

**Who are they?**

Independent nongovernmental (civil society) organization  
[www.carpathianfoundation.org](http://www.carpathianfoundation.org)

**Where are they?**

Middle of Hungary

**What do they do?**

The Foundation focuses on promoting the development of human and community resources of the region, on innovative community development, and on the strengthening of participatory democracy

**How big are they?**

5 staff, annual income of 859,780 EURO

**What did they receive?**

1 Small Business Server 2003 Standard Edition R2  
4 Expression Web 1.0  
6 Office Professional 2003  
6 Project Professional 2007

**The outcome?**

"The donation has made everyday work at the Foundation easier."

Kárpátok Nemzetközi Alapítvány (Carpathian Foundation International) is an independent nongovernmental (civil society) organization that aims at promoting sustainable development of communities and settlements in the Carpathian Euroregion, which are marginalized and unable to realize their potential. Kárpátok Alapítvány focuses on promoting the development of human and community resources of the region, on innovative community development, and on strengthening participatory democracy. It assists cross-border and cross-sector cooperation among settlements and civil society organizations of the region.

The programs of the Foundation encompass community-based rural development in small settlements, citizen participation projects, innovative community development projects, social cooperation development projects, support for best rural initiatives around "catch-up," promotion of community empowerment, technical assistance with grant applications, assistance with human resources development and capacity building, promotion of cultural and environmental conservation, support for strategic planning in civil society organizations, an Equal Opportunities Scholarship Program, and support for the dissemination of international experience in Hungary.

Through its work, the organization promotes local and region-wide cross-border cooperation among community foundations and community developers. In the long term, this cooperation promotes the exchange of experience; with its ideas it catalyses problem solving of community development and local communities. It also serves as a motivator for enhancing active citizenship on both the micro-regional and the Europe-wide levels.

Through the CivilTech program the Foundation received Small Business Server 2003 Standard Edition R2, Expression Web 1.0, Office Professional 2003, and Project Professional 2007 software donations. Tasnádi Judit, a staff member at the organization, explained: "The donation has made everyday work at the Foundation easier; the software resources of the organization have become more homogeneous. Easy access to shared documents for all on the server resulted in increased effectiveness; scanned files are also directly accessible on the server. The CivilTech program helped us save the money through the donated software: only a symbolic administrative fee had to be paid."