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A WORD FROM THE DIRECTOR

Dear friends and supporters of SIMI,

In 2017, we celebrated 25 years since Dana Němcová and Anna Grušová set up the Czech Helsinki Committee's Counselling Centre for Refugees. It was an organization with a clear but difficult task: to defend the rights of migrants in the Czech Republic and to support them and the society during the integration process. Looking back, I think we have been successful in fulfilling this task. Indeed, both of the founders keep supporting us as members of the SIMI Board of Directors. On the following pages, the past 25 years are described briefly, and you may read in more in detail about our work in 2017.

What may not be as apparent when reading these pages is the huge amount of work, personal commitment, mutual support, and cooperation that underpin the history of SIMI's activities. A huge thank you to our current and former employees, volunteers, donors and all other supporters. Working in SIMI's friendly team is an amazingly varied and interesting experience. However, the work is also very demanding. Our clients are often in very difficult situations that seem impossible to solve. They are under enormous stress, often worrying about themselves or their loved ones, not knowing what the future will bring. They live for years under the strain of housing uncertainty, and serious personal difficulties. Our counsellors help solve these and many other issues, providing the legal, social and psychosocial forms of support. This already challenging work is regularly exposed to hate speech from the xenophobic sectors of Czech society and many of the more hateful politicians. Being called traitors or human rights leeches are among the least offensive abuses. I admire all the employees that continue working at SIMI, while coping with the increasing pressure and attacks on our work, legitimacy, and our role in society.

I am convinced that SIMI is a successful civil society organization. During our history we have supported tens of thousands of migrants, held debates at hundreds of schools, conferences or public events, won and lost thousands of judicial and administrative proceedings, and found housing, school, doctor, or employment for thousands of people. I firmly believe that we will continue to fulfill our founders' vision in the next 25 years and that our activities will help the Czech and European society to overcome the surge in hatred, racism and xenophobia that we have been experiencing in recent years.



Magda Faltová
Director



SIMI CELEBRATED 25 YEARS SINCE ITS FOUNDATION

Celebrating 25 years of SIMI, Café Lajka

1992

Individually and in groups, the first major influx of refugees arrived mainly from war-torn Yugoslavia, later also from Cuba or Romania. Dana Němcová together with Pavla Řeháková, a lawyer, started touring humanitarian centers. They helped under the auspices of UNHCR and **unofficially established the Counselling Centre for Refugees**. Anna Grušová joined them later.

1993

The Counselling Centre for Refugees was established officially under the wings of the Czech Helsinki Committee with the support of the Embassy of Canada. It was led by Anna Grušová with the help of Dana Němcová and with Sulejman Jahič as the head of the Board of Directors. Based on Senovážná street in the center of Prague, the aim of the organization was to help refugees and migrants and to defend their rights. From the beginning, it was clear that it would be difficult to achieve this mission in the heterogeneous Czech society.

1999

On the initiative of the employees of the Czech Helsinki Committee's Counselling Centre for Refugees, **the Center for Migration Issues** emerged. This new associated organization focused on immediate help to all migrants and on integration activities. The Executive Board included Dana Němcová and Ivan Medek, with Markéta Hronková as the executive Vice-President and a crucial figure in the functioning of the organization.

2000

The Czech Helsinki Committee's Counselling Centre for Refugees was one of the founding organizations of the **Consortium of Refugee Assisting Organizations** (today's Consortium of Migrants Assisting Organizations). This was an important milestone: a beginning of an umbrella organization and a much-needed joining of forces within civil society.

2001

The number of applicants for the international protection in the Czech Republic culminates; **every month, approx. 1000 clients** uses the legal and social counselling of the Czech Helsinki Committee's Counselling Centre for Refugees. **This is the highest number in the center's history.**

2003

The Counselling Centre for Refugees **separates** from the Czech Helsinki Committee and starts to operate as an independent civic association. **The primary mission** of the Czech Helsinki Committee (human rights protection) and the mission of the Counselling Centre for Refugees (protection of the human rights of refugees and migrants) **remain to be the guiding principles of the new organization**. However, the organization ceases to be financed by the UNHCR and has to fight for survival for the first time. It has lived through ten years of daily work of lawyers, social and psychosocial workers and many volunteers.

2008

The Counselling Centre for Refugees **merges** with the Center for Migration Issues adopting a new name: **the Association for Integration and Migration** (Sdružení pro integraci a migraci - SIMI) Dana Němcová, Ivan Medek and Anna Grušová are the first honorary members of the new organization.

2009

Downturn in the organization's functioning. Due to economic recession, decreasing funds from corporate donors, as well as delay of grant programs, these are so far the most difficult times for the organization. At the same time, more and more clients flow in. SIMI provides them with services only thanks to former employees who work for free and in their spare time. A huge thanks belongs to Jiří Knitl, Světlana Kniazeva, Pavla Hradečná, Klára Holíková, Daniela Jasovská, Tamara Akulasvili, Marie Hradečná, Eva Valentová, Jitka Ch. Pechová, Radka Hájková and many others of our long-term volunteers.

2009

The situation stabilized. **Magda Faltová, the Director, and Pavla Hradečná, the Program Director, take the lead of SIMI** after Jiří Knitl, who was himself preceded by three years of management by, the slightly conservative, Jaroslav Gramel. Jiří Ruml stays as the Head of the Board of Directors since 2007.

2012

SIMI celebrated its **20 year anniversary**. The number of clients served since the organization's establishment exceeded **40,000**.

2013

SIMI **moved** to the current headquarters on Baranova 33 in Žižkov, Prague.

2015

SIMI changed from a civic association to a **public service company**. The name and management stayed the same; Vladan Brož became the new Head of the Board after Jan Ruml. SIMI began to face a wave of xenophobic attacks on migrants in connection with the so-called refugee crisis. This situation continued during the years to follow.

2017

SIMI celebrates 25 years - the team changed but the mission and enthusiasm has stayed the same as at the beginning. Magda Faltová remained as the director, while the founders (Dana Němcová, Anna Grušová) continued as members of the Board. The number of clients reached 50,000. Despite anti-immigrant feelings of the majority of the Czech society, the views of the organization's next 25 years remained positive.

"This year, SIMI celebrates 25 years since its foundation in 1992 as the Counselling Centre for Refugees. Since then, this organization has been one of the key actors in the field of integration of migrants in the Czech Republic. SIMI has partners in the EU and worldwide and strong know-how in both the direct practice with migrants and in the conceptual and expert issues. For the Consortium, SIMI is the key member organization and so we wish them a lot of enthusiasm in the following years."

Anna Dumont, Director of the Consortium of Migrants Assisting Organizations

"In the upcoming years, I wish SIMI - besides much success and many satisfied clients - especially much, much better social environment."

Anna Grušová, founder of the Counselling Centre for Refugees (today's SIMI)

"The involvement of SIMI in the women's rights issues is highly beneficial, crucial, and important. Every year, SIMI organizes very beneficial activities bringing together women who are learning about their rights. The emancipation of women is an integral part of a successful society and SIMI contributes greatly to this issue."

Sagar, personal development coach

COUNSELLING OF MIGRANTS



SIMI provides free counselling to **all migrants regardless of their residence status** in the form of:

- legal advice
- social counselling
- psychosocial support
- services of intercultural workers

The aim of our counselling is not only to help solve our clients' „problems“ but also to help them to be able to understand the issue as much as possible. We are convinced that supporting and strengthening their independence and legal awareness helps to reduce the risk of discrimination and social tensions, which they often have to face.

THE YEAR OF 2017

During 2017 we have carried out several self-help meetings of migrants, so called „focus groups“, to find out what the real objectives of the migrants are, and how we can support the process of their integration. We then pass the outputs of these meetings to the local level community planning – especially in Prague 3, or we prepare suggestions for other relevant actors (Ministry of the Interior, Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs, Government Legislative Council, etc.).

OUR CLIENTS



GENDER



COUNTRY OF ORIGIN

Ukraine, Russia,
Kazakhstan, Belarus,
Moldavia, Nigeria,
Syria, USA, Uzbekistan,
Kyrgyzstan, Mexico,
India, Algeria, Egypt,
Cuba, Bulgaria and
others.

THE PLACES OF CONSULTATIONS:

- the office of SIMI
- the Integration Center Prague
- in the field
- while escorting to the authorities, the doctor's or other institutions

USED LANGUAGES:

- Czech
- Russian
- English
- French
- German
- Mongolian
- Vietnamese
- Spanish
- Arabic

THE ISSUES THAT WE HELP DEALING WITH:

- staying in the Czech Republic
- obtaining citizenship
- international protection
- employment
- housing
- education (available schools and kindergartens; degree validation, "nostrification")
- social security
- health insurance
- loans
- reconciliation of work and family life
- handling the care for a senior or handicapped while being employed
- pensions
- mental issues
- domestic violence

«We were contacted by a client from the USA who came to the Czech Republic in 2014 and started a business here. In the same year, he found employment and no longer had any independent income; however, out of ignorance he did not officially cancel his trade license. In 2017, he wanted to apply for a permanent residence permit and only then, from the negative decision of the Ministry of the Interior, he found out that he had a debt on social insurance. We began to deal with the situation together; the client submitted a declaration of honour, stating that he no longer exercised any self-employed activity, and thus did not have any profit from the trade license. He also provided the Czech Social Security Administration with a summary of his income and expenditure for the preceding years, his debt was calculated and they agreed on a payment schedule.»

"In 2017, a client with a permanent residence permit contacted us, because his wife faced proceedings leading to a possible administrative expulsion from the Czech Republic. She had arrived as a tourist in 2016, while being pregnant. However, because of the trip, the state of her health had worsened and the doctor had not recommended further traveling, as both mother's and child's health would have been at risk. In order to stay in the Czech Republic at least until the delivery or until the doctor allowed her to travel, she had submitted an application for a sufferance visa. Meanwhile, due to the Ministry of the Interior not keeping the statutory deadline for responding to our client's application, her other visa had expired and thus she had been on the territory of the Czech Republic without any valid visa or a residence permit. When she came to the Ministry to ask for information about her application, the foreign police were called and they initiated the proceedings on administrative expulsion. The client was eventually obliged to leave the country, which is a milder alternative to being expelled. After a series of postpartum examinations and vaccinations, she left the Czech Republic together with her daughter. After his daughter was born, the client submitted a residence permit application for the child born on the territory of the Czech Republic. At first, the Ministry rejected the request, arguing by the fact the client's daughter lived together with her mother abroad, and so evidently did not intend to reside in the Czech Republic, which is a basic condition for granting a permanent residence permit. Together with the client, we appealed against that decision and after months of fighting with the authorities his daughter received the residence permit, to which she was legally entitled. Back in her country of origin, the wife of the client filed an application for a long-term residence for the purpose of family reunification so that she could live in the Czech Republic with her husband and daughter, who already had had permanent residence permits. However, her request was rejected by the Ministry on the grounds that in the past 5 years, she had committed a violation of the Aliens Act as she had stayed in the country illegally. Thanks to our request for a re-assessment of the reasons for refusal of the visa, the client was eventually granted the residence permit. The family finally managed to live together in the Czech Republic and they expect another child at the beginning of 2018."

THE MOST COMMON TYPES OF RESIDENCE PERMIT:

- permanent residence
- temporary residence
- long-term residence permit for the purpose of family reunification
- residence for the purpose of study
- employee card



ADVOCACY ACTIVITIES AND MEMBERSHIP IN NETWORKS

*Women in the Fight for Oppressed
Groups' Rights debate, ALTA
Studio, Living realities, Migrant
women among women*

- In the long term, we participate in shaping and influencing the migration and asylum legislation of the Czech Republic, and the public policies related to the integration of migrants.
- We point out the intersecting dimensions of integration, in particular in relation to gender equality or aging issues.
- We submit initiatives in case of local or systemic changes, publish expert articles, and join statements, petitions and campaigns of other organizations or platforms.
- Overall, we strive for better and more favorable conditions for migrants' lives in the Czech Republic.
- We are active in the Government Council for Human Rights' Committee for the Rights of Foreigners and in a number of working groups on migration and integration issues.
- As a member of many national and European human-rights networks we participate in formulating migration and integration policies; more recently also policies concerning gender equality issues.

SIMI IN NETWORKS

- Consortium of Migrants Assisting Organizations (the Consortium)
- Czech Women's Lobby (CWL)
- The Working Group on Economic Migration at the Ministry of Industry and Trade of the Czech Republic
- Platform for International Cooperation on Undocumented Migrants (PICUM)
- European Network Against Racism (ENAR)
- European Network of Migrant Women (ENoMW)
- Research Network for Domestic Workers' Rights (RN-DWR)
- European Association for Local Democracy (ALDA)



THE FOREIGNERS' LEGISLATION FROM THE VIEWPOINT OF THE CONSORTIUM OF MIGRANTS ASSISTING ORGANIZATIONS

(www.migracnikonsorcium.cz)

In the first half of the year 2017, the Consortium ran a joint campaign against a proposal of some of the members of the Parliament. That proposal would have, amongst other restrictions, reduced the rights of migrants to get a judicial review, or to run their own businesses.

- The Chamber of Commerce, the Confederation of Industry and Transport, and the Bar Association also joined the campaign.
- The proposal was criticized by the Committee for the Rights of Foreigners, the Government Council for Human Rights, and by the representatives of the judiciary and academia.
- The Senate returned the amendment to the Chamber of Deputies, which outvoted the veto.
- Only the right to judicial review in immigration cases remained.

GENDER EQUALITY ISSUES RELATED TO MIGRANTS, WITH THE SUPPORT OF THE CZECH WOMEN'S LOBBY

(www.czlobby.cz)

- In 2017, SIMI became a **member of the Czech Women's Lobby**, which supports our advocacy efforts in migration-related gender issues. Within CWL we are active in the Working Group Against Violence.
- **We presented the gender issues in migration to several government authorities:**
 - Permanent Commission on Family Issues, Equal Opportunities and Minorities of the Chamber of Deputies of the Czech Parliament.
 - Committee for the Institutional Safeguarding of Equal Opportunities for Women and Men in the Government Council for Equal Opportunities for Women and Men.
 - Government Council for Equal Opportunities for Women and Men.
- **We have developed initiatives to promote systemic or legislative changes, making recommendations to the policy makers:**
 - a complaint to the Public Defender of Rights in regards to the access of migrant women to housing;
 - suggestions to the Government Council for Equal Opportunities for Women and Men in regards to collecting statistics and multiple discrimination against migrant women;
 - comments to the forthcoming Guidelines for implementation of the Concept of Integration in 2018.

COOPERATION WITH THE EUROPEAN NETWORK PICUM, ESPECIALLY IN REGARDS TO THE EQUAL ACCESS OF MIGRANTS TO THE LABOUR MARKET

(www.picum.org)

- Magda Faltová, the director of SIMI, is a **member of the Board** of this influential European network.
- We participated in a **public hearing at the European Parliament** – together with other members of PICUM, we presented our findings on the difficult situation of female migrants working in households all over the EU.
- We have joined several **common statements** of the PICUM network and a number of European civil society's representatives: e.g., in regards to the EU and Libya cooperation on the fight against smuggling of migrants (over 70 organizations) or to the plans of the European Commission about returns and detentions (over 90 organizations).
- We have participated in the Czech translations of materials for policy makers; i.e., **recommendations for effective filing of complaints** against violation of the labour rights of migrants in European countries. We have also participated on a **leaflet about the integration of foreign workers without a residence permit into the trade unions** (in collaboration with the European Trade Union Confederation, ETUC).



CITIES AND INCLUSIVE STRATEGY

It is essential that at the local level, in the regions, towns and municipalities where the people live, that the integration must take place. Which is why the aim of the project Cities and Inclusive Strategy is:

- **To assess the integration of all groups of foreigners in the Czech Republic at the local level.**
- **To build a knowledge-based platform for all participants of the integration process.**
- **To set up the integration policies in a way that they reflect the needs of foreigners better.**

The project's implementation has been in progress since September 2017, with the support of the European Social Fund's Operational Programme Employment, call number 124, which focuses on stimulating an innovative environment.

Besides SIMI, the experts from The Center for Social and Economic Strategies of the Faculty of Social Studies of the Charles University (CESES) and from The Multicultural Center Prague participate in the project's implementation. Other project partners include the Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs of the Czech Republic and several regions: Prague, Liberec, and the South Moravian region.

INFLUENCING THE PUBLIC

Lela Kukava, Fair Food Club, cooking class of Georgian specialties, Crossing Borders in Prague

{ jedeme v tom
společně }

jsme to my

Together with the OSF Foundation and the Consortium, we discussed the refugee and integration issues with Czech society. With the help of the Czech leading personalities, we asked people in several cities: **What would make you flee from the Czech Republic? How do we recognize that a refugee integrated? Where would you go in case of a war? You may find the answers on www.jsmetomy.cz.**

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views on YouTube

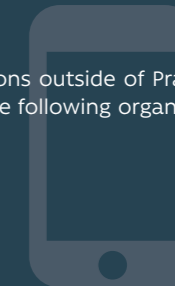
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fans on
Facebook

1154
people have agreed
with the manifest

DEBATES ON MIGRATION IN THE REGIONS

During 2017, we were offered to organize debates with the locals and colleagues in the regions outside of Prague. Some of the events are planned to be held in 2018. For example, we have established cooperation with the following organizations and institutions:

- The Centre for Integration of Foreigners in the Central Bohemian region
- Organization NESEHNUTÍ, in Brno
- regional branches of the Czech Women's Union
- Pierrot Agency, in Uherské Hradiště
- Integration Centers, in Pardubice and South Moravian region



PUBLIC EVENTS ABOUT WOMEN IN MIGRATION

- A Living library, a workshop with female migrants and a speech in a panel discussion on the interdisciplinary conference **Women's Congress** with the topic of Women and Public Space (www.kongreszen.cz).
- **Women in the Fight for Oppressed Groups' Rights** debate in ALTA Studio as a part of the multi-genre project Living Realities (www.altart.cz).
- The documentary film **Women Next Door** has been screened more than 10 times. After the screenings, discussions on the migrant women's position in the Czech Republic followed – the Czech National Library of Technology, Kino Pilotů in Prague, Kino Hvězda in Uherské Hradiště, community center Komuntní středisko Kontakt Liberec, Regional Research Library in Liberec, Langhans Gallery in Prague and others.
- A discussion about the movie *Sonita* and a lecture for the **Czech Women's Union's** members (www.cz.cz).



The Women's Congress, Women and Public Space, Migrant women among women

EDUCATIONAL AND EXPERT EVENTS ON WOMEN IN MIGRATION

- **Expert seminary** "Migrants as victims of domestic violence" for the workers of the Refugee Facilities Administration, in cooperation with ACORUS, z. s. (www.acorus.cz).
- **Lectures at summer schools on migration** in Prague.
- **Academic conference papers at Czech and foreign universities:** various faculties of the Charles University in Prague, University of West Bohemia in Pilsen, Central European University in Budapest (HU), University of Bergen (NO), and others.
- **Seminars for Czech and US students** at Charles University in Prague.
- **Debates and round tables** with the Czech Women's Lobby and other representatives of Czech civil society.

EVENTS TO PROMOTE THE SIMI ACTIVITIES OR THE INITIATIVES OF MIGRANT WOMEN

- **Exhibition of tapestries „This morning a rose bloomed for me“** at the premises of the Lastavica Association. The event was organized by women with migration experience, who presented their artwork.
- **A pilot activation workshop “How to deal with the self-development?”** was organized at one of our regular Intercultural meetings. It was led by a migrant woman for other migrants and for participants from mainstream society.

INTERCULTURAL MEETINGS

176
participants



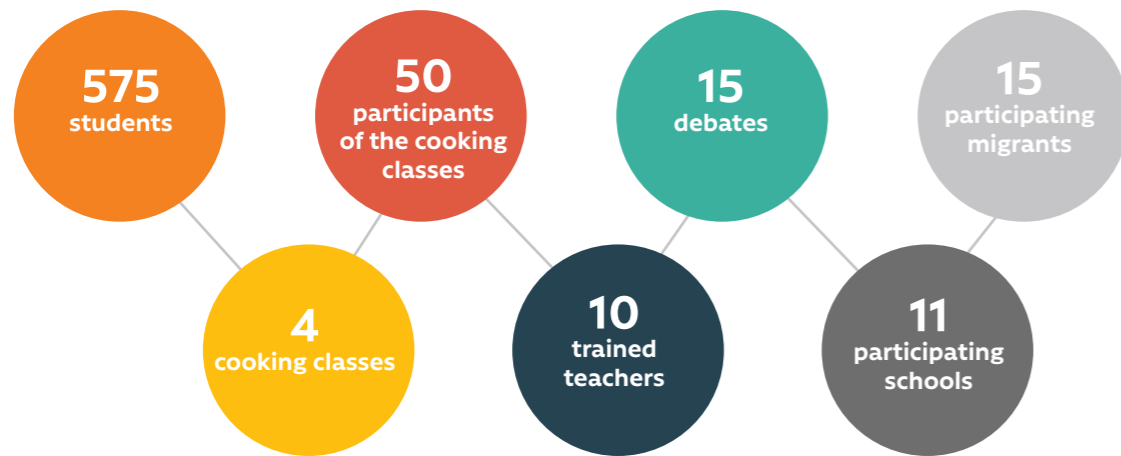
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countries

The aim of these Intercultural meetings is to mediate contact between migrants and Czechs in an environment in which they would normally rarely meet. Members of the majority Czech society have an opportunity to talk with, get to know and spend a pleasant evening with people who they would otherwise see only in the subway, by the counter in a supermarket, as construction workers, or as smart young managers rushing to work.

On the Intercultural meetings, we have the opportunity not only to meet and talk with migrants, but also to learn about their life, how and why they had travelled to the Czech Republic, what they think and dream about, and what troubles them. On the other hand, the migrants have a chance to find out more about Czechs, who are generally somewhat reserved and withdrawn.

CROSSING BORDERS

- **Debates at schools** – with the Crossing Borders and Crossing the Borders in Prague projects we organized discussions on migration and refugee issues at schools in Prague and the Central Bohemia region. A guest migrant participated in the discussions, sharing their personal story and experience of arriving to and living in the Czech Republic. The discussions also included workshops during which the students cooked a traditional dish from the migrant's country, created musical instruments, or put themselves into the role of a journalists to find out about the manifestation of hoaxes and disinformation in the media.
- **Training for teachers** – for Kladská elementary school and Evolution Jižní Město grammar school, we prepared a training for educators to learn about the current situation in migration and refugee issues in the Czech Republic and worldwide. Participants also learned about working with intercultural topics in education, and other information about the duties and responsibilities of intercultural workers.
- **Cooking classes** – under the supervision of migrants from Bosnia and Herzegovina, Georgia, Uzbekistan, and Afghanistan, the participants tried goodies from various places around the world, and learned to prepare some of the dishes. You may find the recipes on our SIMI Foodblog in a collection along with the stories of our „chefs“. <http://foodblog.migrace.com/>.



PEOPLE IN SIMI

*Goranka Ojača, The Prix Irene Award-winner
- for activities contributing to the peaceful
coexistence of diverse people*

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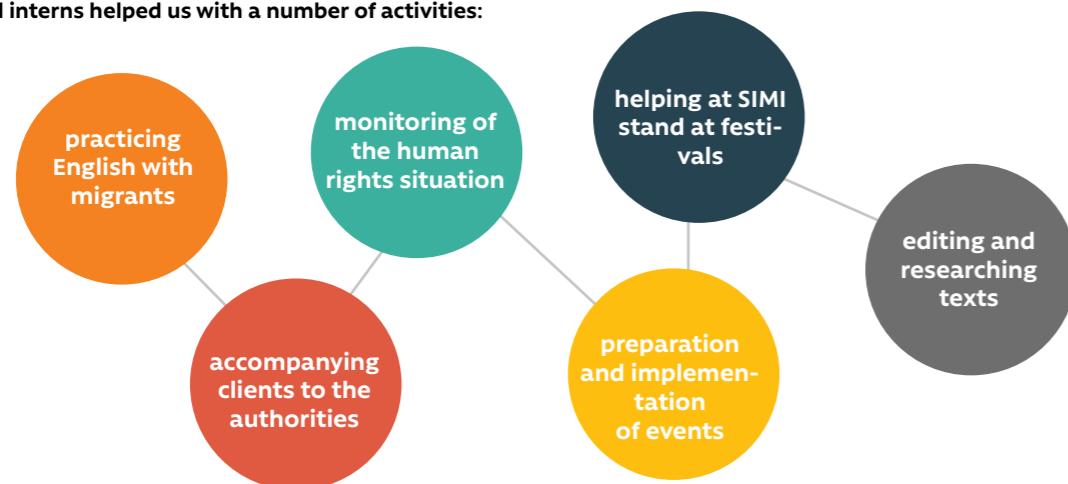
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"For me, the partnership approach and mutual openness is the basis of good cooperation – also trying to be constructive. This is what can be expected from the well-established organization that SIMI is. Moreover, SIMI adds professionalism and enthusiasm even in times when unfortunately almost everyone "understands" the migration and refugee issues. Therefore, I keep my fingers crossed that you keep contributing to the professional and sophisticated social discourse, using arguments, facts, and years of your experience!"

Barbora Hořavová, Program Director of The Open Society Fund Prague, Manager of the program Let's Give (Wo)men a Chance – Norway Grants



PROJECTS

Cooking class of Uzbek dishes,
Crossing Borders in Prague

PROJEKTY

- Migrant Women Among Us
- Cities and Inclusive Strategy
- Study visit to Norway with focus on equal opportunities
- Crossing Borders in Prague
- Integration Center Prague VI
- Crossing Borders
- Jsme to my (It Is Us)
- Migrant Women Among Women 2017
- Volunteers in SIMI
- Changing the Message - Response to „Refugee Crises“
- Building Fair Migration Policy in the Czech Republic
- Regional debates - Information against Xenophobia and Islamophobia

“If you never got yourself into a situation when you needed protection, advice, guidelines or just a friendly word, if you never found yourself defenseless, sick, in danger or disoriented in a foreign country, you cannot fully understand the importance of such organization whose people are humane and ready to help with all their knowledge and abilities. I am one of those, who against their own will had to leave their home and seek protection in a foreign country. In those days, some Czech people came up to selflessly help and they have continued to help for years. They knew that by helping those people, they helped themselves so that those who might have caused troubles and conflicts out of ignorance and inability to understand a foreign culture and customs, did not linger in the Czech Republic longer than necessary. I am deeply aware of the value of these organizations and SIMI takes a place of honour among them. Besides other things, it is also thanks to the unforgettable help of Dana Němcová, the founder, during our beginnings in the Czech Republic, but also because of their difficult mission to continue helping in today's times of tensions. People who are able and willing to help others should be supported and financed, because they do very important work for the Czech society.

Zvezdana Marković, Art Manager



FINANCIAL REPORT

A discussion about Congo with the first graders at the elementary school Kladská, Crossing Borders

OPERATING SUBSIDIES IN 2017 IN CZK

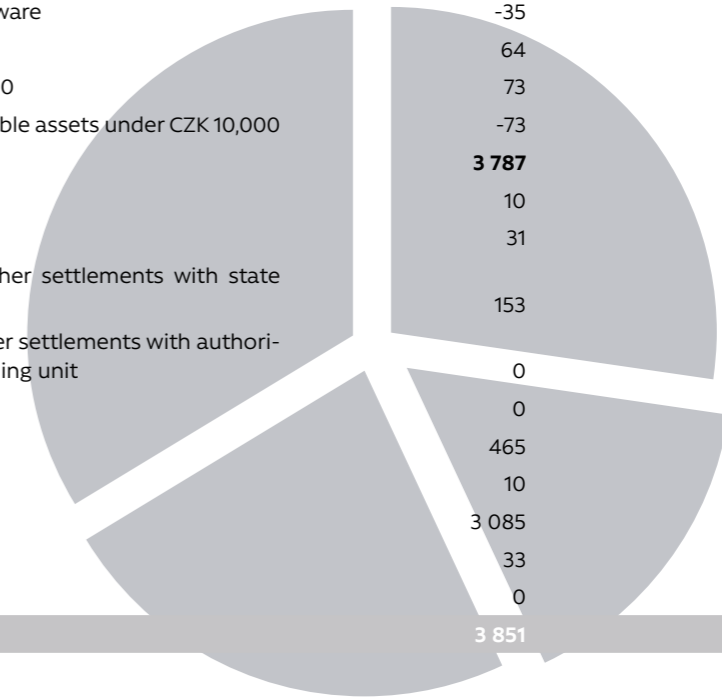
Name of the donor	Amount in CZK
Open Society for Europe (OSIFE)	602 818
Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund	827 139
Prague City Council	1 540 000
Silicon Valley Community Foundation - Ebay	43 398
European structural and investment funds - ESI (Operational Programme Prague - Growth Pole of the Czech Republic)	828 925
European Social Fund, the Operational Programme for Employment	1 286 098
Government of the Czech Republic	644 107
Ministry of the Interior	48 149
Prague 3 - Municipal District	70 000
Local Authorities as Drivers for Development Education and Raising awareness (LADDER)	37 617
European Network Against Rasism (ENAR)	50 743
EEA Grants (Civil Society Development Foundation)	61 145
Open Society Fund Prague	346 329
Total	6 386 468

Expenses	Amount in CZK
Materials consumed	67
Repairs and maintenance	5
Travel expenses	33
Representation expenses	0
Other services	1 169
Salaries	4 490
Social and health Insurance	1 410
Other taxes and fees	0
Other fines and penalties	0
Exchange rate losses	6
Other expenses	127
Provided member contributions	15
Total expenses	7 321

Revenues	Amount in CZK
Sale of services	53
Interests	1
Other revenues	52
Received contributions	782
Operating subsidies	6 386
Total revenues	7 274

DIFFERENCE (PROFIT) **-47**

Assets	status as of 1 January 2017 in th. CZK	status as of 31 December 2017 in th. CZK
Current assets	64	64
Software	35	35
Accumulated depreciation-software	-35	-35
Royalties	64	64
Tangible assets under CZK 10,000	73	73
Accumulated depreciation tangible assets under CZK 10,000	-73	-73
Current assets	3 787	6 798
Subscribers	10	1
Operating advances	31	1 202
Demands for subsidies and other settlements with state budget	153	0
Demands for subsidies and other settlements with authorities of the territorial self-governing unit	0	17
Other receivables	0	211
Estimated accounts active	465	0
Cash register	10	30
Bank accounts	3 085	5 304
Pre-paid expenses	33	33
Accrued Income	0	0
Total assets	3 851	6 862



Liabilities			status as of 1 January 2017 in th. CZK	status as of 31 December 2017 in th. CZK
Own resources			700	653
Funds			1 009	1 009
Accounts based on profits			1	1
The profits and losses account			265	-47
Profits from approved processes			X	265
Retained earnings, accumulated losses from previous years			-575	-575
Liabilities			3 151	6 209
Suppliers			22	24
Advances received			1 993	936
Other liabilities			152	6
Payables to the state budget			0	4 616
Liabilities for social security and health insurance			143	196
Other direct debts			33	50
Payables to the authorities of the territorial self-governing unit			541	0
Another liabilities			266	375
Accrued Expenses			1	7
Total liabilities			3 851	6 862

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For its 25th birthday, I would like to wish SIMI that it keeps its characteristic style given by its employees. They put their heart into the work and always look for a solution no matter how complicated the situation appears. Thus, they restore the feeling of trust and safety in those who turned to them for help.

Jana Hajná, head of the Department of Integration of Foreigners and National Minorities, Municipality of Prague



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