

## NESsT Europa

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Year founded	1997; NESsT Venture Fund founded in 2001
Sector focus	Social enterprise development
Geographical focus	Central and Eastern Europe; Latin America
Size of fund	International annual budget: US\$2.5m (FY2010)
Investment support	Venture grants, venture planning grants, one-on-one capacity-building/mentoring, extensive pro bono professional services from local Business Advisory Network, and leveraged funds from other local donors and business leaders through NESsT Investors Circle
Investment size	Venture grants of €835 - 8,345 with multiple rounds of financing provided over average three-year period; capacity-building investments of €1,670 for early-stage support to €40,000 for later-stage support over a three-year period

NESsT Europa is the European branch of NESsT International. NESsT is an international, non-profit organisation dedicated to finding solutions to critical social problems through the development of social enterprises - mission-driven businesses that increase the financial sustainability and social change impact of civil society organisations. NESsT applies a venture capital/private equity approach to supporting social enterprises with financial capital and business mentoring.

The NESsT Venture Fund for Central and Eastern Europe currently supports social enterprises in Croatia, the Czech Republic, Hungary, Romania and Slovakia, and is expanding to include other neighbouring countries. Since its founding in 2001, the NESsT Venture Fund has reached over 2,000 social enterprises in Central Europe and Latin America (Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Ecuador and Peru) with over US\$3 million in financial and capacity support.