



Private Equity Shares 2009 Campaign

Investing in the Social Sector of Central & Eastern Europe
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Dear Colleague,

In 2008, the Central & Eastern Europe (CEE) private equity industry set a new fundraising record that we should all be proud of. We collectively raised €300,000 in the first **Private Equity Shares** campaign to benefit the important work of NESsT (www.nesst.org), a charitable organization that we believe is making an important contribution to the development of the social fabric of CEE. Please see attached a description of those who supported the first Private Equity Shares campaign.

If you have already heard about NESsT at the annual CEE Private Equity Forum in London or at the HVCA conference in Budapest, then you know that NESsT works very similar to how our own private equity firms do. NESsT's mission is to support "**social enterprises**" -- businesses that create social benefit in a financially self-sustainable way. The many social enterprises NESsT supports apply market-based approaches to solving critical societal problems in the same communities of CEE in which we invest. NESsT "invests" philanthropic capital in their portfolio of social enterprises; they support the portfolio with time and advice, and ultimately they seek to exit by ensuring the social enterprise is able to stand on its own feet. A good example of this is Kék Madár in Hungary which is developing a social enterprise employing people with severe intellectual disabilities in its restaurant and catering business. Likewise, NESsT is supporting Fundatia Carea Calatoare to launch a social enterprise creating and selling audio books that is helping the 90,000 people in Romania who are visually-impaired to gain access to education and employment. These are but a few of the many social enterprises that NESsT supports to provide much-needed economic and social benefits to marginalized communities across CEE.

In 2008, NESsT had 68% more funds to support social enterprises thanks to the support of over 30 CEE private equity firms and individuals who gave to Private Equity Shares. As a result, NESsT was able to complete 9 new "deals," more than doubling the number of social enterprises receiving its support from 8 to 17. The results from NESsT's portfolio are impressive: 100% are meeting or exceeding social goals; and two-thirds are meeting or exceeding social *and* financial goals. NESsT has also developed a robust pipeline, providing training to 78 new, early-stage social enterprises over the last year, and helping 20 to complete business plans for new social enterprises. The demand for NESsT's work is great and growing: in Romania alone, NESsT received 106 applications in its first social enterprise competitions.

With your support, we want to help NESsT expand this work to benefit more CEE communities. **The Private Equity Shares 2009 campaign is targeted at raising in excess of €300,000 from the CEE private equity community.** The funds raised will go to support the current NESsT portfolio of CEE social enterprises as well as new social enterprises. We ask you to consider joining us in the campaign by making a donation. The attached donation form sets out the very simple details of how you can give.

We have all had direct exposure to the work of NESsT and believe it is a very good destination for your charitable giving. Not only do they make your money go a long way, but they do so in a sustainable and professional way that mirrors our private equity investment approach. We hope you will help make Private Equity Shares a success. Please visit www.privateequityshares.org and get involved!

Yours sincerely,

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Mid Europa
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About NESsT

WHO are they? NESsT (www.nesst.org) is a charity founded in Budapest in 1997. It focuses solely on helping other charities to better fulfill their goals of solving critical social problems in CEE.

WHAT is it they do? NESsT provides expert advice and financial support to selected charities that want to develop a social enterprise – that is, a business that will help those organizations achieve financial sustainability and maximize their social impact. In other words, NESsT gives grants to help charities develop real businesses that will not only make them some money, but contribute to their social goal. NESsT's grants to charities to launch social enterprises are up to €10,000 each, meaning its small budget goes a long way.

WHY do they do this? By assisting charities to better plan for and operate their social enterprises, NESsT ensures their long run success and provides higher efficiency for charitable giving.

WHERE do they do it? In CEE, NESsT currently operates in five countries -- Croatia, Czech Republic, Hungary, Romania and Slovakia, with plans for expansion to Poland. NESsT also operates in Latin America.

HOW is it working? NESsT has a solid track record of significant results. 100% of NESsT portfolio enterprises are meeting or exceeding their social goals and two-thirds are meeting or exceeding social and financial goals. You can read more about NESsT's results in CEE in its Private Equity Shares impact report, "Making the Grade," at www.privateequityshares.org.

The Private Equity Shares 2009 Campaign

WHY me? The campaign targets CEE private equity industry participants to encourage them to share their success with the region that has provided them with so much opportunity.

HOW can I participate? Follow the instructions on the attached/enclosed donation card for your personal donation. Encourage your firm to make a corporate gift as well.

WHAT will my cash do? Your contribution will help to expand the work of NESsT to benefit marginalized communities across Central Europe. The €300,000 raised through the Private Equity Shares campaign will go to support social enterprises in the NESsT portfolio as well as new charities to launch social enterprises:

- a **€50,000** gift will allow NESsT to provide venture grants to five charities to expand their existing social enterprises to benefit more people in marginalized communities;
- a **€25,000** gift will allow NESsT to organize a national social enterprise competition;
- a **€10,000** gift will allow NESsT to assist five charities to complete viable business plans;
- a **€5,000** gift will allow NESsT to provide "seed capital" for a charity's new social enterprise;
- a **€2,500** gift will enable NESsT to train 25 charities on fundamentals of good business planning.
- **your gift of whatever size will be put to work making a social enterprise a success!**

All donors will be recognized on the campaign website www.privateequityshares.org and will receive a detailed impact report from NESsT demonstrating the use of funds and resulting impact.

Yes! I'd like to join the Private Equity Shares 2009 Campaign and support NESsT's work in Central Europe!

I'd like to make a donation to NESsT at the following level:

- € 25,000 Sustainer
- € 10,000 Partner
- € 5,000 Supporter
- € 2,500 Friend
- € _____
to help as much as possible
(any size gift will go a long way!)

Processing your donation is easy:

1. First, complete this donation form and either email or fax it to: Lee Davis, ldavis@nesst.org; Fax: +(1 815) 846 1775.
2. Second, see the information at right to arrange your gift.

Name

Title

Company/Firm

Street Address

City, Postal Code

Country

Email

Telephone

Website

I'd like my donation to be used to:

- support whatever **priority needs** NESsT identifies
- other specific use:

Please include me in NESsT donor lists as:

- I prefer that my gift remain anonymous.
- This gift can be matched by my employer. I'm enclosing my employer's **matching gift** form.

Tax deductible contributions:

NESsT is a registered charity in Hungary, the UK and the USA. *For tax deductible contributions in Hungary and the UK, please contact Lee Davis for the appropriate donation card. This form is for tax deductible contributions in the USA only.*

NESsT USA is a 501c3 nonprofit organization incorporated in the State of Maryland (IRS tax ID number: 52-2018791). Charitable contributions to NESsT USA are fully tax deductible as permitted by US tax laws.

I would like to make my contribution:

- via US\$ check or money order** payable to 'NESsT' sent to Lee Davis at:
NESsT
4401 Tahama Lane
Turlock, California 95382 USA
- using my credit card** (click the 'Donate Now' button on the NESsT homepage for a link to our secure on-line donation service).
- via bank wire/transfer:**
Account Name: Nonprofit Enterprise and Self-sustainability Team (NESsT)
Account Number: 0039 3398 8131
SWIFT Code: BOFAUS3N
Routing Number: 0260-0959-3
Bank Name: Bank of America, Baltimore, Maryland, USA
- by donating stock** (contact Lee Davis for our brokerage account details: ldavis@nesst.org or Tel: +(1 209) 988 9604).



Thank you for supporting NESsT!

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