

ACHIEVEMENTS IN 2006

Guide to Administrative Procedure Code. We are co-authors of the book "Guide to Administrative Procedure Code," an essential practical guide for all participants of administrative procedure.

Danone apologized for "BIO". We represented Pro-Bio company, the biggest processor of bio-groceries, that brought a suit against Danone company. Danone finally apologised for improper use of the BIO mark on its yoghurts that had not been produced biodynamically.

Hyundai under surveillance. Representatives of Hyundai, public authorities and the Moravia-Silesia Region signed a "Declaration of Understanding" with NGOs, lead by us. Hyundai is bound to reduce, remove and compensate damage caused to environment and human health resulting from production at its factory development in Nošovice. The Declaration is the first such comprehensive agreement signed in the Czech Republic. The parties signed it before construction of the plant had begun.

New Ruzyn' airport runway. The Supreme administrative court cancelled the changed land use plan of Prague relating to the construction of a new airport runway. The court stated that the land use plan is subject to has to court review and that the Aarhus Convention is directly applicable and has precedence over Czech law.

ELS lawyer is a member of government's Legislative Council. We contributed to the preparation of proposed legislation.

The Constitutional Court supported municipalities. The Constitutional Court ruled to confirm the right of municipalities to defend their own interests, the rights of its own citizens and municipalities' right to decide the manner of use of its own territories. National and regional government had other views.

No controversial paper mill in Opatovice. Our legal counselling helped prevent a controversial investment by the Finnish company Myllykoski into a giant paper mill in Opatovice nad Labem.

Compromise in the Nematik case. The case concerning Mexican aluminium works Nematik near Most is finished. Plots of land needed for industrial zone Havraň near Most that are owned

by a farmer, Mr. Rajter, who was represented by our lawyers for 5 years, will be bought by the town of Most. Mr. Rajter won CZK 260 million in compensation for his land.

International conference "Expectations vs. Reality". We organised international conference on social responsibility of corporations in EU-10. The conference was backed by the former president of the Czech Republic Mr. Václav Havel. Among other guests, Commissioner Václav Špidla was a notable presence. The conference was the high point of a year long project involving NGOs and trade unions from Czech Republic, Slovakia, Hungary, Estonia, Slovenia, Austria and France.

Pressure put on car factories. Based on our demands, Toyota M. C. and PSA Peugeot Citröen adopted improved measures to revitalise the area around their Kolín factory.

The Lidl case in Tábor. Municipal finances in Tábor will be more transparent. The Tábor District Court concluded that "if a town announces specific conditions for the sale of land, it cannot actually sell it under completely different terms".

Highways in South Moravia. We represented citizens in the R 52 Highway case and other transport cases in South Moravia (R43, D1). The Czech Ombudsman has stated that these cases show illegalities. The European Investment Bank decided not to finance the R 52 project until all legal problems are solved and a feasibility analysis has been made. The analysis will compare economic as well as environmental suitability of the project with other variants.

Consumer protection activities. We actively reacted to new procedures of corporations in case of flight prices without "compulsory fees". We have also been active in other consumer protection cases on toxic toys, consumer loans, and incorrectly marked foods.

Protection of discriminated people. We were helping prevent discrimination of employees working in big retail chains. We obtained and published information about fines imposed by Labour Inspection on retail chains for numerous breaches of labour law.

ENVIRONMENTAL LAW SERVICE

legal protection of environment and human rights

2006 ANNUAL REPORT

ELS is a non-governmental, non-profit, and non-political public interest law organization whose mission is to defend the rights of citizens and the environment, foster democratic processes and promote rule of law principles.

Our activities:

Free legal counselling for individuals and communities in cases that jeopardise or harm the environment.

We solve serious legal cases that offer an opportunity for involving the public in environment-related decision making.

Legal response to the pressure to implement major infrastructure projects (highways, waterways) that are in conflict with environmental and landscape preservation interests.

Assistance to people affected by negative impacts of globalisation with special focus on activities of multinational corporations.

Promoting efficient protection of national parks, protected landscape areas, natural reserves, etc. through legal means.

Monitoring of legislative initiatives of the Government, Ministries and individual MPs and highlighting undemocratic, discriminating and corruption aspects of draft regulations.

Collaboration with other lawyers and law students in order to influence their attitude to legal protection of public interests and human rights.

Consumer rights and the position of employees of big multinational retail chains vis-à-vis corporate responsibility.

ELS is a member of the E-LAW (Environmental Law Alliance Worldwide), EEB (European Environmental Bureau), Green Circle Association of Czech Environmental NGOs, network and ECCJ (European Coalition for Corporate Justice). ELS is a founder member of the Justice & Environment (J&E) international network.

Our topics are divided into 5 programmes:

"GARDE - Global Responsibility"
(Global Alliance for Responsibility, Democracy and Equity)

"Right to a Favourable Environment"
(RFE)

"EPS Counselling Centre"

"Legislation"

"Development of Public Interest Law"

exchange rate EUR/CZK, 2006-12-29 27,495 CZK

EXPENDITURES	in EUR
office supplies	4 810
literature	3 694
equipment	4 961
overhead costs (energy, service)	4 646
travel costs	23 831
communication costs	11 013
print, copies, propagation	22 033
office rent	11 207
legal fees and services	17 890
expertises	3 876
translantion	5 833
schools and seminars	1 596
software	1 459
labor costs	169 950
taxes, health and social insurance	49 622
donations	17 086
bank fees	1 030
others (exch. rate losses, penalty, refreshment...)	19 845

total expenditures 374 384

INCOMES	in EUR
own incomes	19 721

governmental and semi-governmental grants:

- Human Resource Development OP for ESF 2004-2006	35 622
- Employment Agency Bureau	1 527
- EC – Employment, SA and Equal Opportunities DG	54 423
- EC – Transition Facility 2004	62 747
- EC – OLAF	1 794
- MATRA programm of Dutch ministry of foreign affairs	8 524
- Embassy of the U.S.A.	866
- Czech Ministry of Environment	9 478

private grants:

- Open Society Fund Prague	20 255
- Open Society Institute Budapest	51 068
- Environmental Partnership for Central Europe	2 639
- C. S. MOTT Foundation	29 959
- VIA Foundation	39 857
- E-LAW U.S.	1 285
- Justice and Environment	29 717
- International Visegrad Fund	7 817
donations	15 272

bank interest 1 218

others (exch. rate profit, property sales) 1 673

total incomes 395 461

profit 21 077



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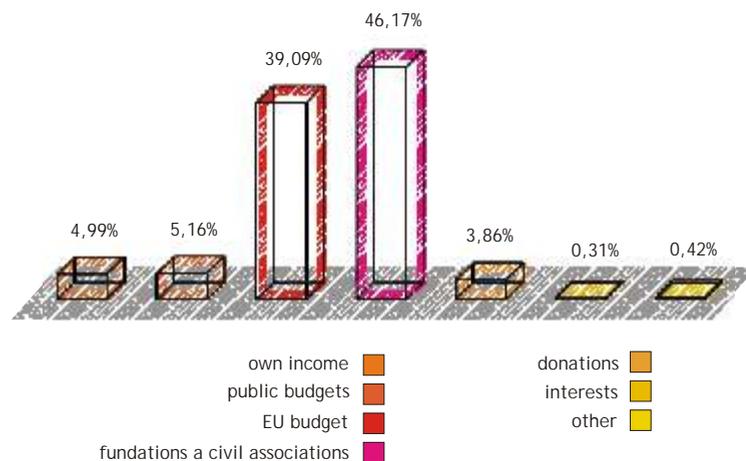
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The Structure of Revenues of EPS in 2006
total income: 10 873 209 CZK



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