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Annuary Report 2005



On the environment and Arnika in 2005

The state of the environment in the Czech Republic, and, in particular, acts on its protection, improved in 2005, thanks mostly to our membership in the European Union. On the other hand, we have a lot to catch up with, especially in the field of waste recycling, water pollution, hazardous waste production and releases of greenhouse gases and toxic organic substances. The most noticeable positive steps in environmental protection in 2005 include adoption of the National Implementation Plan of the Stockholm Convention, and, further, the facts that approval of construction of new waterworks on the lower Elbe was not issued for the present, and that people prevented the intention of a new dam which would flood the Rájecké valley in the Krušné hory mountains. Also support of development of alternative energy sources is very positive. Informing of inhabitants of the Czech Republic on toxic pollution improved significantly, thanks to the Integrated Pollution Register published, for the first time, at the end of September this year. I am happy that the Arnika Association contributed to a part of these successes. Naturally, they were not result of the activities of this year only, but also of the ones of previous years.

New regulation, called by the abbreviation REACH, will help to reduce use of hazardous substances in products in the whole EU. The regulation passed the first reading in the European Parliament. During this approval, the Czech Members of the Parliament did not exactly distinguish themselves. A half of them was against the regulation, and protected the interests of the industry rather than the ones of the consumers. Year 2006 will be decisive for approval of REACH. This regulation is important also for elimination of substances presence of which in food packaging made of PVC was proved by tests published by Arnika at the end of the year. Fortunately, Arnika succeeded in persuading the chain Ahold and the company Šetra on the necessity to eliminate use of packaging made of PVC for packing foodstuffs. This was one of the Arnika's successes in 2005.

In March 2005, our activities contributed to that the government postponed the decision on the exception for navigation construction in Děčín till finishing the process of environmental impact assessment (EIA). In spite of the fact that the Ministry of Transport withdrew, in 2005, the proposal of construction of two navigation constructions on the Elbe and submitted a new project comprising only one weir, we do not consider this to be a success – it is too obvious that this is tactics only, and that after one weir is possibly pushed through, a fight for the second one would start.

Also other activities of our programmes Protection of Nature and Centre for Citizens' Support were important for preservation of nature values in our country. This concerned, for example, localities in the neighbourhood of Dolní Lutyně, or a lake in a former sand pit near Čechelice in the Mělník area.

During 2005, the Centre for Citizens' Support helped more than thirty local citizens associations and local self-governments in the whole Czech Republic in their campaigns for healthy environment. The Centre helped to newly establish ten of them. It also helped to protect tens of trees from felling.

We anticipate a number of events and discussions in 2006, which will undoubtedly influence also the protection of the environment, or, directly, its state. The commenced discussion on environmental tax will continue for sure, elections to the Chamber of Deputies of the Parliament of the Czech Republic, and to a part of the Senate of the Parliament of the Czech Republic, will take place. Before them, politicians will promise with increased intensity, apart from other things, also changes in the field of the environment, and, sometimes, they will also make them. At the level of the European Union, it will be decided about the final form of the REACH regulation which should change the existing system of registration and authorisation of chemical substances to be put on the market, or already being on the market. There will continue the discussion whether a protected bird area Heřmanský stav – Odra – Poolší, and several further protected areas, should be proclaimed or not. People will also express their views concerning breaking of the mining limits under the Krušné hory mountains, and concerning preservation or demolition of the municipalities Horní Jiřetín and Černice. Decontamination of two big environmental burdens will be started in Spolana Neratovice and in Spolchemie Ústí nad Labem.

All these events will need not only Arnika, but also the whole number of citizens associations focusing on environmental protection, and, naturally, support of inhabitants of the Czech Republic.

Jindřich Petrlík, DSc, chairman of the Arnika Association



March of hens along the Charles Bridge – presentation of a global study on contamination of the environment by persistent organic pollutants. *Photo Lenka Kučerová*



Toxics and Waste Programme

The aim of the programme is to reduce amounts of toxic substances released into the environment, and to promote stricter laws and introduction of so-called „cleaner production” or thorough waste recycling. We support right of citizens to information on toxic substances in the environment, which is not a matter of course in the Czech Republic yet.

What we have achieved in 2005:



we persuaded two companies to stop using packaging made of PVC for foodstuffs, and to replace this harmful plastic by a more environmentally-friendly packaging. This concerned the supermarket chain Ahold CZ (supermarkets Hypernova and Albert) and the company Setra supplying dough for various baked goods to the market.

We helped the nephrology department of the Prague hospital Na Homolce and the neonatology department of the teaching hospital in Olomouc to finish the process of replacement of medical equipment made of PVC plasticized by phthalates by equipment which does not contain toxic plasticizers. Where possible, these hospitals replaced PVC itself by other materials less harmful to the environment and human health.

From July 1, 2004, till the end of 2005, the petition Toxics Free Future II, requesting stricter measures against releases of toxic substances, was signed by almost 14 000 people, including senator Jitka Seitlová, DSc, and 29 members of municipal, town and regional self government authorities.

Further, in 2005, National Implementation Plan of the Stockholm Convention was approved, which included a part of proposals of an informal network of non-governmental organisations and self governments coordinated by Arnika. The petition Toxics Free Future also helped to push them through.

On the basis of publication of a ranking of the biggest polluters, prepared according to the first report into the Integrated Pollution Register (IPR) in the Czech Republic, a number of big polluters promised publicly to improve the situation. This concerned, among others, the companies ČEZ and Spolana Neratovice. The Toxics and Waste Programme will check fulfilment of their promises according to the data in the IPR concerning the year 2005.

Tightening of conditions for decontaminations of old environmental burdens in Spolana Neratovice (old pesticide production) and in Spolchemie in Ústí nad Labem (decontamination of soil contaminated by mercury) was achieved. So far, the effort to induce Czech chemical plants to replace mercury in technology of chlorine manufacturing more quickly, and thus, to reduce significantly its releases into the environment, was not successful.

We organised a contest „Waste is Raw Material“ for students of Prague secondary schools. It took place in cooperation with the Ministry of the Environment, Prague Metropolitan Authority, Administration of the Krkonoše Mountains National Park, and CENIA Agency. The purpose of the contest, in which over 380 students participated and which was won by students of the Grammar School of Jan Palach, was to promote waste separation and interest in environmentally-friendly products.

European and global activities of the Toxics and Waste Programme

The Toxics and Waste Programme of the Arnika Association, as the regional centre of the international network IPEN (International POPs' Elimination Network) for the Central and Eastern Europe, coordinated several tens of projects of non-governmental organisations from this region, and presented their results on the global Conference of the Parties of the Stockholm Convention in Punta del Este in Uruguay in May 2005. Projects, the purpose of which was to reduce environmental pollution with persistent organic pollutants (POPs), were carried out in the following countries: Estonia, Latvia, Belarus, Slovakia, Hungary, Romania, Bulgaria, Croatia, Albania and Turkey.

The international campaign „Keep the Promise, Eliminate POPs“, coordinated by Arnika as the secretariat of the Dioxin, PCBs and Waste Working Group of the international network IPEN, was successful. Thanks to this campaign, adoption of a loose interpretation of the Stockholm Convention was prevented during the first meeting of its signatory countries. Study prepared within the framework of this campaign helped to reveal illegal waste incineration in one of Uruguay cement works, and to induce the government of this country to start better monitoring of the environment from the point of view of POPs pollution.

Projects led by Arnika also contributed to promise of the Turkish government to start ratification of the Stockholm Convention.

The Toxics and Waste Programme cooperated with other non-governmental organisations in Europe on the project Chemical Reaction, the efforts of which were crowned with a partial success when the European Parliament approved the new REACH regulation, although in a changed variant only, in the first reading. The regulation should tighten control of negative impacts of chemical substances used in the European Union.

Representative of
local citizens at the
illegally constructed
stone crushing plant
near the municipality
Chotoviny in the
Tábor region.

Photo Lenka Kučerová



Centre for Citizens' Support

The Centre for Citizens' Support supports citizens associations, helps to establish new ones, and offers its services also to municipalities. Our aim is to widen expert abilities of the individual groups, make their work more effective on local level, and to build links among them. We offer consultancy, in particular, in the fields of waste management, felling of trees, right to information and the Natura 2000 network. We also help the citizens to participate in administrative proceedings and to establish new citizens associations. The Centre for Citizens' Support also supports participation of the public in decision-making processes. In particularly serious cases, we offer also legal help.

What we have achieved in 2005:

In 2005, the Centre for Citizens' Support provided, in total, 495 consultations in the field of environmental protection, 26 of them concerning consumers' protection. In total, we worked at 122 various cases of damaging or endangering of the environment, and further 23 cases of felling of trees.

We helped to establish 8 new citizens associations, and we opened new branches in Ostrava, Jihlava and Děčín, contributing to solving specific problems in the corresponding regions, and serving as consulting places for the public.

In cooperation with the local citizens, the Centre succeeded in stopping illegal deposition of construction debris and other materials in the neighbourhood of the municipality Chotoviny. The unauthorised depositions were created owing to the mayor of Chotoviny, who allowed also placing of a stone crushing plant in the vicinity of the municipality – without a permit, too. Although the original intention of the mayor was to get material for construction of bicycle paths and an industrial zone, violation of the law caused damage to the environment.

The citizens association Nové Úvaly, in cooperation with the Centre for Citizens' Support, succeeded in pushing through a thorough environmental impact assessment of planned construction of a pressing shop ESSA in Úvaly. The result of the expert assessment is a negative statement, which means that the vicinity of the plant will be saved from further damage to the environment.

Together with the local inhabitants, we succeeded in preserving avenue of trees in the street Zemská stezka in Lysá nad Labem. The avenue, which was a dominant of the town for three decades, was threatened by felling at the end of 2005. Whereas the plots under the avenue had been owned by the town originally, they were later sold for construction of family houses. The Centre for Citizens' Support successfully pushed through creation of an intervention free zone. Thanks to it, the trees will be saved.

What was the thematic orientation of the consultations:

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| Administrative proceedings | 112 |
| Complaints, ombudsman, legal actions, criminal proceedings | 55 |
| Planning and management of campaigns | 46 |
| Accidents, protection from toxic substances | 37 |
| Changes of structure plans | 29 |
| Felling of trees | 27 |
| Consumers' protection | 26 |
| Promotion in the media, PR | 25 |
| Right to information | 23 |
| Establishment and management of citizens associations | 19 |
| Protection of landscape character, forest, and agricultural land | 18 |
| EIA – Environmental impact assessment | 18 |
| Negotiations with investors, developers, politicians | 17 |
| Natura 2000, protection of animals and plants | 15 |
| Waste management | 12 |
| Petition right | 10 |
| IPPC – Integrated pollution prevention | 4 |
| Expropriation | 2 |
| Total | 495 |

Division of the solved cases according to the regions:

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|-------------------|------------|
| Central Bohemia | 30 |
| Prague | 26 |
| Moravian-Silesian | 11 |
| Hradec Králové | 8 |
| Plzeň | 8 |
| Pardubice | 8 |
| Ústí nad Labem | 7 |
| South Moravia | 7 |
| South Bohemia | 6 |
| Vysočina | 5 |
| Olomouc | 4 |
| Liberec | 2 |
| Total | 122 |



Exhibition Natura 2000 in the Prague underground.

Photo Vlastimil Karlík / Arnika

Protection of Nature Programme

The Protection of Nature Programme concentrates, in particular, on protection of the richest ecosystems of the central Europe concerning the number of species – watercourses and wetlands. It seeks and promotes the alternatives of management and use of watercourses which lead up to harmonisation of requirements of protection of nature with flood protection and with economic use of watercourses and the landscape around them. Further important activities of the Protection of Nature Programme are preservation of vanishing species of plants and animals in their original biotopes, conservation of the natural landscape balance, and its environmentally-friendly management. From the long-term point of view, the Programme participates in preparation of the European network of protected areas Natura 2000.

What we have achieved in 2005:



we organised the exhibition Natura 2000 – Chance for the European Nature, visited by thousands of people. Its opening day took place in December 2004 in the hall of the Prague underground in the station Karlovo/Palackého náměstí, and it visited, in total, 12 others towns and municipalities during its tour.

Our activities contributed to that the government did not grant an exception for navigation construction near Děčín, and it postponed this decision till finishing the process of assessment of environmental impact of the weir (EIA).

Complaint to the European Commission concerning non-proclamation of the bird area Heřmanský stav – Odra – Poolší, which we filed together with the Czech Society for Ornithology, gave first partial successes: on the basis of this complaint, the European Commission sent a letter to the Czech government. On its basis, the government started dealing with the bird area again. The complaint also contributed to the fact that the company Hyundai stopped thinking about placing of its plant in the neighbourhood of Dolní Lutyně. Thus, the precious natural territory was saved from devastation for the present.

The First European Day of Swimming in Rivers, „Big Jump“, coordinated by Arnika in the Czech Republic, was a big success. We succeeded in attracting public attention to rivers as important parts of the landscape and human life. The action was joined by local organisers in 17 towns and municipalities, number of participants exceeded 13,000, and, in spite of bad weather, over 500 people had a swim in rivers.

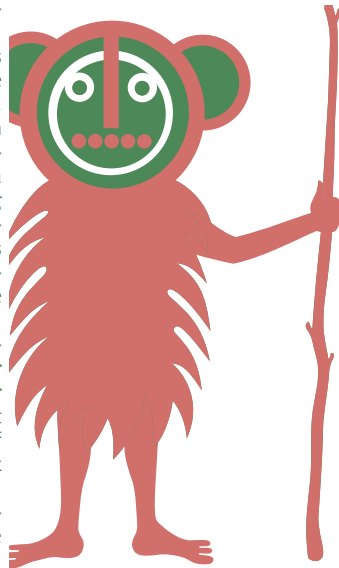
Together with the German organisation BUND, we organised a three-day long „floating conference“ in August – an untraditional meeting of politicians, experts, artists and other personalities, dedicated to Elbe protection, and connected with voyage on rubber boats from Ústí nad Labem to Drážďany. In total, 38 guests from the Federal Republic of Germany and 18 from the Czech Republic participated in the action, including, for example, Milan Horáček, Member of the European Parliament, Petter Hettlich, Member of the Bundestag, and Dan Vondrouš, secretary to the Minister of the Environment of the Czech Republic. The main purpose of the voyage was to discuss benefits and harms caused by the possible construction of weirs on the Elbe.

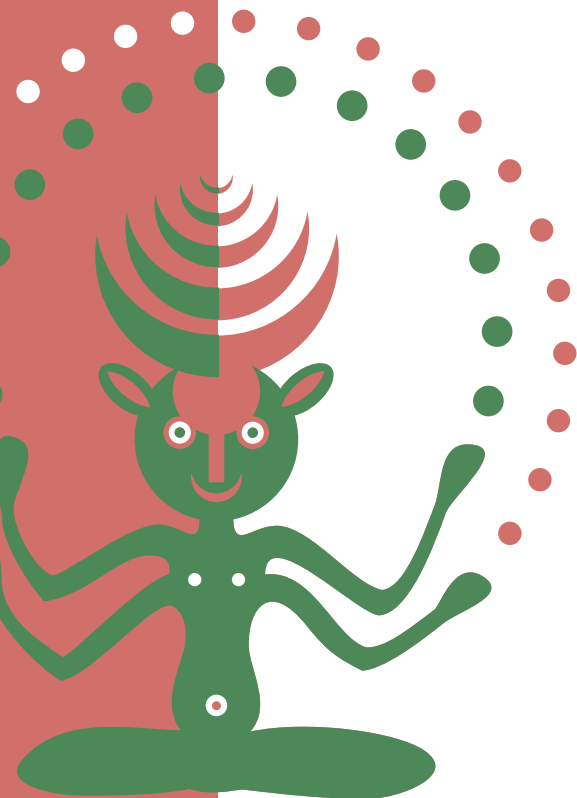
In 2005, too, Arnika was the coordinator of the Coalition of Non-governmental Non-profit Organisations (NGOs) for Natura 2000. Within the framework of this Coalition, we participated in preparation of position of NGOs to proposal of Natura 2000 sites concerning the so-called Pannonian area. A proposal for Natura 2000 was created, having very high professional quality. A proof of this quality is also the fact that the representative of the Coalition defended majority of observations on the evaluation seminar organised by the European Commission. Thus, the Czech Republic will have to complete the proposal of sites in order that Natura 2000 really represents sufficient protection of the most precious natural values in Europe.

In September, we started a new project entitled „Nature Creates Jobs“, the purpose of which is to point out to the fact that nature protection may go hand in hand with economic development. Within the framework of this project, we, together with the Green Circle and the Heinrich Böll Foundation, organised a very successful seminar on financing of care of nature. We also organised a study trip to Austria for ca 25 participants, focusing on learning about projects connecting nature protection with rural development, and we prepared two case studies and source documents for a booklet on this topic. Thanks to this project, local communities may see how protected nature could become a driving force of local development.

In November, we organised a seminar „Water Framework Directive as an Opportunity for Nature Protection“, attended by over 30 guests, primarily representatives of regions, companies of river basin administration, nature protection authorities, and the expert public. Examples of environmentally-friendly administration of watercourses abroad, and significance of the Water Framework Directive for nature protection, were presented on the seminar.

In December, Arnika issued a Report on the State of Implementation of the Natura 2000 Network in the Czech Republic, and we started its distribution.





Coordination Centre

Arnika's Coordination Centre is responsible for internal coordination of the whole organisation, for contacts and cooperation with the public, and for development of the member base. We prepare and distribute printed materials, issue press releases, quarterly newsletter Arnikum and electronic bulletin. We organise information stalls and lectures, operate a library and video library, and communicate with people who want to get more information on Arnika's activities. All this we do with the purpose to address the people who are not indifferent to the destiny of the environment, and to show them the possibilities how to take part in its protection.

What we have achieved in 2005:

We organised a summer tour of the exhibition Toxics Free Future in Czech towns and music festivals (for example, Rock for People, Konopiště and Trutnov Open Air). Thus, we succeeded in informing thousands of people about Arnika's activities.

In the summer months, direct addressing of donors in the street was carried out, for the first time in Arnika's history. We succeeded to gain almost 200 new members.

The second year of the Owls into Schools project was a specific project managed by the Coordination Centre in 2005. The project started as an idea of Arnika's volunteer Veronika Voldřichová, and it developed into a separate project which will be managed, in future years, by a newly established association Ornita. In 2005, in total 8,204 children in 33 schools attended lectures with live owls, and 980 children participated in early-evening hooting expeditions. 232 works entered for the art part of the contest Our Owls, and further tens of children participated in the other categories.



More than 8 thousand children participated in the Owls into Schools project. *Photo Arnika's archives*

Information stalls
of non-profit
organisations
in Děčín formed
a part of the First
European River
Swimming Day
„Big Jump“.

Photo

Arnika's archives



Arnika's branches, clubs, and contact places

Arnika Děčín

An important event in 2005 was establishment of a regional branch of the Centre for Citizens' Support in Děčín. Together with citizens of the Libouchec municipality, the Centre for Citizens' Support in Děčín succeeded in preventing pollution of Jílovský brook, where the company carrying out construction of the motorway D8 deposited remains of concrete.

Arnika Děčín participated in the nationwide campaign Toxics Free Future. Its members and volunteers were visiting towns in the North Bohemia (Liberec, Litoměřice, Karlovy Vary etc.) and collected signatures under the petition Toxics Free Future II, requesting safer chemical policy of the European Union.

On the Car Free Day, the Děčín branch, together with the Děčín Coalition for Walking and Cycling Transport, organised the action „First Děčín Day for Bicycle Paths“. Within the framework of this action, a petition requesting construction of bicycle ways and bicycle paths in Děčín, and signed by more than a thousand Děčín inhabitants, was handed over to the mayor of the town of Děčín.

We were one of the local organisers of the First European Day of Swimming in Rivers, „Big Jump“.

Arnika Děčín became a partner of the project of the Slunečnice Association „Slunečnice Retraining Programme for Physically Handicapped Persons“, where we ensure its environmental aspect. This project is co-financed by the European Union from the programme PHARE 2003.

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Arnika Ostrava

In 2005, new branch of the Centre for Citizens' Support was established in Ostrava. It continued the previous work of the local branch of Arnika. Its traditional tasks in Ostrava include protection of trees from unnecessary felling. In this connection, Arnika Ostrava is participating in several administrative proceedings, and, in cooperation with the Czech Environmental Inspectorate and the Agency for Nature Conservation and Landscape Protection, it helps the citizens to solve concrete cases of illegal felling of trees on the territory of the Moravian-Silesian Region.

We also monitor development of situation concerning the planned industrial zone near the Dolní Lutyně municipality. The Czech government should proclaim a bird area Heřmanský stav – Odra – Poolší there, as a part of the Natura 2000 network, but it refused to do that just because of the planned industrial zone. By its decision, the government violated the European Bird Directive. Because of that, Arnika, together with the Czech Society for Ornithology, filed a complaint to the European Commission. The aim of the Arnika's branch in Ostrava is to inform the citizens on advantages and disadvantages of both variants of use of the territory. We also support local inhabitants in their effort to proclaim the bird area in its original boundaries, and to stop further steps towards implementation of the industrial zone.

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Arnika Prague

In 2005, Arnika Prague traditionally focused on organising lectures and discussions with interesting guests who are able to speak about the issues of the environment and its protection. Our distinguished guests were, in particular, the "green" philosopher Erazim Kohák, and promoter of bicycle transport in Czech towns Jan Bouchal from the Oživení movement. During further meetings, their participants could get information on Fair-trade products, or endangering of rainforests.

On the Earth Day, we prepared, in cooperation with the House of Children and the Young Ulita, an afternoon of environmental education for children, and we presented the exhibition Waste is Raw Material in the Environmental Centre Toulcův Dvůr.

Volunteers of the Arnika's Prague branch prepared a march of hens and rolling of giant eggs along the Charles Bridge. They also produced a giant banner „Toxics Free Future“, which was hung down of the tower during the action. The purpose of the happening was to present results of an international project proving that chicken eggs from free range chicken all over the world are contaminated by toxic substances nowadays. Thus, the action contributed significantly to international discussion on elimination of hazardous chemicals.

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Arnika České Budějovice

We participated in a number of processes of environmental impact assessment (EIA) and of issuance of integrated permissions (IPPC), with the aim to ensure more environmentally friendly operation of several important facilities in the Region of South Bohemia, and to eliminate their harmful environmental impact. Specifically, this concerned the following processes:

- IPPC process concerning expansion of landfill Lišov near České Budějovice;
- EIA process concerning landfill in Růžov near Borovany;
- IPPC process concerning incinerator „Karolína Mydlovary“.

The Arnika's branch in České Budějovice also participated in the campaign „Health Care without PVC“. Its purpose is to replace medical equipment made of PVC by a safer material from which toxic substances – phthalates are not released into patients' bodies. We tried to persuade hospitals to replace PVC by a safer plastic during Nurse Days in the Hospital in České Budějovice, and during Perinatology Days of the Region of East Bohemia.

We organised the exhibition Toxics Free Future for students of the Grammar School in České Budějovice. The exhibition focused on the issue of toxic substances, such as mercury, dioxins, pesticides, polychlorinated biphenyls, PVC, and other substances endangering life of the present people.

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Arnika – Bořena Team:

The main aim of the Bořena Team, existing since 1979 already, is care of localities in the western part of České středohoří where endangered plant species occur, for example golden flax (*Linum flavum*), Italian aster (*Aster amellus*), and ground virginsbower (*Clematis recta*). In 2005, we took care, in particular, of protected plants which we moved to suitable substitute localities – so-called „white hillsides“ – from the forefront of Radovesice spoil bank, and, thus, saved them from burying with waste rock from Maxim Gorkij mines (nowadays, Bílina Mines). The main part of maintenance of the selected localities lies in yearly mowing, and, optionally, removing self-seeded woody plants. The works are carried out always after the plants growing in the given localities finish blossoming. Without the yearly care, a number of localities could not fulfil the full task of a natural site of the given plant species, and, thus, it would lose its natural value.

In 2005, we organised a public collection in Děčín, connected with presentation of the current activities of the Bořena Team.

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Arnika Broumov

In 2005, we concentrated, in particular, on environmental education of the Broumov young. We organised the exhibition Environmentally Friendly Use of Paper in the Masarykova Elementary School and in the Grammar School in Broumov. The exhibition focused on support of waste separation and recycling and use of recycled paper. It was followed by a special programme focusing on waste separation and recycling.

We also presented the exhibition Toxics Free Future to students of both schools. Hana Kuncová from the Toxics and Waste Programme of the Arnika Association spoke about hazardous substances around us during her lecture on the local grammar school. Hana Kuncová informed the pupils about the new European policy known under the abbreviation REACH. The purpose of this policy is stricter control and elimination of toxic substances.

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Arnika Vyškov

In 2005, we worked again at problems connected with operation of the local hazardous waste incinerator Ekotermex. Two fires took place in the incinerator during 2005. During the fires, there was produced, very likely, also a number of toxic substances on measurement of which fire brigades were not prepared – for example, dioxins. We drew attention of the public to risks connected with fires in the incinerator, and we contacted the Regional Authority of the Region of South Moravia to stop operation of the incinerator till the causes of both fires are thoroughly investigated and people in the vicinity of the incinerator are sure that no further similar accident would happen again.

In the Vyškov area, we also distributed leaflets on waste recycling. By means of leaflets „Do not Incinerate Wastes at Home“, we drew attention of the public to risks connected with incineration of waste in households.

Within the framework of the campaign „30 Days for Non-profit Sector“, we presented Arnika's activities on exhibition of non-profit organisations.

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Arnika Jihlava

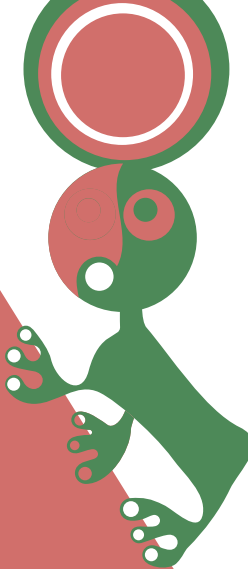
In November 2005, new Arnika's contact place was established in Jihlava. It took part in the campaign „PVC Should not Be on the Christmas Table“, with the purpose to draw attention of the consumers to the risks of foodstuff packaging made of PVC. Further, we contacted management of the Jihlava hospital with a request to replace products made of PVC by equipment made of another, safer material.

The contact place in Jihlava acts, in particular, as the regional branch of the Centre for Citizens' Support, and it is preparing consultancy and information activities for the public, as well as direct participation in solving serious environmental problems of the region, for 2006.

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Floating conference on the Elbe. Photo Arnika's archives





Arnika – total budget

Revenues in 2005

| | | |
|---------------------------------|------------------|----------------|
| Membership contributions | 196 992 | 2.49% |
| Donations of individuals | 65 481 | 0.83% |
| Donations of legal persons | 112 000 | 1.42% |
| Subsidies from state sources | 234 000 | 2.96% |
| Subsidies from the EU | 1 778 787 | 22.51% |
| Grants from Czech foundations | 504 656 | 6.39% |
| Grants from foreign foundations | 3 756 316 | 47.53% |
| Exchange rate profits | 4 590 | 0.06% |
| Bank interest | 12 720 | 0.16% |
| Own activities | 1 236 766 | 15.65% |
| TOTAL REVENUES | 7 902 308 | 100.00% |

Costs in 2005

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|---------------------------------------|------------------|----------------|
| Personal costs | 2 727 162 | 29.47% |
| Consultancy and expert services | 472 100 | 5.10% |
| Communication costs | 405 456 | 4.38% |
| Publication costs | 659 730 | 7.13% |
| Expendable material | 340 562 | 3.68% |
| Fare and transportation fees | 695 761 | 7.52% |
| Rents | 172 980 | 1.87% |
| Per diem a representation | 49 254 | 0.53% |
| Promotion | 58 533 | 0.63% |
| Exchange rate losses | 98 549 | 1.06% |
| Other costs, re-invoicing to partners | 2 317 087 | 25.04% |
| Not spended funds (costs of 2006) | 1 257 454 | 13.59% |
| TOTAL COSTS | 7 997 174 | 100.00% |

Economic result in 2005

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Note: The negative economic result was caused by conclusion of Arnika's projects lasting several years,

Arnika's Biggest Donors in 2005 (Million CZK)

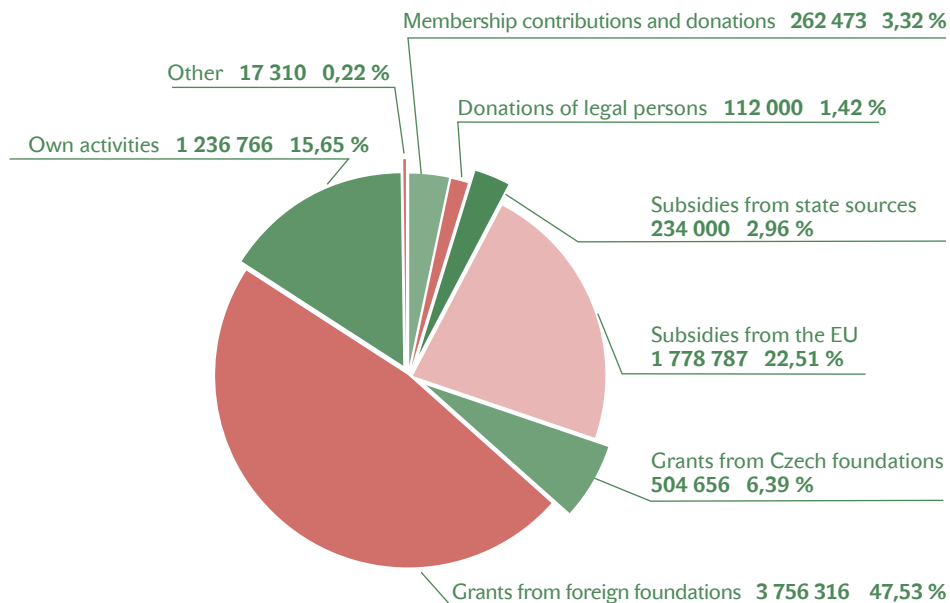


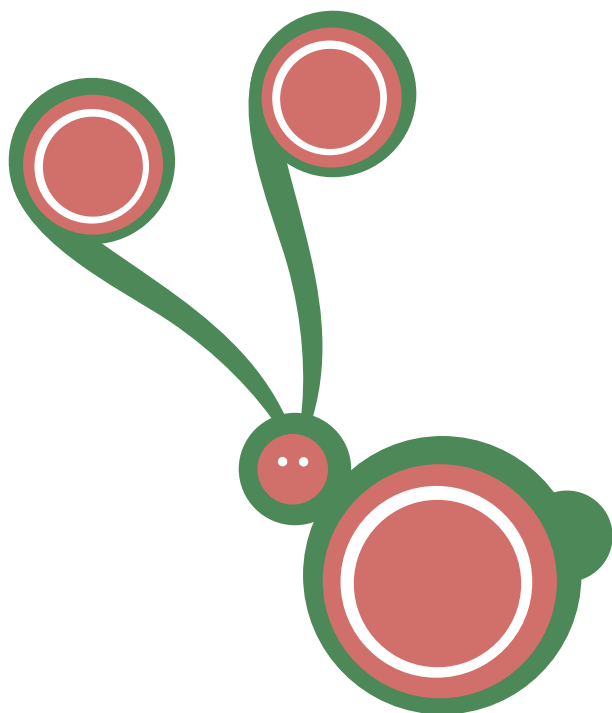
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| IPEP | 1 702 591 |
| NROS – EU fund Transition Facility 2004 | 1 165 360 |
| IPEN | 508 364 |
| EU fund Prince | 455 503 |
| Chemical Reaction Project | 434 729 |
| Partnership Foundation | 430 000 |
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Structure of Revenues in 2005





Overview of economic results of the individual entities of the Arnika Association:

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for which we received grants in previous years.

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| Arnika – Founder | (Identification Number of the Organisation: 265 43 281) |
| Costs in 2005 | 160 400 CZK |
| Revenues in 2005 | 180 677 CZK |
| Economic result in 2005 | 20 277 CZK |
| Arnika – Coordination Centre | (Identification Number of the Organisation: 709 38 105) |
| Costs in 2005 | 1 307 659 CZK |
| Revenues in 2005 | 1 333 012 CZK |
| Economic result in 2005 | 25 353 CZK |
| Arnika – Centre for Citizens' Support | (Identification Number of the Organisation: 709 47 261) |
| Costs in 2005 | 673 098 CZK |
| Revenues in 2005 | 463 688 CZK |
| Economic result in 2005 | -209 430 CZK |
| Arnika – České Budějovice | (Identification Number of the Organisation: 712 05 993) |
| In 2005 without costs and revenues | |
| Arnika – Děčín | (Identification Number of the Organisation: 646 76 587) |
| Costs in 2005 | 73 186 CZK |
| Revenues in 2005 | 35 510 CZK |
| Economic result in 2005 | -37 676 CZK |
| Arnika – Praha | (Identification Number of the Organisation: 711 68 842) |
| In 2005 without costs and revenues. | |
| Arnika – Ostrava | (Identification Number of the Organisation: 709 46 515) |
| Costs in 2005 | 48 795 CZK |
| Revenues in 2005 | 190 938 CZK |
| Economic result in 2005 | 142 143 CZK |
| Arnika – Bořena Team | (Identification Number of the Organisation: 709 39 888) |
| Costs in 2005 | 28 968 CZK |
| Revenues in 2005 | 0 CZK |
| Economic result in 2005 | -28 968 CZK |
| Arnika – Protection of Nature Programme | (Identification Number of the Organisation: 709 52 027) |
| Costs in 2005 | 1 335 388 CZK |
| Revenues in 2005 | 1 243 229 CZK |
| Economic result in 2005 | -92 159 CZK |
| Arnika – Toxics and Waste Programme | (Identification Number of the Organisation: 709 47 805) |
| Costs in 2005 | 4 867 517 CZK |
| Revenues in 2005 | 3 695 658 CZK |
| Economic result in 2005 | -1 171 859 CZK |
| Arnika – Vyškov | (Identification Number of the Organisation: 712 00 819) |
| In 2005 without costs and revenues | |



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„Man's heart away from nature becomes hard. Lack of respect for growing, living things will soon lead to lack of respect for humans, too.“

(Quotation of Luther Standing Bear from the Lakota tribe)



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