

The General Public to Distribute CZK 1,000,000 among the Best Charitable Projects. Voting Starts Today in the Ceska Sporitelna Foundation Grant Programme

- ⇒ **From 10 June through 24 June, the general public can vote for their favourite non-profit organisations and their projects at www.nadacecs.cz/granty**
- ⇒ **31 projects will compete for people's favour and the CZK 1,000,000 donated by the Ceska sporitelna Foundation**

From today through to 24 June, the general public can vote for charitable projects that will share in CZK 1,000,000, in the third annual Ceska sporitelna Foundation Grant Programme. 31 projects advanced to the final, having been nominated by Ceska sporitelna clients who cooperate with the organisations on a sustained basis as volunteers. The CS Foundation will make grants of up to CZK 70,000 to organisations focused on helping seniors and persons with mental and combined handicaps, as well as for the prevention and treatment of drug addiction. These are target groups to which the CS Foundation devotes sustained attention and support.

The vote is being held on the website of the Ceska sporitelna Foundation - www.nadacecs.cz/granty, and is open to everyone. Every voter has a total of three votes that he can divide among three projects. The winners will be known in early July.

"Giving some of one's time to an organisation that is helping others is the cornerstone of charity. We at Ceska sporitelna value volunteers and would like their numbers to grow. That is why we are supporting volunteering, through the Ceska sporitelna Foundation Grant Programmes," said Klára Gajdušková, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Ceska sporitelna Foundation.

Ceska sporitelna has been supporting individual volunteering since 2007, when it launched a volunteer programme for its employees, entitled Days for Charity with Ceska sporitelna. It quickly became very popular among employees, which is why the bank launched the Grant Programme for them two years later, in 2009. For seven years now, employees have been able to direct as much as CZK 1,000,000 from it to their non-profits. Both grant programmes focus on supporting non-profit organisations operating in the same areas as the CS Foundation, and both have been

implemented by the Foundation since 2014. In this seventh year of the employee grant programme, 13 projects succeeded, by earning the highest number of votes from CS employees. Grant programmes, however, constitute only one part of the work of the CS Foundation. This year, for example, it has contributed over CZK 4.5 mil. to another 11 projects. Since its establishment in 2002, the CS Foundation has distributed over CZK 210 million.

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Ceska sporitelna's profile

Ceska sporitelna is the largest bank in the Czech Republic • More than 5 million clients use its services: individuals, small and medium-sized enterprises, and municipalities, but we also finance large corporations and provide financial market services • Ceska sporitelna has been a member of Erste Group since 2000, and under that brand, it serves affluent and corporate clients • It boasts the most extensive branch and ATM networks in the Czech Republic • It also plays an important role as an innovator: for example, it was the first bank on the Czech market to start issuing contactless cards comprehensively, and to develop a network for their use • *For additional interesting information about Ceska sporitelna, read [here](#).*

Ceska sporitelna – A Responsible partner of the Society

We have invested **CZK 26,000,000,000** into projects for electricity generation from renewable sources and energy-efficient projects · We endowed the Depositum Bonum Foundation with **CZK 1,450,000,000** to support education in the Czech Republic · Together with the Ceska sporitelna Foundation, we donated **CZK 76,000,000** to publicly beneficial projects in 2012 · In 2013, we divided **CZK 2,000,000** among 34 charitable projects on the basis of votes taken in our employee and client grant programmes **10,000** seniors attended our "Seniors Communicate" educational courses in **900** Czech towns and cities · **2,092** of our employees participated in the Sporitelna Days for Charity in 2014. **234** of our branches are wheelchair-accessible and over **626** of our ATMs are adapted for use by visually impaired clients · Each employee can use **2** work days for public benefit activities thanks to Sporitelna's Days for Charity · *For additional interesting information about Ceska sporitelna's corporate social responsibility, read [here](#).*

Erste Group's Profile

Erste Group is the leading financial services provider in the Eastern part of the EU • Approximately 46,000 employees serve 16.4 million clients in more than 2,800 branches in 7 countries (Austria, Czech Republic, Slovakia, Romania, Hungary, Croatia, Serbia) • As of Q1 2014 Erste Group has reached EUR 203.9 billion in total assets, a net profit of EUR 103,3 million and a cost-income-ratio of 57.0%.