



**ERSTE Stiftung**

Vienna, February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2008

Subject: **ERSTE FOUNDATION AWARD FOR SOCIAL INTEGRATION**  
**Dear Ms. Tadic-Husanovic,**

As you know from our Call for Submissions, the **twenty outstanding social projects** that have been judged by an International Jury of Experts to have best met the Award criteria will be announced during an Award Ceremony with festive recognition and appropriate media coverage. The Jury considered a total of 402 submissions. Its eventual decision was supported by fact-finding visits that we carried out to verify the claims of submitting parties and to determine the current status of the projects.

**We congratulate you on your project, which has achieved a ranking between places 4 to 10,** bringing with it a prize of 5.000, - € for each of the winning organisations.

It may be recalled that the ERSTE Foundation Award for Social Integration is designed to add value to social practice by highlighting creative and innovative projects that have made a valuable impact and difference among the intended beneficiaries in Central and Southeast Europe (CSEE). Social integration is applied here to mean policies and programmes that foster stable, safe and just societies and therefore are inclusive of disadvantaged, vulnerable groups and people with special needs. The Award is integral to the ERSTE Foundation Programme "Social Affairs" and provides due recognition to the role of individuals and groups within the region.

The Award is intended to provide wide exposure and lead to region-wide recognition for the winning projects. All 20 Finalists will be included as founding members of the **ERSTE Foundation Network of Excellence in Social Practice**, an informal association designed to create opportunities for better access to networks of potential partners and supporters as well as to the databases of ERSTE Foundation. You will be a member of a growing circle of organizations and groups in Central and Southeast Europe that stands for quality and



innovation which will hopefully become a strong force of social renewal and progress in the region. You will receive special invitations/tickets to events, workshops, conferences and international meetings to be organised by ERSTE Foundation, thus providing you and your staff with additional opportunities not only for promoting your organisational goals but also for building skills and capacities.

We are looking forward to meeting you at the Award Ceremony which will increase the visibility of all 20 projects, all of which will receive national and regional recognition for their efforts through media coverage. You will be able to meet with media people, decision makers and international guests. Thus, the event will provide opportunities for establishing contacts and building up a network of organizations for collaboration beyond geographical and cultural borders.

Sincerely

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