**Project Background**

* ERSTE Stiftung initiation (2014)
* Research proposal (Marianna Török, Boris Strečanský and Éva Kúti)
* Center for Philanthropy, Bratislava - project partner to the ERSTE Stiftung
* Implementation: March 2015 – February 2016

**Project Aims**

* To assess impact and role in the support the **civil society** and **development of philanthropic culture** through the experience of Poland, Slovakia, Lithuania, Hungary, Romania
* To learn from the experience of countries that did not embrace it: e.g. Estonia and Czech Republic
* To learn about the expectations of countries that have a potential interest in it e.g. Serbia, Croatia, Moldova, Ukraine and Macedonia.

**Project Implementation**

Phase 1: **generating** **new knowledge** based on existing data (March 2015 – February 2016)

Phase 2a: **dissemination of findings** to civil society and philanthropy research (2016 - ?).

Phase 2b: **dissemination of policy implications and recommendations** on the application of the mechanism in the countries that showed interest in it. (2016 - ?)

**Project Management and Roles**

* **ERSTE Stiftung** – Project initiator and funder
* Institutional partner (grantee) is the **Center for Philanthropy n.o. (Bratislava)**
* **Lead team:** Marianna Török and Boris Strečanský
* **Country Research Associates** in Hungary, Poland, Slovakia, Lithuania, Romania, Macedonia, Moldova, Serbia, Ukraine, Croatia, Czech Republic, Estonia