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**ANNUAL REPORT OF CIVIC ASSOCIATION**  
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# FOREWORD

Dear Friends,

Civic association Oživení and its working team have aimed according to our goals to react properly on the most important issues of the Czech society. Two main activities have steadily anchored in our organization, which might seem greatly different at the first sight; nevertheless we have found many connections between them through our work. Sustainable Transport Program belongs to our long-term subject; the organization has been founded with this goal more than 10 years ago. Aiming to fulfill this vision, we have met many circumstances that have made our work difficult and complicated. We impinged on a total disinterest of public authorities to implement our proposed traffic arrangement/measures, on reluctance against relevant information administration/supplying, on nontransparent decision-making processes and on unclarity who is the proper contact person to address effectively. The conflict of interests of public officials were becoming clearer and clearer, as well as clientelism, nontransparent lobbying and repeated breaches of the law with no impact on guilty person all representing the typical Czech public administration. These causes result in unthrifty management of entrusted property and public resources with tangible impact of every one of us. Corruption-less Program is therefore aiming to curb these extensive abuses in our society. Fighting corruption and transportation wasteful to the environment may also be the subjects close to your heart. Please, dedicate ten minutes to this report and review for yourself whether our present endeavor and efforts are exerted meaningfully. We greatly appreciate your backup, interesting opinion or your own experience. At the conclusion of this foreword, I would like to thank, on the behalf of our organization, to all present associates and partners, including individuals, organizations, companies and institutions, which have helped to Oživení to fulfill its projects.

Štěpán Rattay  
Director of Oživení

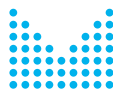


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## SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORT PROGRAM

In the scope of this program, we are in a long-term devoted to promotion and support of transport which is regardful to the environment. We endeavor especially after the reduction of excessive automobile burdens in Prague, the ensuring of higher safety and comfort for in-city daily walks of pedestrians, the development of safe and interconnected transport infrastructure for Prague cyclists, the enlightenment targeting at utilization of energy-saving transport in relation to wide public, public officials and experts. Our special attention is pointed at the most vulnerable and at the same time handicapped groups of pedestrians – children, parents with prams, citizens on wheelchairs and sightless. The public initiatives engaged in environment preservation, individuals and other institutions, incl. especially schools, are provided by our consultancy and media-publicizing of their work's problems and outcomes. We create network of consultants for further educational activities at schools in the area of sustainable mobility. We organize seminars and conferences on topic of walking and cycling transport and enlightenment activities for public that target support of above mentioned ecologically regardful means of transport. We are members of expert working teams and committees of public bodies, which deal with walking and cycling transport in Prague.

### Aims of our activities are mainly:

- ◆ **Development of first-quality and full-value infrastructure for cycling, especially in Prague**
- ◆ **Creation of conditions for safe and comfort travelling of pedestrians inside the city**
- ◆ **Safety and healthy routes to schools**
- ◆ **Promotion of sustainable forms of transport**
- ◆ **Traffic calming**

## PROJECTS

## Give the Green Light to Pedestrians

The project Give the Green Light to Pedestrians aims improvement and quality increase in Prague inhabitants' environment through support of energy-saving means of transport. The second part of the project took place from January to mid July of 2008. Project's goal was to enforce balanced approach to various ways of transport regarding its environmental demands. The project approached the public throughout educational campaigns and media-publicizing and drew near how individual traffic behavior influences the living environment of the city. In the effort to implement a concrete traffic measures to improve the environment and to modulate traffic, the project has supported through expert consultancy and advisory the following institutions:

Elementary Schools: ZŠ Meteorologická v Praze – Libuši, ZŠ Korunovační v Praze 7, Grammar School - Gymnázium Postupická v Praze 4, Parental and Community Centre - RKC Nová Trojka and Prague City Musical School in Prague 3.

Above mentioned institutes took part in the project Safe Routes to schools and followed its methodical handbook. The aim of created handbook is: to draw attention to existing transport problems by pupils themselves mapping their roads to schools, but also to find and to enforce solution of these problems in cooperation with public authorities and experts, last but not least to promote sustainable mobility at schools efficiently. The project Give the Green Light to Pedestrians also targeted public officials and employees. We focused on monitoring, enlightenment and public advocacy of sustainable means of transport as successfully realized in many European cities. We made use of the expert public potential, that is able effectively and with effectiveness comment of public authority's decision making. The two most considerable activities, that took place during 2008, were international Conference City for Pedestrians and Spring bike-ride (critical mass). The Conference City for Pedestrians was organized at Prague City Hall on Feb. 2nd 2008, and was visited by over 160 participants. Conference papers on strategy of city walking development and its advantages were given by Czech experts as well as by speakers form Great Britain, Netherlands and Vienna, Austria. The Conference met a great success. Its organization was the answer to interest of experts, public, media and public authorities on the subject of walking transport. The Conference program included also an afternoon workshop led by Rob Methorst, the Dutch transport expert, who addressed practical issues of walking transport's principles implementation in

the Czech reality. The Spring Bike-ride was another significant project's activity. We organized it together with Auto\*mat initiative for the event of Day-of-Earth on April 17th 2008 as a part of a nationwide campaign Spring for the Earth coordinated by Czech Ministry of Environment. Over 1500 people participated. This year, the number of participating students and celebrities has increased, e.g. the actor David Matásek, the singer Jana Koubková and the musician Vladimír Merta. This activity that included fashion parade of clothes with reflective material (artwork-room Kolouchův sen), CityBikes performance and music show met great public embracement.

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### City for Pedestrians

We have started two-year project City for Pedestrians in July 2008. The project is aiming to enhance the quality of environment in the capital of Prague through reducing the intensity of individual automobile conveyance, and promoting walking and cycling as an energy-saving transportation that is regardful to environment and healthy. The project's goal is to enforce such as systematic changes, which result in a shift in individuals and public authorities' preferences from individual automobile conveyance towards walking and cycling as a full-value means of transport in the city that offers many advantages. In the scope of this project, we have focused on elementary and secondary schools, its pupils, students, teachers and parents. Pražské matky, the civic association, is the project partner with years of great experiences in environmental education at schools, in implementation of traffic calming in schools' neighborhood and in realization of Safe Routes to Schools project. We have started an information campaign promoting sustainable transport in relation to schools in the autumn 2008. A component of the campaign was creation of methodical handbook Safe Routes to Schools for schools with guidelines how to ensure higher safety and traffic calming in schools' neighborhood, publishing other promotion materials and its directed distribution, advertising, promotion and publicity in medias, and informing the public via web site presentation.

After years of cooperation with the City of Prague and transfer of our know-how, we have been successful in achieving the establishment of publicly supported program for schools:

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Safe Routes to Schools. The program offers a financial support for an active involvement in the process of transformation of their neighborhood into a friendly and safe place for living. City of Prague had lacked systematic and functioning support of sustainable mobility for the youngest generation. Therefore, we understand the adoption of new program by the City as a significant progress. In connection with it, we have started to establish a network of consultants for further education of children and schools. Consultants are to participate on 3 seminars (the first one took place on Dec. 2nd 2008). Another level of the project is a concrete work with schools in ensuring higher safety in the schools' neighborhood and our effort to increase the number of pupils' and parents' walking or cycling to school. In the scope of this practical part of the project, we support, together with Pražské matky, selected schools in their effort to promote concrete traffic solution (following the school neighborhood traffic analysis) resulting in processing a traffic study that proposes traffic calming in the school neighborhood, and its introduction to the Prague City Hall for its utilization. As a part of our activities, school's officials are provided with methodical support and expert guiding what concerns drawing-up so called school's transport plan (mobility plan). The mobility plan is a long-term transport strategy of school which supports ecological transportation of its pupils to and from school. Every modern school concerned with negative influence of excessive automobile conveyance on human health, air quality, noise level and urban vegetation should have one. We have helped to draw up 4 traffic analysis and 3 mobility plans for Prague schools.

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## For Motor-less Prague and Assisted Cycling

The activity of this project can be divided into two areas: issuing guidelines for theoretical education and orientation of cyclists on in-city roads and guiding in a field together with training, incl. drawing attention of participants to critical places in the city. A handbook of theoretical guidelines named "Through the city on a bicycle" was issued for starting cyclists and is instructive concerning servicing and riding a bike in the city traffic. This handbook is based on translation of US original

“Safe Bicycling in Chicago” and was adjusted to our environment, as well as completed with practical experiences of active cyclists and specifics and obstacles of bicycling in city traffic of our capital. The handbook will be issued in printed version during 2009. A collection of maps, so called “Cycle-Syllabary”, was developed as a part of the project for better orientation of cyclists in the city traffic. It contains list of most frequent cycle routes in Prague. Syllabary gives details on a map for each cycle route and contains also visualization and practical advises for a fluent ride through the most critical sectors. We also cooperated on development of application for GPS navigation utilization. For electronic version of handbook On a bicycle through the city, Cycle-Syllabary and details for GPS navigation please see web sites [www.doprava.oziveni.cz](http://www.doprava.oziveni.cz) or [www.prahounakole.cz](http://www.prahounakole.cz). In the practical part of the project, we have focused on guiding how to ride a bicycle in Prague together with training in the field. We were most successful addressing potential participants of Spring and Autumn Bike-ride.

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## City also for Cyclists

We have launched a project aiming to create approx. 50 pieces of so called “contractual cards” in the second half of the year. This card contains basic technical-geographic specification which represents base for Prague cycle-infrastructure modification or new construction. Realizing team has a task to monitor Prague cycle paths and routes focusing its improvement and effectiveness, also to reconnaissance the terrain and to propose modification, which means to develop a contractual card for proposed cycle-passage. All proposed areas for developing of contractual card are discussed and approved by Prague City Hall Commission for Cycling and recommended to Prague City Hall Transport Committee to be implemented by Technical Road Administration in Prague. Project is going to be finished in 2009; nevertheless certain adjustments have already taken place on Prague roads thanks to these cards (advanced cycle stop lines, cycle crossings, new cycle lines, for more see chapter Prague City Hall Commission for Cycling).

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## PUBLIC ADVOCACY

Oživení steadily appeals to public authorities - public officials what concerns transport to create better conditions for safer and more comfortable transport of pedestrians and cyclist in streets of the capital. We take advantage of our activity inside the public administration bodies and long term cooperation with other institutions, nongovernmental organization as well as media.

### Road Safety Working Group at Transport Dept. of Prague City Hall

In the scope of its membership in this working team, Oživení has dealt with the issue of Prague pedestrians and cyclists safety. We managed to influence the budget for Road Safety, including sources for Safe Routes to Schools program in 2008. As a result, adjustments of roads proposed in the scope of realized school project Safe Routes to Schools were implemented and promote higher safety not only for children on their way to school (e.g. crossing with central traffic island on Křížová street, Zlíchov district, traffic calming on Slezská street in the passage from Vinohradská vodárna tram stop to art school of Ilja Hurník, cross walk with safety strip over Slavíkova street and other). Further, based on Oživení's proposal in cooperation with citizens, a curb extension was installed by tram line on Keplerova Street, project sketching for installation of speed humps on crossing Okrouhlická X Ke Stírce, on Na Pěšinách Street by nursery school and on V Kuřatech Street, Uhříněves district was prepared and also construction of two speed humps at Radimova Street inc. modification of curb extension and modification of crossing took place.

### Working Group for Walking, Prague City Hall

In the cooperation with Institute for Environmental Policy and association Pražské matky, Oživení has initiated foundation of so called Working Group for Walking at the Prague City Hall in the beginning of the year. It aims to create better condition for walking in Prague.

The team has carried out a proposal of Principles for Development as a basic, the most natural, ecological and healthy mean of transport. Principles were carried out in cooperation with architects from Prague City Development dept., experts from Transport dept. of Prague City and its districts, Technical Road Administration and NGOs' representatives (Oživení, Pražské matky, Asistence and others) and proposed to Prague City Hall Transport Committee in autumn which acknowledged it and will promote it at the Prague City Council. The Principles should be the basis for processing a general walking-traffic plan as a part of nowadays processed new Prague City ground plan.

### Prague City Hall Commission for Cycling

As a part of our activities within Prague City Hall Commission for Cycling we enforce such traffic measures that support city cycling infrastructure, and its systematic and consistent development and implementation of investments on appropriate technical and expert level. The Commission has come from informal working group and its current function is an initiative and advisory body of Prague City Council. From the transport perspective, in cooperation with Eltodo Company, the Commission has successfully enforced several effective measures resulting in cycling infrastructure enhancing (cycle lines establishing, cycle crossing, advanced cycle stop lines, etc.) during the year. Planned reconstruction of several traffic light crossings had positive impacts on following actions:

- ◆ **cycle lines establishing at Vinohradská and Vršovická Streets,**
- ◆ **positively assessed changes in development plans of urban ring surface parts (bridge over Vltava river, areas of Letná, Hradčanská, Prašný most and Malovanka),**
- ◆ **incorporation of backbone cycle routes into city plan**

Oživení has worked on debugging of deficiencies in already established cycle network within the Commission activities too. We focused on missing navigation not providing an easy survey and needless insufficiencies of cycle line surface. Based on our suggestion, several so called "puddle passages" under the Hlávkův and Libeňský bridges, on Císařský ostrov and also several passages on Ludvíka Svobody embankment were adjusted and repaired. Thanks to our suggestion, transit through Badeniho Street was enabled and damaged road signs at several places were renewed to a proper stage. We put through also removing of defects in some backbone cycle routes traffic ability, in majority of cases caused by Blanka tunnel construction.

## Other public advocacy activities

Oživení helped with adjustments of parking zones, which were demarcated in proximity to zebra crossings in some Prague streets, raising the safety of crossing. During happening Graceful Ride through Prague streets organized in cooperation with Pražské matky, we pointed to bad parking habits in the capital and the necessity of holding it liable. Our speech given at the Senate Committee for foreign affairs, security and defense helped to restore municipal police competences for speed measurements inside municipalities. Through mediating argumentation (especially statistics concerning dust nuisance) and an open letter to mayor of Prague 2 City District, we helped to imposing a restriction on north-south expressway. Oživení has stressed the weaknesses of crisis management of the capital in an open letter to Bém, Prague City Mayor, during the Libuš marketplace fire in autumn.

## ADVISORY ACTIVITIES

We provide citizens and institutions that turn to us asking for help with consultancy on Prague transport issues. We consult via e-mail, phone or in person especially questions concerning traffic calming in school areas. We provide schools with guidelines on how to get involved in Safe Routes to Schools program; we help to solve concrete transport issues of citizens in their neighborhoods.

## MEDIA COOPERATION

Oživení acquaint wide public with all its activities on its web site [www.oziveni.cz](http://www.oziveni.cz). The cooperation with local and national-wide media, which we inform about our activities and also important issues what concerns the transport in Prague via press releases, press briefings or own articles, is an inseparable part of our work. We present our activities in the area of sustainable transport to the public on regular basis. Oživení took part in Day of Earth in Toulcův Dvůr, spring Ecofestival, European mobility week and Prague Conference on ecological education and enlightenment.

## COOPERATION WITH OTHER INSTITUTIONS

Oživení closely cooperates with a number of nonprofit organizations devoted to similar issues on a long-term basis, especially in the area of sharing information, organizing joint actions and mutual support. Among these are association Pražské matky participation on Oživení's project City for Pedestrians and Safe Routes for Schools program, Nadace Partnerství with project "On the green light – Safe Routes for Schools", civic association Asistence with project For more accessible public transport, civic initiative [www.prechody.cz](http://www.prechody.cz) and others.

## COOPERATION ON BOOK PUBLISHING – ČESKÁ KANADA

The project aim is publishing a book *Ceská Kanada*, concisely named as "country-side on the border" by one of the authors. It's a country-side where opposites meet and appease as a common characteristic and where the border temper of the region shows in many aspects. Borders come in natural (transition between two types of landscape due to main European watershed Elbe-Danube) and also socio, culture and political way (Czech-Austrian borders, in other words Slavic-German settlement borders). Such as boundaries have always represented chances for fights not uncommon in the past, but also for mutual tolerance, understanding and co-existence obtained for the most of the time, which, at the end, creates new values that couldn't originate otherwise. Unconventional composite authors, combined of students and teachers of Private grammar Natural School, partook in writing this book. Since its foundation in 1993, this grammar school has organized two weeks research expedition on a year basis, where students under the expert supervision explore various natural, historical, culture and socio aspects of the country-side. These excursions have taken place in Česká Kanada since 1996. Oživení fulfilled administration of the project mainly accomplished by Maruška Zachovalová, the author of photographs published in this book.

*Project Coordinator: Maruška Zachovalová, Štěpán Rattay, supported within Iron Curtain – Greenbelt project and by Oživení, o. s.*

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### PROGRAM CORRUPTION-LESS

After years of gathering experiences on how the public institutions work, Oživení has expanded its activities and has started to work on the systematic prevention and detection of conflict-of-interests and corruption in the public sector within the scope of program "Corruption-less". We aim to curb corrupt behavior, clientelism or the presence of a similar harmful phenomenon in our society by forcing higher transparency in a decision making and management in the public sector, highlighting conflict-of-interests of our public officials and politicians, enforcing personal responsibility for their erroneous decisions, our participation and involvement of active citizens in decision making processes and public administration.

### PROJECTS:

Enforceability of public officials' personal responsibility at municipal level In June 2008, we have launched a big project mapping the enforceability of public officials' and politicians' personal responsibility for a damage resulted from their illegal decisions in the practice. We accomplished two surveys focused on two types of damages, which are easy to express numerically; that are fines given by Czech Office for the Protection of Competition for the illegitimate public procurement and court costs for lost litigations over not/providing information (Free of Information Act). A result showed that in only 5% of cases the governments of municipality or county exact damage from the person liable. Analysis of individual cases also showed that persons liable for costs often match with those authorized for damage exacting and that the party guilty is often a collective body as municipal council or public procurement evaluating committee. A review of current legislation brought findings that there is no legal instrument how to force management of the municipality to exact damage cost when they decide not to even though they breach the law. Therefore we focus on preparation of legal amendments to relevant legislation in the year 2009.

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## Public procurement in practice

Public procurement on the municipal level in the Czech Republic falls into heavy corruption-risky and insufficiently handled area on a long term basis. With the demand to find a system solution, Oživení realized comparative research of 70 municipalities, former county towns, aiming to compare the quality and transparency of public procurement. Results confirmed that municipalities have, in majority of cases, poorly design public procurement process with extensive possibilities of political interferences and publicize only information minimum about public bids and realized contracts. We disclosed the results and every municipality was informed with our intent to evolve an expert dialog with municipal representatives to improve the situation. At the same time, relevant instruments were created in a form of model by-laws, which include public procurement proceedings for small-scale public bids regulating the procurement process and implementing anti-corruption and transparency elements into procurement, and special web application for disclosing information on public bids. Our proposed measures were at disposal to all interested persons to be commented on and used in practice. Three addressed municipalities, Most, Vsetín and Jeseník, have expressed interest to innovate its procurement systems. Of course, it depends mainly on the municipal representatives' political will to which extend they will choose to open the public procurement process to the public and will voluntarily restrict malicious interferences of politicians in public bids. As desired changes represent in conditions of the Czech Republic process of evolution, we will continue to expand our cooperation with municipalities and to monitor best (and worse) practice throughout public procurement. Within a public commenting on the public procurement amendment, Oživení issued a list of remarks and handed suggestions over to the Ministry for regional development in February 2008. The Ministry complied with our request to become commenting point for this regulation. Our main objective was to lower the legal limit for accepting public tender without the law, so called small-scale public bids. We entered another round of the regulation commentary in February 2008. Unfortunately, our principal suggestion was not included in the amendment. We will continue to monitor and comment on this key legislation.

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## Anti-corruption audit – inspection of state grants distribution

In autumn 2008, Oživení launched an anti-corruption audit of the Czech Environmental State Fund national programs in cooperation with Transparency International ČR that audited European funds. It has been the first external anti-corruption audit of this type of state institution ever. Based on internal guidelines evaluation, anonymous questionnaire survey among employees, interviews with selected employees and inspection of some supported projects, the Corruption risk map was issued and alternative anticorruption measures were proposed to the management. Thanks to experiences with audit processing, Oživení has at disposal a functional procedure how to process and evaluate anti-corruption audit, which will be used further.

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## Citizen in legally consistent state II

Oživení followed up previous year project activities and was further devoted to the development of watchdog activities especially on municipal level. Based on the increased demand from activists for concrete solutions on the public interests protection, the core activities of the project were shifted mainly to continuing and deepening solutions of long-term issues in relation with operation of municipalities as poor enforceability of right-to-know, institutional irresponsibility of elected public officials and cases of official arbitrariness. What concerns anticorruption activists' consultancy and networking, we followed up previous effort, mainly through e-conference administration that provides individual anti-corruption consultancy and a space for mutual exchange of valued watchdog experiences. For the forth time, a weekend seminar at the Rozsochatec castle was organized for anti-corruption activists. Its contents were through lectures and a group brainstorming to search for an expert solution of the current corruption issues and risks at public administration on the municipal level. Among the main subjects of this year's seminar were enforceability of personal responsibility for damages, uneconomical public property management, municipal budget and access to information, internet tools that increase transparency and experiences with the publicization

of corruption cases. Oživení organized two seminars in the scope of its educational activities in Prague and Most with the subject of free access to information and transparency in public procurement. Oživení has published first policy paper – a document dealing with practical issue, gathering findings from ongoing litigations – this time on legal recording of municipal assembly meeting. The purpose of policy paper publishing is to disseminate the anti-corruption know-how. We stress the importance of continuing and opening new strategic legal causes with the aim to test legal ways how to advocate the public interests. Next to the ongoing litigation on right-to-know issue, we looked into possibility to inflict a penalty for the conflict-of-interests of parliament members according to the new wording of the Conflict-of-Interests Act. We suggested auditing the municipal competences of Čelákovice town, we also hand suggestion to the EEC Commission for expressing the incompatibility of public aid granted by General Health Insurance for developing an electronic health book project.

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### Price of highways

In 2008 we continued to cooperate with Environmental law service on their project cenadalnic.cz. The aim of the project was to prepare a critical appraisal of the financing and construction of the transportation infrastructure in the Czech Republic and to draw general and professional public and political representation attention to chronic problems and risks involved. Oživení carried out comparative analysis survey of the Czech and foreign prices for highways, transport strategies and policies, approval processes for transport investments and demonstrated a gradual increase in prices of construction works on two road constructions – motorways D8 and D11. The results of the survey confirmed that the prices of the Czech highway construction are significantly overpriced compared to abroad, and that inaccurate calculations of prices represent a serious problem in the planning and construction of transportation infrastructure. For example, price of incomplete section of the D8 motorway increased by as much as 133% compared to original estimates. The state and responsible authorities clearly fail in decision making on construction investments and modernization of road infrastructure with the absence of clearly defined priorities for consideration and evaluation of the planned road construction. In a long term, we are threatened by the risk of an uneconomical expenditure

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of considerable public resources, a large number of unfinished constructions and a reduction of available resources. The whole planning process and approval of transport investments suffer from poor and inaccurate estimation of the future costs and generally low transparency of the budget, resulting in a mere formal approval of predetermined constructions instead of pragmatic and rational assessment of the actual investments contribution and impacts on the society and the environment. In addition, Oživení proved that the Road and Motorway Directorate, responsible for the road infrastructure development, ordered a comparative analysis of highway prices from a related developer company and knowingly published inaccurate and misleading information reducing the real problem of overpriced constructions. In recent years, a public investment in the transport infrastructure is therefore very open to different hidden group interests and corruption pressures that are increasing as the budget for construction raises. All studies were published on the project web site [www.cenadalnic.cz](http://www.cenadalnic.cz). These findings were presented in May in an open letter to those parliament members responsible for approving the budget of the Czech State Fund for Transport Infrastructure for year 2009. Furthermore, three press releases were issued and two press conferences arranged meeting a considerable media response. Unfortunately, according to the opinion of a large part of political representation and responsible government authorities, Oživení or Ecological law service are not considered as partners to analyze the problems of the transport infrastructure funding and its solutions, and our findings were not accepted. Nevertheless, we can positively state that the Ministry of Transport adopted price limits in summer, under which the estimated costs of the planned investment should be calculated. This will further improve the decision-making process. Despite the negative response of politicians and public authorities, we will continue to monitor the financing of transport infrastructure.

*In cooperation with Transport federation of NGOs, supported by Open Society Fund Praha.*

## Service for citizens

Oživení, also thanks to its media publicity, functions as an advisory center what concerns issues of corruption and conflicts of interest not only for ordinary citizens and public officials, but also for journalists. Our work on individual cases of conflict of interests' suspicion, corruption and manipulation of public sources is considered to be an essential part of our activities. Inclusion of a lawyer in our anti-corruption team allows us to litigate. In addition to dozens of one-off

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advice by e-mail, phone or in person during this year, we systematically addressed several issues. We helped council representative, prosecuted for defamation of a mayor, legally and supported her through informing media; we assisted in a case of access to information and provided legal and media service for member of Neratovice municipal assembly; we consulted and provided media service in a case of disadvantageous lease of municipal property in Cheb; we provided citizen with a legal advice in a case of prevented recording of municipal assembly meeting etc. We also continued longstanding legal aid to Mrs. Božena Harmáčková in ongoing litigation at the District Court for Prague 1 concerning the salary compensation and the determination of the invalidity of dismissal of Ms. Harmáčková given her by Prague 1 City District in June 2006. Based on a court call, necessary procedural steps were made and also negotiations on an out-of-court settlement with the mentioned city district have started. We expect agreement on the out-of-court settlement which both parties favor.

*For more about our project see our web site [www.bezkorupce.cz](http://www.bezkorupce.cz). Funded by Open Society Fund Praha.*

### National anti-corruption policy

Oživení is a member of the Joint coordination unit for fighting corruption at the Czech Ministry of the Interior and plays an active role in commenting national anti-corruption policy at regular meetings of the Unit. In May, Oživení scarified publicly the Report on Performance of the tasks of Governmental Strategy for fighting corruption, in which the Government does not approach the fighting corruption in a systematic and conceptual way and for no reason stops from implementation of key anticorruption instruments as lobbying regulation, tightening of public property management on municipal level and restricting individual legislative initiative of parliament members. Unfortunately, as it has become clear during the governmental term of office, fighting corruption is not a Government's priority and is on the edge of interest in contrast to the declared intentions in government's policy statement, with a negative impact on ineffective and unsystematic setting and implementation of core anticorruption instruments. Oživení will remain monitoring the anticorruption policy development in Czech Republic as well as abroad and will be prepared to contribute by critical findings to improve the situation in fighting corruption.

## Participation in Prague City Council Anticorruption Commission

Within the scope of our work in the Prague City Council Anticorruption Commission, Oživení attempts to promote more transparent decision making processes that lead to more economical property management in the city of Prague. One of the big successes of our Commission's activities was enforcing implementation of Prague City Hall Corruption risk map. Findings and proposed measures of this audit are to be presented in the year 2009. Oživení has, within the Commission work, commented newly emerging Anticorruption strategy of Prague City Hall, has promoted higher informational openness of the Hall and a transition to electronic public procurement. An enforcement of anticorruption measures resulting from Corruption risk map that was prepared by independent auditor has appeared as important and not evident. Another success is launching an internet database of public procurement on the Prague City Hall web site, which, thanks to uncommonly very detailed and timely publicized information, enables much more effective public scrutiny. Oživení has proposed launching of the database four years ago and has promoted it ever since.

# FINANCIAL STATEMENT

## Revenue

### Financial sources in CZK

Open Society Fund Praha	506 330
NROS – Foundation for Civil Society Development	1 365 290
Trust for Civil Society in Central & Eastern Europe	353 264
Czech Ministry of Interior	509 877
Czech Ministry for Regional Development	89 584
City of Prague, Dept. of Environmental Protection	229 369
Nadace Partnerství	20 000
Royal Netherlands Embassy	38 000
The Rockefeller Brothers Fund	4 476
Donation UVT, Ltd..	45 000
Revenues from own activities	103 735
Interest on bank account	430
<b>Total</b>	<b>4 465 354</b>

### Revenues according to source

State budget resources	509 877
Municipal budget resources	229 369
European resources	1 554 873
Foundations	1 984 070
Other	187 165
<b>Total</b>	<b>4 465 354</b>

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### Costs

#### Activity in CZK

Conflict of interest and corruption in public sector	1 506 330
Citizen in legally consistent state II.	510 000
Enforceability of public officials' personal responsibility at municipal level	353 264
Safe and healthy routes to schools	1 423 290
Assisted Cycling	100 000
For Motor-less Prague	229 369
Green Belt	194 060
Other costs	54 915
<b>Total</b>	<b>4 371 227</b>

### Programs

Corruption-less	2 424 509
Sustainable transport	1 946 718

### Revenues trend

#### Year in CZK

2004	1 587 276
2005	1 780 595
2006	5 084 827
2007	4 464 775
2008	4 465 354

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### Balance sheet as of Dec. 31st 2008

#### Status of the last day of the accounting period

#### ASSETS

A. Fixed assets	42 196
Tangible fixed assets	341 719
Accumulated depreciation to fixed assets	299 523
B. Current assets	1 977 957,38
Claims	33 350,00
Cash and cash equivalents	1 831 520,48
Other assets	54 507,00
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>2 020 153,38</b>

#### LIABILITIES

A. Own resources	1 692 099,18
Assets	292 502,78
Funds	1 374 376,58
Account operating results	94 126,50
Retained earnings, accumulated losses from previous years:	68 906,68
B. Liabilities	328 051,20
Long-term liabilities	20 650,00
Short-term liabilities	307 401,20
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>2 020 150,38</b>

## Operational Statement as of Dec. 31st 2008

Situation at the balance sheet date

### COSTS

Consumption of material	206 948,30
Repairs and maintenance	3 719,00
Travel costs	38 123,00
Expenses	21 881,50
Other services	2 492 427,82
Payroll expenses	1 223 340,00
Statutory social insurance	360 975,00
Statutory social costs	4 334,00
Other fines and penalties	7 461,00
Bad debts written off	4 000,30
Exchange losses	488,20
Other expenses	7 529,55
<b>Total cost</b>	<b>4 371 227,67</b>

### REVENUES

Revenues form sales of services	101 235,00
Other revenues	429,64
Contributions received (gifts)	2 069 569,89
Operating grants	2 294 119,64
<b>Total revenues</b>	<b>4 465 354,17</b>
<b>Income from operations after taxation</b>	<b>94 126,50</b>

<b>Name of entity:</b>	<b>Oživení</b>
Legal form:	Civic Association
Location:	Lublaňská 18, Praha 2
Registration Date:	13.11.1997
Identification number:	67365353
Reporting period:	1.1.2008 – 31.12.2008
Balance sheet date:	31.12.2008
Date of preparation of accounts:	16.3.2009

## 1. General information about the entity as of Dec. 31st 2008

### Association Purpose:

Preservation of nature and landscape and cultural heritage;  
Preparation of implementation of development programs form municipalities in the Czech Republic;  
Preparation and establishment of green corridors and pathways of cultural heritage;  
Organizing international social and economic contacts;  
Organization of resources for rehabilitation and recovery of Czech cultural and natural heritage;  
Designing a network of hiking and biking trails.

### Statutory Authority

Ing. Štěpán Rattay – Director  
Mgr. Tomáš Kramár – Chairman

# Report of Independent Auditor

## Auditor's opinion:

As a result of our auditing financial statements of civic association for a year period, the auditor issues the following statement:

Financial statements of civic association Oživení as of Dec. 31st 2008 are approved without reservation.

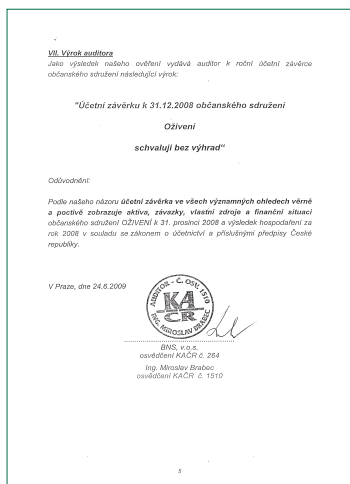
Statement of the reasons:

In our opinion, the financial statements provide a faithful and truthful picture of the assets, liabilities, financial sources and financial situation of civic association as of December 31st 2008, and the operational statement for 2008 in accordance with accounting and other relevant legislation valid in the Czech Republic.

Ing. Miroslav Brabec, auditor, registration number 1510  
BNS, v.o.s

*Date of the report: June 24th 2009*

*The original Report is enclosed in the Czech version of the Annual Report  
(in Czech language only).*



## ORGANIZATION STRUCTURE

General assembly is the highest body of Oživení civic association. Assembly appoints Chairman and approves a person for the position of Executive Director. Chairman and Executive Director are statutory bodies of the association.

### Members of association as Dec. 31st 2008:

Tomáš Kramár – Chairman  
Lenka Petráková – Revisor  
Štěpán Rattay – Executive Director  
Pavel Nepivoda – Treasurer  
Petra Lukešová – Member  
Jan Regal – Member  
Radek Přílepek – Member  
Petr Štěpánek – Honorary Chairman

### Worked for Oživení in 2008:

Petra Lukešová – Sustainable transport program  
Jaroslava Johnová – Sustainable transport program  
Eva Šuchmanová – Sustainable transport program  
Vojtěch Hrabal – Sustainable transport program  
Tomáš Kramár – Corruption-less program  
Martin Kameník – Corruption-less program  
Pavel Grošpic – Corruption-less program  
Štěpán Rattay – Corruption-less program and Sustainable transport program  
Daniela Plná – Supervisor of the office  
Lenka Petráková – Media monitoring  
Jan Regal – Webmaster, Graphic Designer  
Maruška Zachovalová – Office Manager

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*Maruška Zachovalová died consequently to an accident at the historical side-car race of 17. Czech Tourist Trophy in Hořice on June 22nd 2008. Her father didn't survive the tragical accident either. She had raced with him in the side-car for several years. Maruška was an essential member of our team and always merry and vital encouragement to our work in Oživení where she organized and managed the office. As a documentary photographer with a sensitive approached to the environment and deep respect for the nature, she took part in project concerning sustainable transport. Her abiding love to historical motorcycles became fatal. She used to prepare herself well for the race and had lived just for it for a couple of days. She was well aware of the risks her hobby represents, nevertheless her yearn and adventurous nature scored a victory.*

### Cooperated with Oživení:

Ateliér pro životní prostředí, Bionaut, Božena Harmáčková, Centrum, SOS Praha, Děti Země, Econnect, Ekologický právní servis, Martin, Kotas, Hned Vedle, Jedličkův ústav, Jana Škopková, Juraj Horváth, Magistrát hl. m. Prahy, Petr Czasch, Markéta Reedová, Martin Mareček, Oldřich, Kužílek, Michaela Valentová, Paul Osborne, Martin Skalský, Ondřej Boháč, Daniel Mourek, Nakole.cz, Linda Veselá, o.s. Písečná, Tereza Vohryzková, Otakar Strunecký, Markéta Šoltysová, Simona Ťoupalíková, Petr Cejnar, Petra Koníčková, Tomáš Prousek, Tomáš Cach, Jakub Smolík, Alena Mejstříková, Otevřená společnost o.p.s., Pražské matky, Šárka Havlíčková, Barbora Kolárová, Jan Kadeřábek, Daniela Göttlová, Eliška Vejchodská, Ondřej Kubišta, Cyril Šajch, Irena Swiecicki, Ráchel Paslerová, Šárka Sklenářová, Transparency International ČR, Transparency International Slovensko, Vlado Pirošík, Inštitut pre ekonomické a sociálne reformy, World Carfree Network, Yvona Kreuzmanová, Zelený kruh, ÚVT, s.r.o., Maxximal.cz and other cooperators and volunteers.

**THANKS TO EVERY ONE!**

