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Milan Rastislav Štefánik Conservative Institute (hereunder as KI) is an independent non-profit NGO. KI is a think-tank with conservative orientation established as non-investment foundation on May 4th, 1999. It was registered at Regional Authority in Bratislava on June 2nd, 1999, under no. 99/602/87 – NF. Mr. Ján Králik is the establisher of KI. Mr. Peter Zajac (the chairman), Mr. Ján Králik (deputy chairman) and Mr. Vladimír Čečetka (member) constitute the **Board of Directors of KI**. Mr. Ondrej Dostál as the KI administrator is the **statutory body** from 2001. Andrea Gondová is the KI controller. In April 2009, the establisher of the non-investment fund appointed the Board of Director in unchanged composition for a three-year period: Mr. Peter Zajac (the chairman), Mr. Ján Králik (deputy chairman) and Mr. Vladimír Čečetka (member). Also in April 2009, the establisher assigned Ms. Andrea Gondová as the controller again for a three-year period.

In 2009, there were seven **employees** in KI: it's administrator and director Mr. Ondrej Dostál, project manager Ms. Dana Feketeová, macroeconomist Mr. Peter Gonda, an analyst for education issues Ms. Zuzana Humajová, communication manager and analyst for agricultural and environmental issues Mr. Radovan Kazda, coordinator of foreign relations, Konzervatívne listy editor, KI website administrator and analyst for regional policy and government issues Mr. Dušan Sloboda and foreign policy and European affairs analyst Mr. Ivan Kuhn. Approximately 20 more fellow workers were co-operating in KI activities.

Unlike some other think-tanks, KI activities are not aimed to one single specific area of public affairs and the life of the society. The common factor of these activities is their basement in the conservative values and point of view related to the society and liberal attitude in the economics. KI activities serve for public interest. Their outcome becomes freely available to public and to the citizens, media, decision makers, political parties and also to other NGOs.

In 2009, KI carried out projects and activities to fulfill it's aim, i.e. mainly the development and protection of conservative democratic values and support of civic activities aimed to develop such values in Slovakia as well as the support of culture, research and education.

KI Projects

In 2009, KI continued organizing lectures of important foreign economists within the cycle of **Conservative Economic Quarterly Lecture Series (CEQLS)**. Three lectures were carried out in 2009. Mr. Peter Gonda was the project coordinator.

In 2009, KI continued running the **Classic Economy Academy** project, with its second grade. Within this project, seminars on economic issues took place. Mr. Peter Gonda was the project coordinator.

In 2009, KI executed the “**Eurofunds Watchdog – Decrease of the Risk of Corruption through Monitoring of Projects Financed from the EU Funds**“ project. Mr. Ivan Kuhn was the project coordinator.

In 2009, KI carried out the “**Support to Slovak Value-Oriented Foreign Policy**“ project. Mr. Ivan Kuhn was the project coordinator.

In 2009, KI launched the „**Civil Rights and Freedoms Defense in Slovakia and Support to Slovak Value-Oriented Foreign Policy**“. Mr. Ivan Kuhn is the project coordinator.

Conferences, Seminars, Conservative Clubs and Other Events Organized by KI

In 2009, KI performed various conferences, seminars, Conservative Clubs and lectures with discussions.

On January 19th, 2009, KI organized the 29th Conservative Club. This time, the discussion topic was **Does Gustáv Husák¹ Deserve a Memorial Tablet?** The participants were: Ján Čarnogurský, Eduard Chmelár, *Ondrej Dostál*, Ivan Kamenec and Matej Medvecký. Štefan Hríb was the moderator.

On March 11th, 2009, Civic Institute organized, in cooperation with KI, a seminar on **Europe's Future** in Bratislava. The following contributed with their lectures to this seminar: Roman Joch, Peter Osuský, František Šebej, Vladimír Palko and Matyáš Zrno.

On April 2nd, 2009, KI organized the II. year of the **Development Alternatives for Waste Management in Slovakia (Waste and the Local Governments)** in the KDAH Great Hall in Ružomberok.

On April 3rd, 2009, KI, supported by Gratex International, awarded the winners of 3rd year of the contest called **Student Essay on Fatal Eight in Czechoslovak History** (events of the years 1918, 1938, 1948, 1968 and 1988 as seen by a student in 2008). The awarding ceremonial took place before the projection of the documentary film **short_long_journey_**.

1. place:

Martin Vlachynský, a student of the Faculty of Economics and Administration of Masaryk University in Brno

2. place:

Tomáš Makatúra, a student of International School of Management Slovakia in Prešov

3. place:

¹ Gustáv Husák (1913-1991) was the last communist President of Czechoslovakia, who held this office from 1975 till 1989.

Marián Sekerák, a student of Faculty of Political Sciences and International Relations of Matej Bel University in Banská Bystrica

On May 14th, 2009, KI organized another CEQLS lecture in collaboration with SKOI and with support of the main partner Penta Investments. In Bratislava, upon KI invitation, Samuel Gregg, the Research Director in Acton Institute (US), gave a lecture on the topic of **The Financial Crisis: Government Intervention and Moral Failure**.

On May 15th, 2009, an international conference **The Financial Crisis: Government Failure or Market Failure?** was held within **Free Market Roadshow** in Bratislava. KI has been one of the partners of the conference where, among others, the following gave lectures: Samuel Gregg from Acton Institute, Marcel Guarnizo from EICEE, Myron Scholes, Nobel Prize in Economic Sciences and Daniel Mitchell and Richard Rahn from Cato Institute.

On June 2nd, 2009, KI in collaboration with .týždeň weekly magazine organized a Conservative Club discussion on **The Financial Crisis and Slovakia: Do the Bailout Packets Help Against the Crisis?**

On June 15th, 2009, KI with the support of Trust for Civil Society in Central and Eastern Europe organized the conference **Transparency and Efficiency in the EU Funds Exploitation in Slovakia** in Devín hotel in Bratislava. The following gave their lectures therein: Zuzana Wienk, Aliancia Fair-Play, Ivan Kuhn, KI, Pavel Nechala, TIS, Ctibor Košťál, SGI, Roman Havlíček, Friends of the Earth-CEPA, Martin Plesch, EUREA, Vladimír Šárnik, EUREA, Radovan Ďurana, INESS and Dušan Sloboda, KI.

On September 21st and 22nd, 2009, the ODM Local Club of Bratislava and Youth Likud, in co-operation with KI, Slovak Union of Jewish Youth and the Bratislava Jewish community, organized **a cycle of lectures Slovakia and Israel**.

On September 28th, 2009, KI organized another CEQLS lecture in collaboration with SKOI and with the support of Penta Investment. This time, Jesús Huerta de Soto, a professor of Economy in Rey Juan Carlos University in Madrid, gave a lecture on **The Financial Crisis and the Economic Recesion**.

On October 22nd, 2009, KI organized another Conservative Club discussion in Pálffy's Palace in Bratislava, this time on the topic of **Which is the Future of Waldorf Schools in Slovakia? A Backroom View of the Alternative Education Experimental Verification**. After the panelists' contributions (Soňa Nováková, Marián Czére, Michaela Vaníčková, Eva Orbanová, Branislav Pupala and Oľga Nachtmannová), the discussion followed. Ms. *Zuzana Humajová*, a KI analyst, was the moderator.

On October 27th, 2009, KI organized **the documentary film projection called I.O.U.S.A. (2008, USA, 85 min.)** in Bratislava. This film deals with the causes and consequences of the financial crisis and public debt. **The film projection was**

followed by a discussion with the economists Vladimír Vaňo and Juraj Karpíš on the given issues. Mr. *Peter Gonda*, the KI economist, was the moderator.

On November 23rd, 2009, KI organized another CEQLS lecture in collaboration with SKOI and with the support of Penta Investment. This time Gene Smiley, professor emeritus in Economy at Marquette University, Milwaukee, gave a lecture in Bratislava on **Great Depression and Current Economic Crisis: Similarities and Differences.**

On November 26th, 2009, KI organized another Conservative Club discussion in Pálffy's Palace in Bratislava, this time on the topic of **An Educational Reform Without Textbooks?** The guests of *Zuzana Humajová*, the KI analyst, who was the discussion moderator, were Anna Chlupíková, David Králik, Veronika Adamčíková, Gréta Korpádiová and Martin Mojžiš.

On December 18th, 2009, **KI announced the results of the contest 2009 Student Essay.** The topic of the 4th year of this essayist contest was **November 1989 and 20 Years of Freedom** (Civic, Political and Economic Freedom Status in Slovakia Two Decades After the Communist Regime Fall). Gratex International, a.s. and the web shop Realshop were the main partners and sponsors of the contest. Another partner and sponsor of the contest was Mr. Tibor TAKÁČ and GEOPLÁN–Rožňava, s. r. o.

1. place:

Terézia Píšiová, a student of the Faculty of International Relations of the University of Economics in Bratislava

2. place:

Radovan Potočár, a student of Andrej Vrábel Grammar School in Levice

3. place:

Pavol Maciak, a student of the Faculty of Architecture of Slovak University of Technology in Bratislava

Lectures, Introductions and Appearances

In 2009, KI analysts and fellows also gave specialized lectures and appearances on events organized by other institutions and participated in public discussions in the media and press conferences.

On January 24th, 2009, the KI analyst *Radovan Kazda* discussed in TV Televízo broadcast *Zoči-voči* (Vis-á-vis) with Greenpeace Slovensko director Juraj Rizman on **Crisis and Search for Energy Sources.**

On February 23rd, 2009, Institute for Public Affairs organized in collaboration with Hungarian Academy of Sciences and its Institute for Ethnic and National Minority Studies a **round table of Slovak-Hungarian consultations initiative** in

Bratislava. The ethnic minority issues were the main topic of this event. KI was represented by its President *Mr. Peter Zajac* and Director *Mr. Ondrej Dostál*.

On February 25th, the Bratislava Institute of Humanism organized a discussion on **Intellectuals and Media (Once again after a lot of years)**. The participants were *Peter Zajac*, Samuel Abrahám, Egon Gál, Eugen Gindl and František Novosád.

The KI analyst *Mr. Dušan Sloboda* informed both journalists and public on a press conference held on March 11th, 2009 that **minister Janušek refused to inform the public on the utilization of the European funds**.

On March 12th, 2009, the NGOs representatives, including the KI analyst *Ivan Kuhn*, met the Regional Policy Commissioner Danuta Hübner. They draw her attention to **serious problems in utilization, transparency and monitoring of the European funds** in Slovakia.

On April 23rd, 2009, the KI Director *Mr. Ondrej Dostál* participated in Brno, Czech Republic, in a **discussion on Slovak-Hungarian relations** organized by the Student Section of International Institute of Political Science of Masaryk University. A Lidové noviny columnist, Mr. Ľuboš Palata from Prague, was another participant therein. *Ondrej Schütz*, a KI fellow, was the moderator.

On April 25th, 2009, the KI economist Mr. *Peter Gonda* delivered a lecture on the topic of **The Euro: An European Prosperity Tool or Obstruction?** within an international conference of Civic Institute, which took place under the name **Freedom Future in Europe** in Vienna between April 24th and 26th, 2009.

One of the guests in the STV broadcasting Večer na tému (The Evening Theme) was *Mr. Ivan Kuhn*, the KI analyst, who discussed on **The Importance of European Institutions**.

On July 18th, 2009, a discussion of .týždeň weekly magazine on **The Power of the Powerless** took place within the Pohoda festival in Trenčín airport. One of the participants was also the KI Director *Mr. Ondrej Dostál*.

On August 28th, 2009, the KI analyst *Mr. Radovan Kazda* participated on a electric-waste experts round table on the topic **...And What Now, Electric Waste?**, where he delivered a lecture called **Will the Waste Recycling Improve After the Enactment of the Contributions to the Recycling Fund?**

On October 21st, 2009, the KI analyst *Ms. Zuzana Humajová* informed that the **Ministry of Education does not monitor the school experiments**. KI asked the Ministry of Education to disclose the information on the alternative programs, which take place on the primary schools. From the response of the Ministry of Education, it became apparent that the Ministry does not keep even the basic records on the experiments authorized by itself.

On November 4th, 2009, a discussion on **20 Years of Freedom** took place within the international festival of documentary films One World held in Bratislava. The guests were Fedor Gál, Martin Bútorá and the KI Director *Mr. Ondrej Dostál*.

On November 19th, 2009, the KI analyst *Mr. Radovan Kazda* participated on the congress **2009 Waste Management Day – On the Way Towards Waste Energy** giving a lecture on **The Crisis Impact on Waste Management Field**.

On November 30th, 2009, the KI analyst *Mr. Ivan Kuhn* informed on a press conference on the results of monitoring, which has proven the **ministries purchased overpriced web pages for the operational programs for millions of Slovak crowns**. The difference between the most expensive and the cheapest web page is SKK 2,214,500.00 (EUR 73,508.00).

On December 9th, 2009, the KI analyst *Mr. Ivan Kuhn* introduced, on a press conference held in Bratislava, the **results of the current public opinion poll aimed to the opinions of Slovak citizens related to Slovak foreign policy and to the support of the world-wide democratization**.

On December 14th, 2009, the KI economist *Mr. Peter Gonda* delivered a presentation on the topic of **Risky Eurochannel** in the conference **1 Year of the Euro** held in Bratislava.

Analyses, Studies and Another KI Expert Activities

In 2009, KI analysts and fellow workers published in media and KI website their articles, analyses and studies related to economics, social policy, school system, environment protection, public administration, regional development, civic society, European integration, foreign policy and European funds. They also presented various professional opinions by the mean of press conferences and press releases.

On March 11th, 2009, the KI analyst *Mr. Ivan Kuhn* presented the partial **results of the European funds exploitation monitoring in Slovakia**. The results show abysmal differences in prices the ministries were willing to pay for logos for the operational programs.

On March 18th, 2009 TaxPayers Alliance in collaboration with KI and another think-tanks made an official introduction of the study **Palestinian Hate Education since Annapolis** in the European Parliament in Brussels. The KI analyst *Mr. Ivan Kuhn* was a co-author of the study.

On March 24th, 2009, the KI Director *Mr. Ondrej Dostál* introduced in a press conference an **analysis of intrinsic obstacles of the government proposal of the act on pedagogical employees** and its provisions on the status of public agent for the teachers. On the same press conference, the KI analyst *Ms. Zuzana Humajová* drew the attention to another deficiencies in this act draft and she

affirmed that the **draft is not in conformity with the educational reform goals.**

On April 14th, 2009, the KI analysts *Mr. Dušan Sloboda* and *Mr. Ivan Kuhn* announced, in a press conference, the **way the individual ministries responded to an identical request of KI for the disclosure of information** related to the European funds allocation for the individual projects.

Within **The Government and NGOs Environment** project, *Mr. Ondrej Dostál* developed an analysis of legislative environment for the NGO economic performance in Slovakia.

The project of **Evaluation of Economic and Social Measures in Regions of Slovakia** carried out by the Institute for Economic and Social Reforms (INEKO) includes the opinions of the analysts, businessmen, mayors, university teachers, scientists, representatives of branch associations and NGOs with regard to the proposed and executed measures of the local governments at the level of municipalities and regions. During 2009, one of the evaluators was the KI analyst *Mr. Dušan Sloboda*. The KI analyst *Mr. Peter Gonda* was one of the evaluators within the INEKO project of **Evaluation of Economic and Social Measures (HESO)**, which includes also the evaluation of nationwide economical and welfare-related measures.

Communication Activities of KI

Also in 2009, KI operated the website **www.konzervativizmus.sk**. By the mean thereof, as well as by e-mails to wide group of people interested on KI activities, KI provided the information thereon and on further affairs related with the issues of conservatism. KI operated also the English version of it's website at **www.institute.sk**. Moreover, KI operate in 2009 the thematic website www.usainfo.sk (dedicated to information on the U.S. society and policy as well as to the Slovak-U.S. relations), www.euroustava.sk (dedicated to the European constitution and Treaty of Lisbon), www.noveskolstvo.sk (dedicated to the education issues and its reform) and www.monitoringfondov.eu (dedicated to the monitoring of the European funds allocation in Slovakia for the 2007-2013 programming period). *Mr. Dušan Sloboda* was the KI websites administrator.

KI is one of the partners of the **EUserver** project. This is an internet portal aimed to provide all relevant information (new journals, books, studies, invitations to conferences, seminars) from the euro-realistic organizations working within Czech Republic and Slovakia in one single web site.

In 2009, KI published monthly it's newsletter called **Konzervatívne listy**. Authors from among the staff and fellow workers of KI publish their analyses, studies and comments on current issues, drafts of new laws and various affairs of public policy therein. Also the information on KI activities and happening within the Slovak and foreign conservative communities can be found there. In 2009, 11 numbers of

Konzervatívne listy were issued. Mr. Dušan Sloboda was the editor of Konzervatívne listy.

KI analysts and fellow workers published articles in professional and other media, gave their opinions for media and participated in several discussions in electronic media.

In 2009, KI continued out also with activities aimed to the edition of **Explanatory Dictionary of Economics**.

Support for Culture and Art

On March 13th, 2009, the **Dominik Tatarka's Prize for 2008** was awarded solemnly in Bratislava. This year, the Jury of Dominik Tatarka's Prize and KI awarded two prizes:

- Dominik Tatarka's Prize to Ján Buzássy for the poems anthology *Bystruška (A Carabus)*, and
- Dominik Tatarka's Honoris Causa Prize to the story of Bratislava environmentalism issued in the work of Mikuláš Maňo *Huba Ideál – skutočnosť – mýtus (Ideal – Reality – Myth)*.

KI and the Jury of Dominik Tatarka's Prize are awarding this prize yearly. Dominik Tatarka's Prize is considered to be the most prestigious Slovak prize for literature and it is dedicated to the author for an exceptional work, which meets the humanistic traditions of Slovak culture and links thereby to the intellectual heritage of the writer Dominik Tatarka.

KI Library

Within KI, there is a **Conservatism Library – KI Documentary Center**. The goal of KI is to build up a documentary basis containing the fundamental works with conservative orientation, conservative magazines, professional texts on conservatism, literature, analyses and studies from different areas of public policy, which would become a professional information base for expert and analytic teams of KI staff, fellow workers and Board of Directors. The library contains KI publications and simultaneously it is being completed with foreign and national volumes oriented on conservatism and classical liberalism. With regard to the extension of the library, we established closer co-operation with the partner think-tanks from abroad. Mr. *Dušan Sloboda* was the coordinator of the project of Conservatism Library.

Civic Activities of KI

On March 3rd, 2009, KI supported the amendment draft of the Act No. 138/1991 of L.C. on municipal assets and the amendment draft of the Act No. 446/2001 of L.C. on the regional government assets developed by VIA IURIS in co-operation with a team of lawyers. The amendments are aimed to achieve **better management of the public assets**.

On June 4th, 2009, Človek v ohrození (People in Peril) organized, in co-operation with KI and another organizations, **a commemorative event related to 20th anniversary of the Tien-an-men massacre in Beijing**. The event was held in front of the Embassy of PR of China in Bratislava.

On June 11th, 2009, KI expressed its **support to the call Červená pre Harabina (Stop Harabin)**. We joined the protest against Štefan Harabin's appointment as the President of both Supreme Court and Judiciary Council, thus becoming the man No. 1 in the justice, with extensive powers related to the justice working.

On June 15th, 2009, several NGOs, KI included, asked the supreme constitutional agents of Slovakia to **discuss the human rights affairs** with the President of the PR of China in Bratislava.

On June 18th, 2009, the NGOs, KI included, **protested in front of the Presidential Palace, advocating the human rights in the PR of China**. During this protest, the supporters of the President of the PR of China Hu Jintao, attacked the Slovak protesters, while the Slovak police either did not do anything during the incident, or helped the supporters of the communist régime. On June 19th, 2009, the NGOs, KI included, **criticized the action of the Slovak Police during the protests in front of the Presidential Palace** held on June 18th, 2009. At the same time, they invited the public to join the continuing protests on June 19th, 2009 in front of the Slovak Government Office building, where the Prime Minister Robert Fico received the president of the PR of China. On June 19th, 2009, the KI director, Mr. Ondrej Dostál, sent **an open letter to the Minister of Culture Marek Mad'arič** asking him to demonstrate, as a representative of democratic country, his respect to the freedom, democracy and human rights by showing to the supreme representative of the totalitarian Chinese régime the memorial of the victims of communism during his visit in Devín castle. On June 24th, 2009, the NGOs representatives, KI included, submitted to the National Council of the Slovak Republic Committee on Human Rights, Minorities and Women their **report on events happened in Hodža Square during the protests advocating the human rights in the PR of China**.

On July 13th, 2009, the NGOs, KI included, delivered to the Ministry of Interior of the Slovak Republic, an **official complaint against the Police action in Hodža Square** and the neighboring streets in Bratislava **on June 18th, 2009** related to the visit of the President of the PR of China in Slovakia. At the same time, KI in co-operation with Via Iuris, **announced the facts indicating the offence commitment by the members of the Police Corps of the Slovak Republic**. On July 14th, 2009, the Regional Court in Bratislava ruled that the **Bratislava's district of Staré Mesto rally ban for Ondrej Dostál in front of the Presidential Palace during the visit of the President of the PR of China was illegal**. On August 17th, 2009, a **constitutional complaint objecting the violation of basic rights** of the KI director *Mr. Ondrej Dostál* by the Regional

Court in Bratislava due to the way the latter processed the rally ban, has been sent to the Constitutional Court of the Slovak Republic.

On August 5th, 2009, several people from the NGO environment published an appeal for the regional and national governments asking them to start saving and not hinder the lower-degree administration reform. *Mr. Dušan Sloboda*, KI analyst, was one of the authors and initial signatories of this appeal.

On September 2nd, 2009, the KI director *Mr. Ondrej Dostál* delivered **a speech during the protest against the language act** held in Dunajská Streda in occasion of the act entry in force.

On September 9th, 2009, the NGOs (KI included) and human-rights activists organized a **rally substituting the illegally banned rally**, which originally had to take place in Hodža Square in Bratislava during the visit of the President of the PR of China. At the end of the rally, the Dalai Lama, who visited Bratislava in order to be awarded with the Ján Langoš Prize, greeted the participants.

On November 3rd, 2009, the petition committee composed by Egon Gál, Martin Mojžiš, *Peter Zajac* and *Ondrej Dostál* published a petition asking the General Prosecution of the Slovak Republic **to review the expertise of the Dean of the Faculty of Medicine of Comenius University in Bratislava, professor dr. Peter Labaš related to the assault on Hedviga Malinová.**

On November 3rd, 2009, the Board of Directors of civic association People in Peril **awarded the civic activist and KI director Mr. Ondrej Dostál with the prize** awarded every year for help in the parts of the world affected by the crises.

On December 16th, 2009, a group of citizens from NGOs, KI included, sent an **open letter to the three supreme constitutional agents asking them to discuss the human right violations in Vietnam in the occasion of formal negotiations** with the President of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam, who visited Slovakia.

Mr. Ondrej Dostál was the coordinator of the KI civic activities.

Foreign Activities of KI

On April 4th, KI published the international petition called **Free Trade Is the Best Policy**, thus joining many other institutions worldwide, which support the petition launched jointly by International Policy Network, Atlas Economic Research Foundation and Global Initiative for Free Trade, Peace and Prosperity.

On October 19th, 2009, Atlas Economic Research Foundation seated in the U.S. published the international laureates of the **Templeton Freedom Awards**. One of the laureates of this prestigious award for 2009 is also KI, for its CEQLS cycle. On November 9th, 2009, the Atlas Economic Research Foundation awarded solemnly

these prizes in Washington, D.C. *Mr. Peter Gonda*, KI economist and CEQLS cycle coordinator, took over the prize.

KI Economy

The non-investment foundation of Konzervatívny inštitút Milana Rastislava Štefánika has had the total income of €124,720.00 and total expense of €124,720.00 in 2009.

The KI income was equal to €78,355.27 and the expense to €131,629.23 in 2009.

In 2009, KI received six donations totaling €4051.05. The KI donors were three natural persons: Mr. Martin Polek (€3,300.00), Mr. Milan Kališ (€66.66) and Ms. Gajarská (€17.00), and one corporation: Geoplán Rožňava (two donations, €333.00 each, total €666.00) and one donation obtained KI by the mean of the donation website www.dakujeme.sk (€1.39). As further donation can be deemed the debt partial exemption made by Mr. Peter Zajac to KI, totaling €6,472.82 (the loan was made in 2008, and part thereof was returned in 2009, hence this item is not in the 2009 list of donations, contributions and incomes).

The KI income from grants and foundations were equal to €65,169.66 in 2009. The grantors were International Visegrad Fund (€4,000.00 as the refund of costs of the conference *The European Union Future – A View from Central Europe*, organized by KI on October 27th, 2008), Open Society Institute (€17,001.55 for the project *Support to Slovak Value-Oriented Foreign Policy*), Open Society Fund (€36,849,88 for the project „*Civil Rights and Freedom Defense in Slovakia and Support to Slovak Value-Oriented Foreign Policy*“) and Atlas Economic Research Foundation (as a part of the *2009 Templeton Freedom Awards* for the CEQLS project equal to €6,782.42 and the travel grant for the participation of KI representative on the award ceremony equal to €535.81).

In 2009, the KI income from the paid income tax 2-% assignation totaled €6,881.93.

In 2009, KI gained the income of €468.53 from his own activities. This includes the participation fees for seminars within the KI events (€288.00) and the sale of the book *In Defense of the Free Market* (€180.53).

In 2009, KI received from European Social Fund the refundation of the *Education for Life* project costs totaling €1,705.89. The interest income was equal to €78.21.

KI expenses in 2009 were used to ensure the activities meeting the goal of the non-investment foundation (€129,472.49, i.e. 98.36 % from it's total expenses) as well as for it's administration (€2,156.74, i.e. 1.64% from it's total expenses).

The following was the KI expenses structure in 2009 by projects and the most important activities:

The Eurofunds Watchdog – Decrease of the Risk of Corruption through Monitoring of Projects Financed from the EU Funds project expenses were equal to €40,342.43, those for the *CEQLS* project €3,519.54, for Dominik Tatarka's Prize €1,910.46, for Konzervatívne listy €2,216.58, for *Classic Economy Academy* €7,408.64, for *2008 Student's Essay* €374.94, for the *Support to Slovak Value-Oriented Foreign Policy* project €28,118.31, for the *Civil Rights and Freedom Defense in Slovakia and Support to Slovak Value-Oriented Foreign Policy* project €30,832.10, for *2009 Student's Essay* €208.39 and for *The Government and the Non-Profit Sector Environment* project €1,991.64.

The income statement, balance sheet and list of donations, contributions and incomes of the non-investment fund M. R. Stefanik Conservative Institute for 2009 are attached hereto.

Mr. Ondrej Dostál
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