



# NESST Venture Fund

A philanthropic investment fund for social enterprise development

## Our Portfolio: Slovakia

The following organizations are currently members of the later-stage portfolio of the NESST Venture Fund in Slovakia.

### Vydra



Cierny Balog

[www.vydra.sk](http://www.vydra.sk)

#### Mission:

Established in 1997, Vydra is committed to preserving the local traditions, culture and the environment in the rural microregion of Cierny Hron through education and sustainable development.

#### Social Enterprise:

NESST helped Vydra to launch its tourist camp and café, as well as its second social enterprise, three tourist information centers that sell local souvenirs and tourist packages that include lodging, food services, and eco-tourism activities such as visits to "Open Air Forest Museum", rides on historic railroad, nature walks, horseback riding, eco games and cultural presentations.



*Vydra's Tourist Camp includes multiple enterprises (buffet offering traditional recipes, historic railway, outdoor theater, etc.) that stimulate local tourism and employment.*

### Bambino

Poprad



*Bambino is an innovator in educating Slovak women and families on natural child birth and child-rearing practices.*

[www.materskecentra.sk](http://www.materskecentra.sk)

#### Mission:

Bambino supports families and children by offering education and self-help classes for pregnant women, mothers and fathers.



#### Social Enterprise:

NESST is assisting Bambino and its "School of Healthy Motherhood" provides fee-based courses on natural child delivery and parenting, addressing a serious need in Slovakia. Bambino's courses provide access to information on raising a healthy family that is essential but largely unavailable to parents and soon-to-be parents, thereby contributing to the improvement of obstetrics in the region.