy Károly Catholic University, and who runs his volunteer programme at our Foundation, under the mentorship of the Executive Director and the Head of the Community Foundation of Eger. Zsolt has only won the scholarship for the first time, but he has already settled in easily with the Foundation team. Zsolt's duties included running the day-to-day activities of the Foundation, helping staff to successfully run their programmes, and is also responsible for running some small projects.

In the school year 2021/22, the programme was implemented with donations from individuals and 1% of the personal tax.



More information:

<https://www.karpatokalapitvany.hu/en/iras/carpathian-equal-opportunities-scholarship-program>



Our trainings, development of CSOs

Within our training programme, we provide training opportunities mainly to foundations, associations, informal groups and communities working in the field of equal opportunities and rural development. We aim to build professional relationships and networks between participants, so that organizations treat each other as partners rather than competitors. They mobilise better resources to improve the quality of life of the communities they represent, and use them in the most optimal and beneficial way.

Our project named „Strengthening and activating small communities of Northeast Hungary” (EFOP-1.3.5-16-00915), launched on 1st May 2017, fits within the framework of the program. The aim of the project is to activate and, through voluntary activities, to develop the communities of the (mostly) disadvantaged (small) settlements and the more disadvantaged parts of larger settlements in the region of Northern Hungary, as well as to promote the activation and active cooperation of all community members. The direct target group of the project includes the (small) communities of the municipalities of the region, whose members carry out voluntary activities during the project, in order to develop their own communities by involving other members of the community.

The project ended at the end of 2020, with a maintenance period in 2021, which included one event.

„Know your rights” project

The (roma)community of marginalized settlements in North-East Hungary regularly face the systematic harm of their social rights, segregation in schools, labour market discrimination, misleads, exclusion of basic public services-keeping them out from basic healthcare system; the police or office holders often abuse them and trespass them. For the interest of reduction, the Carpathian Foundation launched an information campaign in 3 settlements of North-East Hungary: Szomolya, Szajla and Bükkszentmárton about human rights and closely related questions.

Expected results:

- ✚ The project increases the advocacy capacity of the civil society organizations involved, which facilitates more effective interventions and increases the quality and number of collaborations.
- ✚ The capacity of the communities involved and their awareness of their fundamental rights, empowerment opportunities and development will be strengthened.



- ✚ As a result, the number of acts against them that violate their human rights can be reduced, their social participation can be improved, and their participation and integration in education and the labour market can be enhanced.
- ✚ The social awareness increasing towards the marginalised Roma, people living in poverty.

The following events were organized in 2021:

2021.07.08-23.

Éva Szomor, remedial and developmental teacher, held a session entitled "Don't be afraid of school" in Bükkszentmárton, Szajla and Szomolya.

2021.06.06-26.

In Szajla, Szomolya and Bükkszentmárton, the adviser of the Heves County Government Office gave practical information on how to manage labour market benefits and cases.

2021.09.10-14.

In Szomolya and Szajla, the local district police officers discussed police measures, offences such as disturbing the peace, driving without a licence, speeding and other topical issues at a public forum.

2021.09.18.

In Bükkszentmárton, in the framework of the "Autumn Health Day", led by Ferenc Horváth Mrs. Ferenc Head Nurse, children received more information about the importance of vaccination and healthy lifestyle in a playful way, while adults received more information about vaccinations through screenings. In addition, on this day, the people of Szomolya went on a trip to Budapest, where they got acquainted with the sights of our capital, including the Parliament, and the programme ended with a boat trip. Unfortunately, their visit to Parliament was cancelled the day before the trip, without any explanation.

2021.10.18-26.

In Bükkszentmárton and Szomolya, Andrea Bocsiné Percze, head of the Garden city Kindergartens, gave a valuable presentation on "The importance and significance of kindergarten life in the lives of young children".

2021.10.20.

The community of Szajla made a day trip to Budapest. In the morning they visited the Tropicarium in Campona, the main sights of the capital. At the Parliament House, the group was welcomed by László Horváth, Member of Parliament.

2021.10.30.

The community of Bükkszentmárton participated in a Best practice visit in Tomor. As part of the event, they visited the Roma Self-Help Association of Cserehát and the Romama Social Cooperative, where the head of the association, László Siroki, presented their activities and then entertained everyone in their restaurant.

2021.11.10-22.

In Szajla, in Bükkszentmárton and in Szomolya, history teacher Ádám Rostás gave presentations on the obligations of the state and citizens' rights under the title "Social Mosaics".

2021.12.1-7.

In Szajla, Bükkszentmárton and Szomolya, RÉV Addiction Support staff talked to the participants about drugs and addiction under the title "It depends..." - What to know about drugs?



Civil Map

The project is carried out in cooperation with the Hungarian Environmental Partnership Foundation, Autonomy and Civil College Foundations, with the main aim of strengthening existing civil cooperation and networks in Hungary. On the other hand, we map and address rural civil society organizations and actors who have not yet been actively involved in Hungarian civil life. Our foundation is carrying out the tasks undertaken in the project in the North-Eastern Hungary region, and we are also supporting the development and building of partnerships between rural and city based NGOs. The project is funded by the Civitates Fund, supported by the Network of European Foundations.

In 2021 due to the coronavirus, the meetings and trainings were held online for the NGOs participating in the project, and the contact with the mentored organizations was also done online and by phone. The Carpathian Foundation mentored 3 organizations in the counties of Heves, BAZ and Nógrád, and we regularly consulted with them both online and in person and supported their work. In the framework of the project, a professional conference was organized on 18 September 2021 in Eger, in connection with the Eger Festival. The event was entitled "Let's talk about money!" - Fundraising, donations, tenders - how to go on, rural NGOs?" was held in the centre of Eger. With the participation of about 40 participants, volunteers, members and staff of NGOs from the North-Eastern Hungary region. Our invited guest speakers were: invited speakers, Márta Rakusz (Community Foundation of Eger), Melinda Vartik (Lamenda Foundation) and Katalin Galyasné Dósa (Little Bear Baby and Mother Public Benefit Association). We discussed alternative ways of raising income for NGOs. On the one hand, the newly established Community Foundation of Eger was also introduced. The topics of community fundraising, corporate donations, and the involvement, management and motivation of volunteer supporters were also discussed. More information on the project:

<https://okotars.hu/en/civil-map>

Early Years Matter Program

We launched our small donation program called “Building Capacities for Effective Early Childhood Development of Marginalized Roma in Hungary” in February 2018. Within the framework of the program, our Foundation provides non-refundable support (in the amount of more than HUF 3-4 million per project) to 10-13 registered, non-governmental organizations supporting marginalized Roma communities in Northern Hungary and the Northern Great Plain.



The Foundation invites non-governmental organizations with local capacities with active, verifiable results to participate in the program. Selected organizations can carry out 12-month projects for the early childhood development of Roma children in marginalized (Roma) communities. Organizations receive special support for the development of their professional capacities in the form of professional trainings. In addition, a professional study visit to Slovakia and a closing conference will be held as part of the program. The program runs in parallel in Eastern Slovakia and, from 2020, in Western Ukraine, due to the members of the Carpathian Foundation Network (www.carpathianfoundation.org). Collaborating, successful organizations may also be invited to the program in the coming years, during which we intend to support an active cross-border exchange of experience.



The Early Development Support Program has a new name for 2021: Early Years Matter. Within the framework of the programme, which has been running since 2018, the Board of Directors of the Carpathian Foundation-Hungary invited 11 NGOs active in the North-Eastern Hungary region to submit a new call for proposals in December 2020, seven of which were awarded a non-repayable grant of nearly HUF 25 million by the Board of Trustees on 15 January 2021. A further 4 applicant organizations were invited to revise and resubmit their applications.

The grantees are listed here:

http://www.karpatokalapitvany.hu/sites/default/files/Korai%C3%A9vek_d%C3%B6nt%C3%A9s_20210115.pdf

Subsequently, on 1 February 2021, our Board decided to conditionally fund 3 projects and reject one. The grantees listed

here: http://www.karpatokalapitvany.hu/sites/default/files/Koraie%CC%81vek_do%CC%88nt%CC%81s_20210115-3.pdf

In total, we worked closely with 10 NGOs in 2021.

As a result of the coronavirus, we worked mainly on-line with the organizations, holding a monthly morning and afternoon on-line small group meeting, and there was still the possibility of individual professional consultations with Éva Szomor, early childhood specialist.

At the beginning of June, when the epidemic situation made this possible, we held a two-day workshop in Eger. The workshop was attended by representatives of our partner organizations/grantees, the professionals who organize the early childhood skills programmes they run, the staff of our Foundation and Éva Szomor, early childhood development specialist who has been advising the successful implementation of the programme for many years.

The meeting reviewed the progress of the projects supported and the impact on development programmes of the closures and restrictive measures taken in the wake of the pandemic. These impacts, although the vast majority of them have of course hindered the professional work and continuity of the sessions and thus their success, have surprisingly in some cases contributed to the success of closer contacts with families and to the cooperation with institutional professionals in contact with the organizations, such as pre-school teachers.

Éva Szomor, who participated in the workshop as a professional consultant, gave presentations on interesting topics on both days, which were complemented by informal discussions. They talked about the importance of agendas and organized daily routines, which not only provide a framework for children, but are also very important for parents. The role of parents in early childhood development was discussed in more depth, and it was again stated that it is only with their cooperation that programmes with children can be successful. Finally, we looked at how professionals working in organizations can 'train' parents in their work with children and develop their parenting skills.

On 25-26 August 2021, we met again in person at a two-day professional meeting in Eger with our partners, the NGOs with whom we have been working for almost 4 years. On the first day, we dived into the exciting world of fundraising and fundraising strategy with Judit Oprics, a donor and non-profit management expert. On the second day, participants shared the successes and failures of the past period, what and how they managed to achieve in this exceptionally difficult period for early childhood programmes. In 2021, we have continued to focus on raising awareness of the importance of early years education, and to this end we have produced a bilingual publication on the programme and the projects supported, which we have promoted widely in Hungarian and in English:



<http://www.karpatokalapitvany.hu/index.php/koragyerekkorikepesseggondozasacovidarnyeban>

<https://www.karpatokalapitvany.hu/sites/default/files/Bulindig%20capacities%20for%20effective%20early%20childhood%20development%20of%20marganized%20roma%20children%20program.pdf>

During the year, we continuously monitored and supported the implementation of the projects, we made site visits to several projects, and we had the opportunity to have Éva Szomor visit the project sites, where she either participated in a children's programme as an observer and shared her advice with the project leaders afterwards, or organised a presentation or discussion for parents. At the end of the year, we launched another call for applications, this time giving new NGOs the opportunity to join. On 29 December 2021, our Board has awarded over HUF 38 million in grants to the following 10 NGOs to implement their projects:

http://www.karpatokalapitvany.hu/sites/default/files/D%C3%B6nt%C3%A9s_korai_2022.pdf

Chance for disadvantaged children

The project was implemented between *1st February 2020-31st January,2021* in consortium with our sister organization Karpatska nadacia, with the support of the Small Project Fund of the Slovakia-Hungary Interreg V-A Programme. The long-term objective of the project is to contribute to improving the life chances of disadvantaged (Roma) children by developing the system and actors of early childhood interventions in the Slovak-Hungarian border region.

The direct objectives of the project are to:

- to present the available early childhood (public) services, participants and, in part, the situation of those involved in the Slovak-Hungarian border region;
- to promote the expansion of the competences and cross-border exchange of experiences of civil, educational and social professionals working in the field of early childhood development of disadvantaged children in ten communities in eastern Slovakia and ten in north-eastern Hungary;
- encourage the identification and wide-ranging adaptation and dissemination of good practices in professional circles that support the early development of skills for disadvantaged (including Roma) children.

Project activities, output results:

- A [professional study in English, Slovakian and Hungarian](#) on early childhood interventions in the border region has been published.
- Two professional trainings were conducted for professionals working in the field of early skills care, one in [Hungary](#) and one in [Slovakia](#).
- A [cross-border professional round table](#) was held to raise awareness of the importance of early skills development and to facilitate the cross-border exchange of experiences between the professionals involved.
- An on-line professional portal with versatile professional content (odperinky.sk and karpatokalapitvany.hu/koragyerekkor) has been created in Hungarian and Slovakian, which promotes the cooperation of the involved actors and professionals and increases the efficiency of their work as a knowledge base and communication platform.
- Numerous professional contents have been published on the topic, a [short video](#) and [11 professional articles](#).
- A [collection of good practices](#) on the early childhood interventions of disadvantaged children will be completed and disseminated to professional circles.

Further information about the project: <https://karpatokalapitvany.hu/koragyerekkor/en>

Playing for change

Our project, "Playing for Change", consisted of two parts: an educational programme and a creative competition. The main objective of both programme elements was to raise awareness of the importance of environmental protection and nature conservation among children, especially disadvantaged children, and their educators and teachers through playful activities.

The project is supported by the **LEGO Group**. More information:

<https://www.karpatokalapitvany.hu/en/playingforchange>



The educational program: The pilot programme was implemented in three disadvantaged municipalities where our Foundation has partners with local presence: Szomolya, Bükkszentmárton and Hevesaranyos. In all three settlements, 9 sessions on environmental protection and sustainability were carried out with the help of organizers and environmental educators who were familiar with the local community. In total, around 125 disadvantaged children living in poverty (Roma) participated in the sessions.

A description of the tried and tested children's environmental activities has been collected and published on a website-www.jatekavaltozasert.hu-for teachers, NGOs, parents or other interested parties who would like to carry out such activities with similar target groups.

Earth is my friend

"The Earth is my Friend!" is a two-round art competition launched in May for NGOs, kindergartens and primary schools in the North-Eastern Hungary region where disadvantaged children study. In the first round, the children were asked to create works of art on the theme of sustainability using recycled materials or materials found in their households. In the first round, a total of 179 entries were received from 80 institutions, involving around 3033 children. After the first round, one or more LEGO or DUPLO Playboxes (depending on the number of entries) were delivered to each institution, with a total of 150 LEGO or DUPLO Playboxes being donated. In the second round, 102 entries were received, with the prize of a high value LEGO or DUPLO set for each child, selected according to their age and gender. The delivery was carried out by the Foundation itself, with Foundation colleagues visiting 66 municipalities in 6 counties, 80 institutions and more than 5,000 kilometers. *In total, 3,351 children were reached in the two rounds of the competition!*



Carpathian Civil Society Platform

A cross-border cooperation platform for NGOs supporting social inclusion and innovation.

Background: The Carpathian region is the meeting point of five countries, Hungary, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, and Ukraine, the mountain range of Central Europe, the center of which is the Carpathian mountain range and the Tisza Valley. The regions are characterized in all countries by economic backwardness, underdevelopment, peripheral location, poor infrastructure; and similarities in these countries include linguistic, religious, ethnic diversity, history and rich cultural and natural heritage, as well as diverse resources.

Social problems are also the same or similar, such as increasing poverty and increasing social exclusion of disadvantaged groups, stigmatizing poverty. However, civil society designed to respond to these challenges, is still weak, and unfortunately, mainly due to funding difficulties, weak local support, infrastructural problems and lack of development opportunities, NGOs do not have effective means to eradicate poverty and exclusion. The aim of the project is to set up a cross-border cooperation network to support cooperation and increase the effectiveness of rural NGOs working with equal opportunities target groups (people living in poverty, exclusion, Roma, people with disabilities, etc.). Another goal is to strengthen the weight of the civil sector in society, to increase the capacity of organizations by creating a cooperation platform for networking, exchange of experience and knowledge, and good practices.

Duration of the project: March 26, 2018 - September 25, 2019 (18 months)

Second section: November 1, 2020 – February 28, 2022(16 months)

Main activities of the second section:

- Kick-off meeting
- Invitation and involvement of participants in all
- Interregional workshops
- Capacity building trainings
- Mentoring and creating mini-projects, collecting Best practices
- Final evaluation and Interregional conference
- Best practice publication
- Creating a virtual civil platform
- Continuous media coverage and communication activities

Implementers of the project:

Carpathian Foundation-Hungary: www.karpatokalapitvany.hu

ETP Slovakia: www.etp.sk

Carpathian Foundation-Ukraine: <http://carpathianfoundation.org.ua/>

Carpathian Gate Foundation (Poland) www.bramakarpat.pl

Project sponsors: International Visegrad Fund, Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Robert Bosch Stiftung and Open Society Foundations, and the Norwegian Embassy in Budapest.

In 2021, we started with online webinars to adapt to the pandemic situation. In March-April 2021, the Carpathian Foundation and its partner organizations in Slovakia, Ukraine and Poland organized a four-part inter-regional online webinar series on topics including social inclusion, community journalism, early literacy care for Roma children, youth and women. The main aim of the international webinar series was to enable NGOs to share good practices, models and initiatives that could be adapted elsewhere, and to help organizations to share these practices at regional and inter-regional level. Most importantly, we wanted organizations to get to know each other's work and to focus on successful social innovation models in rural areas. The four events were attended by more than 150 participants and 10 good practices were shared between Hungarian, Ukrainian, Slovak and Polish NGOs. The participants were very active and had many questions and comments on the good practices presented. Interpretation in four languages enabled communication between participants from different countries.



Civil Innovation Award and results

In the framework of the project, the Carpathian Foundation and its cross-border partners have established a Civic Innovation Award to recognise and support rural community initiatives in the Carpathian Euroregion (Hungary, Slovakia, Ukraine, Poland). To this end, a call for applications was published in the autumn of 2021 for registered NGOs and informal communities with community-based initiatives in the region over the last two years.



A total of 18 applications were received from the four partner countries, and the following initiatives were awarded the prize and the non-reimbursable financial support:

- Gemstone Association (Hungary): Endless love hid in heart pillow
- FÉSZAK-KÖR Association (Hungary): Abathon – community development marathon
- Somnakuno Drom Roma Woman Association (Hungary): Let’s renovate the local surgery room together
- Dedo Foundation (Slovak Republic)- Housing First -first housing method
- Helping Hands Association (Ukraine) – Summer camp for Roma children
- Kopalnia Foundation (Poland) – Cooperation between different generations -common activities for children, youngsters and adults

In Hungary, two applications have also won special prizes, where they will be able to apply for up to HUF 100,000 to carry out a related mini-project, the costs of which will be covered directly by the grant: the Little Bear Baby-Mother Public Benefit Association: the project of the Fairy Service and the Szabolcs-Szatmár-Bereg County Association of the Blind and Visually Impaired: the project of the Telefotel Information Service. The Carpathian Civil Innovation Award was supported by the Embassy of the Kingdom of Sweden in Budapest and the Carpathian Foundation.

All the applicant communities have been invited to the international conference in May 2022, where they will had the opportunity to present their award-winning initiatives in other countries of the Carpathian region and get to know each other. It is also an occasion for the official presentation of the awards. The most innovative initiatives will also be presented in a publication.

During 2021, we held monthly online meetings with partners, where we jointly planned the activities (online inter-regional webinars, Civil Innovation Award, Small Grants Programme, Inter-regional Conference), developed a resource generation strategy and evaluated the activities carried out.

Transnational Giving Europe

Transnational Giving Europe (TGE) is a network of leading European foundations and associations that aims to facilitate cross-border donations within Europe by providing tax benefits to donors (companies, individuals) based in TGE countries (Belgium, Bulgaria, United Kingdom, France, the Netherlands, Ireland, Poland, Luxembourg, Hungary, Germany, Italy, Romania, Switzerland, Slovakia and Slovenia). Its members have outstanding relations with the majority of non-profit organizations in their country and also enjoy the trust of national authorities. The Carpathians Foundation became a member of the network in 2012. Further information: www.transnationalgiving.eu

The Foundation was also a member of the network in 2021. The Foundation staff developed a promotion plan to promote TGE in Hungary in 2021-22. As part of the communication plan, a newsletter was sent out in 2021 to NGOs, embassies, accountancy firms, businesses (to potential beneficiaries) via a database, which resulted in many enquiries by email and phone. In 2021, donations for the Pompidou Centre, a cultural center in Paris, were discussed on several occasions with representatives of the centre and potential donors in Hungary (EUR 21,300). A donation of EUR 1,900 was received from Germany for the Foundation for the Defense Hospital), which we helped to secure.

Other co-operations

The Ambassador of Sweden was our guest

His Excellency Dag Hartelius, Ambassador of Sweden in Budapest, visited Eger and its surroundings on 13 July 2021 at the invitation and in the organization of the Carpathian Foundation. The Ambassador visited Szomolya, where Irén Lázár, President of the Hungarian Roma Association of Szomolya, presented the gap-filling work of her organization, which has been carried out with the local Roma community living in poverty for more than 15 years in the interest of their integration. Our next stop was in Noszvaj, where the Farkaskő Association presented the history of the establishment of the artists' colony in the cave dwellings and their diverse activities. Afterwards, the staff, board of directors and supervisory board members of the Carpathian Foundation presented the organization's work for the development of rural areas and our ongoing programmes. Finally, to close the day, we organized a workshop with NGOs from Eger and the region on the situation of rural NGOs.

Food distribution for the needy!

In 2021, the Foundation continued to actively participate in the operation of a Heves County Food Rescue Network. The aim of the participants is to distribute food that has been thrown away from catering and grocery stores to people in need. The activities of the network were facilitated and supported by a mentor, Boglárka Bata, during several face-to-face meetings.

Partnership against the pandemic!

The World Health Organization (WHO) has established the COVID-19 Fund, through which WHO is leading and coordinating global efforts to prevent the pandemic. The donations will support WHO's work to monitor and understand the spread of the virus, with the Carpathian Foundation as its partner in Hungary. Donations can be transferred through the Transnational Giving Europe network, with tax benefits. In 2021, we continued to participate in and support the COVID-19 Fund's promotional and fundraising activities. More information: <https://www.karpatokalapitvany.hu/en/tge/eng>

LEGO donations!

On several occasions, the LEGO Group has donated toys of great value to the Foundation, firstly on Children's Day we were able to donate 5,000 LEGO sets, and then before Santa Claus and Christmas we distributed 10,000 toy sets to disadvantaged children. Thanks to the support of LEGO Hungary Ltd. we received a total of HUF 123,584,993 in toy donations in 2021.

New partner, new programmes!

The Carpathian Foundation has a new strategic partner in 2021, the New York-based Réka Darida Foundation, which has launched two exciting programmes in cooperation with our Foundation, both of which the Carpathian Foundation is the administrative and financial operator of in Hungary. The "Scholarship for the realization of creative projects based on independent research activities of craftsmen and artisans with special talents" is a call for proposals focusing on one of the important areas of Hungarian folk art, the Hungarian folk crafts. Accordingly, on 3 September 2021, the Board of the Carpathian Foundation approved an annual grant for five artists for a total of HUF 21,000,000, and a separate grant of HUF 3,750,000 for the creative projects of two artists. In the programme "Support for the implementation of professional

programmes of NGOs and educational institutions". On 26 November 2021, the Board of Trustees of the Carpathian Foundation approved the funding of five projects for a total amount of HUF 4,130,000.

The Norwegian support!

In 2021, our Foundation applied twice in partnership with the Hungarian Environmental Partnership Foundation, Autonomy Foundations and the Association of Community Developers for the EEA and Norwegian Financial Mechanism Grants 2014-2021 Active Citizens Fund, Fund Operator in Hungary, which was unsuccessful. As a result, Hungary lost not only this grant of approximately EUR 10,800,000, but also the additional HUF 77 billion that the Norwegian Funds would have provided to Hungary.

More information:

<https://www.karpatokalapitvany.hu/index.php/kozlemenyanorvegcivilalaprol>
<https://eeagrants.org/news/no-agreement-reached-funding-hungary>
<https://atlatszo.hu/kozugy/2021/10/05/a-fidesz-kormany-tudatosan-leepitette-a-szocialis-rendszert-interju-bata-boglarkaval-a-norveg-penzekrol/>

Financial statement of projects and programmes for 2021

<i>Name of the programs and projects</i>	<i>Amount</i>
Strengthening and activating small communities of Northeast Hungary (EFOP-1.3.5-16-00915)	0 HUF
Carpathian Civil Society Platform	608 493 HUF
Early Years Matter	49 885 607 HUF
Know your rights	10 015 698 HUF
Civil Map	3 200 000 HUF
Playing for change	10 749 975 HUF
A chance for disadvantaged children	6 037 211 HUF
Projects in total	80 496 984 HUF
Carpathian Equal Opportunities Scholarship Programme	390 000 HUF
Réka Darida Foundation	7 501 580 HUF
Transnational Giving Europe	13 902 171 HUF
Programs in total	21 793 751 HUF
All projects and programs	102 290 735 HUF

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Boglárka Bata-member

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