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**ART +, Zavod za razvoj skozi kreativnost**  
**“Creative Interventions” (\$3,000)**

The program will focus on providing creative assistance to immigrant children and young adults who are experiencing psychological problems, associated with their acculturation in Slovenia.

**Basketball Club Tolmin**  
**“Basketball Camp” (\$2,000)**

Basketball Club Tolmin organized a week-long international camp with American coaches from the International Sport Federation and several domestic experts. The program gathered more than 100 participants from 9-17 years old to learn about team work, how to overcome difficulties, strengthen solidarity and companionship, reinforce personal responsibility, and have fun.

**Društvo Ključ**  
**“With Songs against Trafficking in Human Beings” (\$6,500)**

This project includes over 50 workshops in cities around Slovenia (Maribor, Kranj, Jesenice, Celje, Murska Sobota and Ljubljana) with the goal of reaching over 1300 young people to talk about Trafficking in Persons. It also funded a concert to raise awareness among the broader public which was attended by nearly 1,000 people.

**Društvo mediatorjev Slovenije**  
**“Advanced Training for Mediators” (\$3,000)**

This project funds a three-day mediation training to educate mediators about best practices in organizing mediations in communities, schools and private companies.

**Društvo za spodbujanje in razvoj mednarodnih odnosov MEOS**  
**“SiMUN 2015 – Slovenia International Model United Nations 2015” (\$3,000)**

SiMUN conducted a simulation of the decision-making process of the various bodies of the United Nations through a three day program for 45 participants which included discussions on terrorism, human rights, freedom of speech, and privacy.

**Društvo za Združene narode za Slovenijo (United Nations Association of Slovenia)**  
**“Youth for More Just World” (\$5,000)**

This project is focused on educating youth on the importance of global solidarity and the role of the individual in today’s interconnected world. It will promote youth engagement in civil society and global issues.



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**EN-LITE Drustvo za spodbujanje energetske pismenosti**  
**“EN-LITE: Strengthening the Voice of Science in Building Sustainable Energy Future for Slovenia 2055+ “ (\$2,500)**

EN-LITE Society organized a public event featuring Slovenian decision-makers at the national and local level about the importance of science for building a realistic, sustainable energy future for Slovenia. The project will also produce a publication to raise awareness about energy security issues in Slovenia and in the broader CEE region.

**Evro-atlantski svet Slovenije**  
**“BALKAN SAYS – Security Architecture Youth Seminar 2016” (\$4,000)**

This project funded a seminar for young people from the region and abroad to discuss security-related topics and search for fresh viewpoints and solutions to the most pressing regional issues.

**Fakulteta za družbene vede**  
**“International Public Relations Symposium - BledCom” (\$8,000)**

BledCom symposium is an annual gathering of scholars and practitioners in public relations and related disciplines to discuss contemporary communication and management problems.

**Integrirana Vizija**  
**“1,2,3 Let's Go Migrant Women” (\$5,000)**

The project hopes to shed light on the issues faced by migrant women in the region and create tools and a network of support for this vulnerable group to help them overcome stereotypical behaviors and attitudes towards migrants.

**Javni sklad Republike Slovenije za razvoj kadrov in stipendije / Education USA**  
**“EducationUSA” (\$12,000)**

EducationUSA is partnering with Slovenian institutions and organizations to promote study in the U.S.

**Metina lista**  
**“Podcast Meta's Tea” (\$9,300)**

Podcast Meta's tea is one of the first Slovenian podcasts established and currently the only one exclusively focused on the media, exposing good and bad practices, discussing new technologies and future trends. This project supported the podcast's effort to look beyond the borders of Slovenia and go international with programs discussing minority, international security, and media issues.



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### **Mini Teater**

#### **“The Festival of Tolerance” (\$7,400)**

The Festival of Tolerance features movies by the international and American movie makers, panel discussions and educational workshops for youth, media and general public focused on youth education, developing tolerance and understanding diversity and multiculturalism.

### **Planinsko drustvo Ljubljana-Matica in Ofis Arhitekti**

#### **“Habitations in Extreme Environments” (\$4,000)**

The project supports a documentary movie and publication documenting American and Slovenian collaboration on design projects for extreme environments, particularly areas of extreme winter weather.

### **Pravna fakulteta, Univerza v Ljubljani**

#### **“Responsibility to Protect in Theory and Practice” (\$4,500)**

The Responsibility to Protect in Theory and Practice Conference addressed the multitude of issues concerned with the international concept of Responsibility to Protect in an interdisciplinary debate and marked the 10th anniversary of the adoption of this concept by the UN. The conference featured international panelists including Slovenian and American experts.

### **PRUDENTIA, Institut za gospodarsko pravo in clovekove pravice**

#### **“May the Best (Wo)Men Decide” (\$2,500)**

The goal of this project was to contribute to greater representation of females in the area of economic decision-making, in particular in mid-size and small businesses (SMEs). It consisted of two workshops led by an American professor.

### **Regionalni center za okolje za srednjo in vzhodno Evropo**

#### **“EnSEneLis Energy Security and Energy Literacy” (\$11,000)**

This project funds research on strategies to address Slovenia’s long-term energy needs and assure a stable and secure energy supply to Slovenian consumers, as well as a series of live and online roundtables and debates to engage a wide range of audiences (journalists, economists, policy-makers, NGOs, students, and faculty) on energy security topics.

### **Slovene Philanthropy**

#### **“Giving Back to Society” (\$3,000)**

Slovene Philanthropy and the American Chamber of Commerce in Slovenia organized Corporate Volunteering Week to promote corporate social responsibility.



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**SOS Help Line (Drustvo SOS telefon za zenske in otroke zrtve nasilja)  
“The On-Line Guide for Media Covering Family Violence” (\$3,500)**

This project will strive to promote good practices among media that will contribute to improved quality standards while reporting about domestic violence. The project will consist of a training session for reporters led by an American expert and publication of an online guide for media.

**Transparency International - Drustvo Integriteta  
Ethical Political Campaigns – Between Fiction and Reality (\$4,000)**

The project focused on raising awareness about political financing and campaign financing regulations on the local level, and includes development of a website, a national conference, and several local debates on the topic.

**Ustanova – Center za evropsko prihodnost  
“The Challenges of Global Security” (\$4,000)**

CEP will conduct a series of roundtables and public events on critical issues in security and defense to promote more robust dialogue on these topics in Slovenia.

**Zavod APIS  
“Equality in Focus” (\$3,000)**

Zavod APIS is conducting workshops on gender equality, women’s empowerment, social media literacy, and citizen journalism for participants from underserved populations including migrants, refugee/asylum seekers and Roma women.

**Zavod za medgeneracijsko sodelovanje, Ypsilon  
“Learn4Life” (\$4,000)**

The project focuses on the use of massive open online courses, seminars, and other tools to motivate young people to pursue entrepreneurial ideas.

**Zavod Tri, zavod za trajnostne skupnostne prakse  
(Institute Three, Institute for Sustainable Community Practices)  
“The Avenue of Prominent Locanke” (\$1,261)**

The project encouraged a debate on the topic of gender equality in Skofja Loka and beyond and deepened understanding of the importance of gender equality through workshops, public debates, and an artistic intervention.

**Zavod Voluntariat, Zavod za mednarodno prostovoljno delo SCI Slovenia  
“Enhancing Quality Support and Culture of Participation in the International Volunteering” (\$4,000)**

The overall objective of the project is to strengthen the role of the volunteer as an active and responsible participant in international volunteer projects and encourage individuals to active citizenship.



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