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Public Affairs Section

Ljubljana, January 2021
CEED Slovenia
“Founders Talk with Jeff Hoffman”
($5,000)
CEED Slovenia organized three events with Jeff Hoffman, co-founder and CEO of Priceline.com, who appeared as a keynote speaker for over 200 entrepreneurs and CEOs and a workshop for tech companies to talk about global business trends to better understand how they can expand their businesses internationally, and especially in the U.S.

CEED Slovenia
“Global Learning Initiative”
($8,000)
CEED Slovenia is building a community-based international learning platform, connecting global companies with the purpose of exchanging best practices for businesses and entrepreneurs. With this initiative, the organization plans to implement a series of events with American speakers for Slovenian entrepreneurs, where American business leaders can share their knowledge and experience.
https://www.ceed.si/ceed-global-learning-initiative/

United Nations Association of Slovenia
“Simulation UN”
($1,000)
The overreaching goal of the project “Youth. Engage. Empower. Make a Change” was to encourage youth participation and engagement, as well as to promote the importance of volunteerism. The conference was attended by 43 participants from various countries under the theme of “The Transatlantic Divide”

EN-Lite
“Energy, Society and Education”
($5,000)
This project included several components: a multi-stakeholder symposium: Energy, Society and Education; an interactive educational e-booklet: Energy, Society and Education, which offered presentations and content from the symposium (in Slovenian and English language) as well as video-recordings and 3 short video-interviews with key symposium speakers; and live streaming of the symposium on Videolectures.net/live on a specially designated channel on YouTube. The goal of the project was to increase awareness among domestic and international experts, decision-makers and students about the importance of energy literacy (with special focus on Energy Flexibility and Security of Energy Supply) and to increase knowledge of advanced, open-source education resources and tools among the broader educational community (with special focus on best-practice in the energy literacy field in Slovenia and globally, incl. US examples)
EN-Lite
“iEnergy Open Education Library”
($2,000)
This online Library offers free educational materials that can be used by anyone involved in energy education, including formal and informal energy education (e.g. in schools, companies, public sector organizations etc.), educator trainings, and curriculum design etc. iEnergy Open Library offers quality content created in collaboration with technical and engineering, natural- and social science experts from research and educational organizations, the industry and public sector. [https://oe4bw.org/project/ienergy-open-library/](https://oe4bw.org/project/ienergy-open-library/)

Institution of Research and development of Alternative Practices
“Experiencing the Benefits of American Cranberries”
($1,000)
The goal of this project was to use the cultivation of American cranberries in the eco garden Beltinec to highlight and encourage a social entrepreneurship model aiming at the promotion of local, self-sufficient production.

PMI Slovenia Chapter
“Ready for the Future”
($3,000)
The goal of the project was to develop and conduct a one-year educational program for students and youth based on Project Management Methodology developed by the US-based Project Management Institute in order to build their employability skills and engage them with industry-leading management practices.

Sports Club Hawk
“Wild Hogs Flag Football 2019 and 2020”
($4,000)
This project included a workshop on American culture, which discussed key sports-related similarities and differences between the US and Europe. It also included a roundtable on personal responsibility in sport, teamwork, solidarity, the importance of socializing, overcoming intolerance and racism.

Slovenian Society for Analytical Society
“Bled Conference: Social Epistemology and the Politics of Knowing”
($2,000)
Sarah Wright, University of Arizona, an expert in epistemology with investigations into the normative aspects of epistemology as well as human reasoning about probability and preferences, and the limits that we as humans might face in such reasoning, was a co-organizer of the academic conference “Social Epistemology and the Politics of Knowing” bringing over 40 American experts, professors,
lecturers and guests together to discuss issues like reliable sources, the belief formation process, how virtual spaces and communities influence our thinking, and what gives rise to populism and fake news.

**Study and Sports in the US**

“Study and Sports in the US”

($5,000)

The purpose of this project was to inform Slovenian high school students about the opportunities for studying in the US, especially for student athletes. The project consisted of various presentations at high schools and educational events and fairs informing the students about the American school system, sports scholarships and other opportunities.

**CNVOS**

“Dobrodelen.si”

($3,000)

This project aims to assist donors to make financial contributions to NGOs easier. The result of the project is a web-platform for making donations, based on American cases.

[www.dobrodelen.si](http://www.dobrodelen.si)

**Institute for Economic Democracy**

“ESOPs”

($4,000)

The purpose of the project “Broad-based Employee Ownership (EO): An American Model to Consider” is to introduce the contemporary concept of EO to Slovenian business leaders and managers, to present the good practice by inviting American CEO and to introduce the model to Slovenian community, especially business owners, start-ups and the eco-system.

[https://ekonomska-demokracija.si/gradiva/](https://ekonomska-demokracija.si/gradiva/)

**Today is a New Day**

“Freedom of Speech Abecedarium”

($2,000)

A thematic series that will include short pieces exploring the concept of freedom of speech from its beginning in the concept of liberal democracies and the U.S. Constitution, through key American judicial precedence and the questions shaping the freedom of speech today. The result will be a bilingual publication disseminated among libraries, experts, educators, teachers and general public.

**American Slovenian Education Foundation**

“Speaker Series”

($4,000)
The goal of the project is to strengthen regional and Trans-Atlantic cooperation between Slovenia and the US. ASEF Alumni speaker series aims to present current research performed by ASEF professors and fellows to a broader public, as well as to build a community where researchers and practitioners of different disciplines and institutions can discuss ideas and get to know each other.

**SiNapsa**
**“US Assisted Brain Health Promoting Efforts”**
($3,000)
A key-note speaker at the “Lifestyle is the Medicine. What is the Spoon?” at the Sinapsa conference that attracted over 200 participants was Dr. David L. Katz, an American physician and the founding director of the Yale-Griffin Prevention Research Center. Besides that he also engaged with students, American Chamber and media. His visit improved trans-Atlantic cooperation on academic, scientific and public health levels.

**Institute RIGSC**
**“Promoting Euro-Atlantic Trade”**
($3,000)
The project increased knowledge, awareness, and understanding about the importance of Euro-Atlantic trade among the youth.
https://www.facebook.com/InstituteGSC/videos/235226234315098

**Faculty of Criminal justice**
**“Social Inclusion and Equal Right to Mobility for People with Disabilities”**
($5,500)
The goals of the project are to identify the state of social exclusion, discrimination and intolerance towards people with disabilities in Slovenia by doing a research report including recommendations of good practices from the U.S and to promote the findings to various key actors by organizing a conference and individual meetings and consultations with a guest speaker from the U.S.
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