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Annual report 2013





“We support great things”

...the expression that one can hear very often in Ekopolis. The statement that describes and defines us. Simple key principle, which we use when designing our programs, when advising our applicants, when selecting projects for support, when assisting our grantees if difficulties occur. When it comes to great things, the year 2013 was extraordinarily fruitful. Program Active citizenship and inclusion of the EEA Financial Mechanism 2009 - 2014 and the Block Grant for NGOs and Partnership Support of the Block Grant for NGOs and Partnership Support of the Swiss-Slovak Cooperation Programme presently belong to the most important sources of support for NGOs in Slovakia. In many cases, projects in these two programs represent a sample of the best that NGOs in our country are doing – bringing up innovative ideas, mobilizing active people, tackling key concerns in the society.

Thanks to the support of our corporate partners in 2013, we could open seven programs to support local activities and projects. Through these programs 126 projects have been implemented, most of them bringing long-term results; improved public spaces in the Green Belt and Rest Beyond the City programs, the energy saving measures through Living Energy Fund, the measures to reduce the risks of floods and droughts in the program for Water in the country, renewed and marked hiking trails in the Living trails program.

We support great people and we are lucky and honored to work with great people. All those who motivate us, who keep fingers crossed for us, who trust and support us. This annual report, besides being an overview of what we did in 2013, is also a sincere “thank you” to all these people.

Peter Medved,
Ekopolis Foundation, Director, March 2014

Our profile

The Ekopolis Foundation bears 23 years of knowledge of the management of grant programs specialized in civic society democracy and environmental sustainability. We support activities of hundreds of NGOs in accordance with their actual needs, flexibly and without unnecessary bureaucracy.

Since 1991 we have supported 2,891 projects of NGOs, municipalities, and initiatives by 14,258,758 €. We realise our own projects on the national and international level. We are a member of the Environmental Partnership Association together with foundations in Bulgaria, Hungary, and Romania. The foundation is a member of the European Cyclists Federation, European Greenways Association which is oriented on the building, support and promotion of the paths for motorless traffic in Europe, and also the member of Civilscape – an international network of NGOs from all over Europe in support of the European Landscape Convention. We are a Fair – Trade Partner that supports the ideas of fair business.

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Our vision

is an advanced civic society where the citizens realise their responsibility for social development and environmental issues. A society with citizens who are interested in participating in public policy, have courage to adopt some critical stance and who are concerned with helping avoid detrimental conditions for future generations.

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The Year 2013 in short

January

- Before the deadline of 1st round of Rest beyond the City 2013 there were received record 45 applications from 19 towns.
- From 20th January you can find us besides Facebook also on Twitter and LinkedIn.
- Before the deadline of 1st round of Green Belt grant program supported by Slovnaft company, we received 336 applications. From them there were chosen 100, which followed to second round of evaluation.
- PE-ES, C.A. from Diviacka Nová Ves (Prievidza district) realized the project Green Energy from Living energy Fund by Ekopolis Foundation with the support of 5,500 €
- Advisory Board from Rest beyond the City grant program chose 15 finalists to the second round of evaluation process.
- In Block Grant for NGOs in Swiss – Slovak Cooperation Programme there were obtained 76 applications, including 23 environmental and 53 social projects. The whole amount asked by NGOs is 7.4 million €.
- In Block grant for Partnership Support in Swiss-Slovak Cooperation Programme there were registred before deadline of 15th January 14 applications in the amount of more than 2.1 million €.

February

- We opened 3rd year of Think Big grant program for young people who have a courage to change the world.
- In program Active citizenship and inclusion we opened the Fund of bilateral cooperation. The program is a part of the implementation of Financial Mechanism of EEA Grants of Ireland, Liechtenstein and Norway in 2009 – 2014.
- To 28th February there was the opportunity to vote in European Tree of the Year contest. Slovakia is represented by 140-years old Plane – tree in Komjatice (Nitra region)
- On 25th February there was organized the conference of the Fund of NGOs. The fund is focused on the development of civic society, support of social equity, democracy and sustainable development.
- Thanks to O2 Think Big there was revived Slovak bag-piper tradition. Supported C.A. organized 3rd music workshop.
- We opened the campaign to obtain 2% from Income Tax. It is focused on the support of biking and hiking.
- In LUMEN Radio there was the guest, our colleague Martina Paulíková, who talked about public spaces creation.
- In first round of Active citizenship and inclusion there will be divided 1.6 million €.

March

- Slovak Plane Tree placen on 5th place in European Tree of the year contest.
- In Rest beyond the City grant program the Advisory Board decided about the support of 6 recreational areas in the amount of 30 ths €.

- Ekopolis Foundation organized information workshops in 1st call of proposals in Active citizenship and inclusion.
- Ekopolis Foundation in cooperation with partners SOCIA and Carpathian Foundation published the list of projects, which obtained the support in 2nd call of proposals in Block Grant of Partnership Support in Swiss-Slovak cooperation Programme.
- Ekopolis Foundation is Slovak deputy in the project Sustainable mobility along the new path EuroVelo 13 Iron Curtain Trail realized in 10 South-East European countries.
- EEA Financial Mechanism and Norway created strategic partnership with Council of Europe to support tolerance and human rights. Through the programs there are supported the activities of NGOs focused on repression of hate speech on web pages and social networks.
- ZSE in cooperation with Ekopolis Foundation opened 5th year of Living Energy Fund.

April

- METRO in cooperation with Ekopolis Foundation supported next three projects of greenery planting in the whole Slovakia.
- We published the list of the projects supported in Green Belt grant program.
- 30th April was the deadline for proposals of Living Energy Fund.
- 4th year of O2 Think Big grant program supported the projects of young people with the amount of 57 ths €. There were obtained more than 700 projects from the whole Slovakia. The Advisory Board chose 65 best projects.

- Ekopolis Foundation opened 11th year of Tree of the Year contest.

May

- In Living Trails grant program focused on the reconstruction of tourist trails in Slovakia there were supported five projects in the whole amount of 7.5 ths €.
- More than 90 young people supported in O2 Think Big grant program took part in the training in May in Zvolen.
- "Združenie Lokálpatriotov" C.A. in Považská Bystrica organized the cleaning and greenery planting in future educational-relax cenozoic park. For their idea they obtained 2.2 ths € from People for Trees grant program.
- The end of May was the deadline for the signing „green friends“ in Tree of the Year contest.
- Levice Town obtained financial support of 3.7 ths € for sightseeing and memorial place with interesting history named Šikláš from Rest beyond the city grant program.

June

- In the occasion of World Environmental Day there was organized in Brusel the celebration of European Tree of the Year contest. The event was organized with the support of European Parliament and with the participation of Janez Potočnik, European Commissary.
- Living Energy Fund supported by 7 ths € the installation of heat pump and condensation boiler in Union of blind and weak-eyed in Bratislava.
- From June the children from the kindergarden in Trebišov knew what is ZEBO. This product – the stand for crayons was presented by young boy Daniel Tocik supported in O2 Think Big grant program.

- In locality LIDO in Piešťany there was organized Lidožrúť – summer fest of good music. The project – LIDO – an Island for the people was supported by Rest beyond the city grant program.
- In pilot year Nestlé for the water in the landscape grant program focused on the increasing of people's interest in the water as a living source and increasing of environmental protection there were supported 5 projects by 8.5 ths €.
- Thanks O2 Think Big there was reconstructed the playground for basketball in Levice. The project was realised by Youth Parliament.

July

- New relax area near the ponds in Levice was opened thanks to the project Ponds in Levice supported from Green Belt grant program.
- From 5th to 8th July there was in Banská Bystrica organized 3rd year of the biggest meeting of friends of uncompetitive discipline Parkourmeeting, which was supported by 1.6 ths € in O2 Think Big grant program.
- There was started public voting in Tree of the Year 2013 contest.
- Ekopolis Foundation in cooperation with SOCIA and Children of Slovakia Foundation supported 34 projects of NGOs in the whole amount of 1,562,000 €.
- There was published the bulletin Echopolis.
- Ekopolis Foundation took part in the Pohoda Fest already for the seventh time.
- In nice environment of the park and castle in Dolná Krupá there was organized special summer event Pecha

Kucha Night Trnava. This event was supported by O2 Think Big grant program.

- O2 Think Big supported also Slovak – Indic club Ganesh a in Piešťany.
- More than 600 ths € was obtained by the projects of Swiss – Slovak Cooperation Program.

August

- In Bardejov there was organized Market without Money as a part of the project “Habitation of the Bastion” supported by O2 Think Big.
- Project Way through 14th century – 2nd phase, realized by Tilia, C.A. was supported by 3 ths € from Green Belt grant program.
- Truc sphérique, C.A. which runs Žilina – Záríečie Railway station obtained from Living Energy grant program the support of 7 ths € from Eko forward. Thanks to this support they installed four solar collectors in well known cultural center.
- Community association named Cigeľský komunitný spolok started with the realization of Šariš Permacultural Center with the support od 3 ths € from Green Belt grant program.
- Hidepark – also in 2013 there was renovated previous waste dump near Nitra river with financial support of Ekopolis Foundation.
- Living Energy Fund helped to Krásna Hôrka Castle and Betliar manor house with the replacement of classic lightbulbs with low-cost LED technology.
- Mini Jazznica 2013 fest is the daughter project of Jazznica fest in Banská Štiavnica. O2 Think Big grant program supported this project with the amount of 960 €.

- Living Energy Fund supported the building of a green house with solar collectors in Secondary School in Nižná. The project “Summer in our garden” was supported by 3 ths €.

September

- On 1st September was in Rajec organized “Batnight”. It was final event of the project “How the batmen communicate”, which was supported by 1.76 ths € from O2 Think Big.
- Center of Environmental Education Živica in cooperation with Technical University in Zvolen open the Institute of Socrates.
- The end of September is the deadline for public voting in Tree of the Year contest.
- On 16th and 21st September was in Banská Bystrica organized Voluntary week, Market of NGOs and Cyklofest with participation of many NGOs including Ekopolis Foundation.
- Thank to the support of 2.5 ths € from Nestlé for the water in the landscape renewed Town of Šála the hall of historical artesian water well.
- Inspiration, C.A. created new activity park in Mojmírovce. For greenery planting it obtained financial support of 1.89 ths € from O2 Think Big grant program.
- For the project Rosarium obtained Special Basic School in Banská Štiavnica 1 ths € from People for Trees grant program.
- Opening celebration of the project Green life was organized in Hnúšťa. Basic school obtained for its project 1.6 ths €

- On 25th September opened Ekopolis Foundation in cooperation with Children of Slovakia Foundation 2nd round of the call of proposals for the projects of NGOs in the program Active citizenship and inclusion. The whole amount for this support is 1.406 million €.
- At the end of September there was organized famous end of “Hidepark season”. The project was supported by Rest beyond the City and O2 Think Big.
- Final event of the project Relax area near Medokýš well was organized in Martin. The town obtained for this project financial support of 5.6 ths € from Rest beyond the City grant program.

October

- Periphery centers, C.A. opened new sauna Kunstsdorf. For its project in Dúbravica village obtained 2.5 ths € from Green Belt grant program.
- In Slovak weekly paper “Plus 7 Days” was published an article about the history of Tree of the Year contest.
- From Living Energy Fund was supported traffic playground in Galanta by an amount of 7 ths €.
- 10-years old skatepark in Košice was finally reconstructed. Thanks to the ambition of young people and financial support of O2 Think Big they reconstructed the skatepark and build new bars.
- Krížna, C.A. realized the project Living garden thanks to the support of 3 ths € from Green Belt grant program.
- Green Belt grant program, which 8th year was opened by Ekopolis Foundation will support also the project near Malý Dunaj river.



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- Body Culture Association in Zvolen renewed 20 km of tourist trails in Kremnické vrchy. For their project they obtained the support of 1.6 ths € from Living Trails grant program.
- The winner of Tree of the Year contest 2013 is Oak Tree – a dominant of Doctor G.K.Zechenter Garden in historical center of Kremnica, which obtained 1,955 votes in public voting.

November

- One of the projects Nestlé for the water in the landscape is also the cleaning of small river in the center of Bunkovce village. The activities were presented to inhabitants at the beginning of November.
- “Water in the town and landscape” was the title of the conference, which was organized in Zvolen as a part of the program Nestlé for the water in the landscape.
- Ekopolis Foundation in cooperation with SOCIA and Carpathian Foundation supported next projects in 2nd call of proposals of Block grant for Partnership Support of Swiss-Slovak Cooperation Program. From 17 applications there were chosen 6 projects in the whole amount of 641,324 €.
- NaturAqua, C.A. realized in 2013 the project focused on the revitalisation of ox-bow Váh river in Žihárec. For the project it obtained 3.5 ths € from Green Belt grant program.
- Ekopolis Foundation in cooperation with HEINEKEN Slovensko opened 4th year of Rest beyond the City grant program.

- On 22nd and 23rd there was organized in Zvolen the last of the workshops for O2 Think Big 2013 grantees with the participation of the partners from Czech Republic.

December

- Ekopolis Foundation in cooperation with Nestlé Slovakia opened 2nd year of Nestlé for the water in the landscape grant program. For the project support there was allocated the whole amount of 29 ths €.

Our programmes and projects

1. GRANT PROGRAMMES

Swiss – Slovak cooperation programme and Active citizenship and inclusion

Swiss – Slovak Cooperation Programme and Active Citizenship and Inclusion are actually two biggest and key programmes. They ensure financial and administrative support for continual work and sustainability of the tens of NGOs in the whole Slovakia. By means of these programmes we can support important topics and open principal questions of nature and landscape protection, as well as social affairs, support the communities, understanding among people, dignified life and the humanity with the vision of Slovakia as a country responsible for the environment and the inhabitants.

Block grant for NGOs and Partnership Support of the Swiss-Slovak Cooperation Programme

The Block grant is made of financial contribution of the Swiss Confederation and co-financed from the state budget of the Slovak Republic. The Block Grant has two parts: the Block Grant for NGOs and the Block Grant for Partnership Support. The Block Grant for NGOs is strategically aimed to establish a functional grant scheme to support projects of Slovak social and environmental NGOs through so-called Small projects. The Block Grant for Partnership Support is aimed at supporting partnership projects of Slovak and Swiss institutions through so called Joint projects.

2,652,983 € is allocated to finance Small Projects and 2,240,646 € to finance Joint Projects. In 2013 there were supported 23 projects in the whole amount of more than 2.745 million €. The Block grant is provided by Ekopolis Foundation in the partnership with Carpathian Foundation and SOCIA – Social Reform Foundation.

Active Citizenship and Inclusion

Program Active citizenship and inclusion is a grant scheme for supporting activities of non-governmental organisations (NGOs) active in enhancing participative democracy, decreasing social inequalities, poverty and exclusion, supporting children and youth, protecting the environment and providing welfare and basic social services. The Programme is a part of the implementation of the EEA Financial Mechanism, financed by Norway, Liechtenstein and Iceland and realised from January 2013 – December 2015. Financial allocation for the support of NGOs is 2.9 million €, including allocation of 100 ths € for Bilateral cooperation support. The program is realised by Ekopolis Foundation in the partnership with Children of Slovakia Foundation and SOCIA Foundation.

2. PROGRAMMES WITH THE SUPPORT OF CORPORATE PARTNERS

We appreciate the support of our corporate partners. Thanks to this support we can support the activities of hundreds of civic associations and initiatives, municipalities, and schools in a long-term horizon and without useless bureaucracy. There are the projects on the local level, which contribute to the healthier environment, nicer public spaces and relax areas, safer biking and hiking trails. Thanks to these programmes we can support good relationships among the people, the inhabitants of all age categories are involved in local development, there is an increased involvement of young people, their interest in different living areas, self-confidence and personal development.

Tree of the year

In March 2013 there was opened already 11th year of the Tree of the Year contest. The aim of the nationwide contest of the most interesting, rare, beautiful, or otherwise appealing tree is to highlight the importance of trees in our lives and arouse people's interest in their environment and its protection. There were 65 nominated trees in 2013. The expert jury chose 12 finalists from them. The title of the Tree of the Year 2013 has been awarded to an 350 year oak tree of Kremnica. 13,328 votes were sent to support 12 finalists. The partners of the contest in 2013 were Slovenská sporiteľňa, Dajama publishing house, Artforum bookshop, ISA Slovensko (International Society of Arboriculture), A.B.I.E.S gardening. The patron of 11th year of the contest was, for the second time, a well-known Slovak singer Peter Lipa.



Green Belt

The objective of the program is to create, renew, or revive the ecologically valuable areas and trails in cooperation with NGOs, local communities and schools, kindergartens or free time centres. The program supports sustainable care of ecologically valuable areas, which are used by the public and support the concept of nature preservation and sustainability. In the 7th year of the program, which was opened by Ekopolis Foundation and SLOVNAFT, S.C., there was obtained the support for 23 projects in the whole amount of 56 ths €. The aim of this year was a return to traditional cultivation of useful, healing and amenity plants. Thanks to this year there are actually 156 green belts in Slovakia. Ekopolis Foundation obtained totally 336 applications for support.

Trees instead the leaflets

The wholesale network Metro Cash & Carry SR, Ltd. supported in 2013 next three ecological projects in Banská Štiavnica, Nitra, Košice – in the whole amount of 3 ths €. The grants are financed from the project Trees instead of the leaflets. Its objective is to contribute 1 Euro for every registered customer, who takes the updated offers in e-mail instead of the printed leaflets. In this project Metro cooperates with Ekopolis Foundation.

O2 Think Big

O2 Think Big is the program led by Telefónica O2 company together with the partner Ekopolis Foundation and Children of Slovakia Foundation in June 2010. The objective of the program is to support innovative projects of young people at the age of 15 to 25 years in different areas of social and community living. In 2013 the Advisory Board chose from almost 474 applications of 65 groups of young people, who obtained financial support for realisation of their ideas from 400 – 2,000 €. Besides financial

support, young leaders had the opportunity to participate in trainings focused on living and social competences organised by Children of Slovakia Foundation. The program O2 Think Big was established in 2010 as Pan-European initiative of Telefónica O2 company and it belongs to important measures of young people support in some countries in Europe.

Nestlé for the water in the landscape

In 2013 there was opened 1st year of Nestlé for the Landscape grant program. The objective of the program is to increase the participation of local communities in water, protection of water elements and sources and to support the management of water in urban and rural landscape. The support was obtained by 5 projects in the whole amount of 8.5 ths €. Thanks to them there was renewed the water system in two lakelets, renovated the space for rain water and two historical water wells.

Rest beyond the city

Rest beyond the city is the title of the program opened by Ekopolis Foundation in cooperation with HEINEKEN Slovakia, S.C. Its objective is to support communities living together with the renovation and reviving of recreational areas in the background of towns with more than 35,000 inhabitants. The financial support in the whole amount of 30 ths € was obtained by 6 best projects. Each project obtained also the consultation during planning and realisation of the reconstruction in the value of 450 €.

Living Trails

The objective of the program is to support the sensitive renewal of protected areas in Slovakia, and development of recreational and educational functions of Slovak nature. Financial support is directed towards restoration and improvement of tourist

trails, educational paths and public spaces used by tourists. The partner of the program is TOYOTA MOTOR SLOVAKIA. In 2013 five projects were supported by 7,500 €.

Greenways

The objective of the program is the development of cycling as a means of transport or tourism. The goal is to use bikes to serve citizens and residents for recreational purposes, sports, every day transport to work, school, shopping, or for travelling around the country. Through the program we support the development of biking trails, but also the increase of awareness and conditions for its development.

Living Energy Fund

The Living Energy Fund is a result of the cooperation of ZSE Energia, the Ekopolis Foundation, and customers of the company who support the development and use of renewable energy sources and express their responsible attitude to economic electricity usage. The fund obtained the sources from green electricity sold and distributed by ZSE Energia. For the support of up to 7 ths € there could apply NGOs, civic associations, municipalities and other educational institutions, social care institutes, rest homes, free time centres, and community centres. There were supported 16 projects in the whole amount of 99,625 €.

Tatra Fund

The fund was established by Ekopolis Foundation together with its partners in November 2004 after the dreadful windstorm in the Tatras. Since then there has been supported 35 projects in total thanks to the contribution of tens of firms and thousands of donors. Fund support has been aimed for the renewal of

the forest areas. In 2013 there was supported one project of Community Foundation Liptov named Wilderness under Salatín.

3. OUR OWN PROJECTS AND ACTIVITIES

By means of our own activities we strive to highlight the topics, which are the closest to us. We believe, that the support of healthy biking, walking, and the development of motor-less transport, nice and safe public spaces, the involvement of socially disadvantaged groups of people in the activities of the village and the region are the topics, which contribute to the health and good-quality living of us all. Through these activities we strive to inspire, educate, and promote.

Cyclists Welcome!

Tourist facilities and destinations can increase the attractiveness of their services for cyclists when they obtain the certificate "Cyclists Welcome!". Since May 2008, this certification has been provided in Slovakia by the Ekopolis Foundation. The objective of the certification is to increase the number of facilities which are cyclist friendly and support cycle tourism in Slovakia. At the end of 2013 the logo of a smiling bicycle is owned by 85 tourist facilities in Slovakia.

Trixi mobil

The objective of the Trixi mobil project is to promote ecological, non-motorized transport, support the Greenways program and to contribute to the increasing attractiveness of tourism in Slovakia. This modern ecological tricycle, where a rider can comfortably take two passengers, was started in 1997 in Berlin. Since 2007, the Ekopolis Foundation owns 5 Trixi mobilis and is the only provider in Slovakia.



You could see them at Pohoda Music Festival 2013 in Trenčín, during the cyclofests in Banská Bystrica and Zvolen, at Green Bazaar in Trenčín, at International Cinematic Fest in Karlove Vary and seasonally (April – September) in Košice and Piešťany.

Public spaces – Bystrany

During the years 2012 and 2013 Ekopolis Foundation participated in the project “Education of young Romany with incomplete elementary education in Bystrany”. Together with young people there was planned and renewed central space in Roma habitation. There was created “Sheffield square” - a successful public space for local community. Educational activities in Bystrany were divided into theoretical and practical parts. Their common objective was to increase the relation of Romany to their surroundings and to the environment. There was planned the reconstruction of public space focused on the improvement of the environment including their personal practical participation in the realization of planned activities.

Iron Curtain Trail

Program of Sustainable mobility on the latest EuroVelo route, Iron Curtain Trail, is focused on the development of a long-distance cycling trail called Iron Curtain Trail in Slovakia. For nearly a half century Europe was divided into East and West Europe. The border running from the Barents Sea to the Black Sea was given the name Iron Curtain. The long-distance cycling trail Euro Velo 13 Iron Curtain Trail is 9,500 km long today and invites all cyclists with their interest in modern history. The project follows our activities on this trail in last years. It has several more or less visible objectives. More visible objective

is to find the way, how to increase public transport along this trail to connect the trails in neighbouring countries. One of the practical outputs is the marking of the whole Slovak part of the trail, the increasing number of certified facilities named “Cyclists, welcome!” in the region or creation of the national Internet portal of EuroVelo.

The project was supported by South-East Europe Programme of European Union and will have been realized by the end of September 2014.

EPA – Future team

Ekopolis Foundation is, together with foundations in Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Hungary, and Romania, a member of Environmental Partnership Association. The participants from each foundation took part in the business trips in the end of 2012 and in May and August 2013. On the basis of the meetings with representatives of the foundations and important organisations in these countries there was elaborated a report about the situation in the 3rd sector; there were identified the differences in the functioning of NGOs and proposed further opportunities of the cooperation among the foundations.





Lucia Tallová

Lucia Tallová (1985) v roku 2011 absolvovala štúdium v ateliéri prof. Ivana Csudaia na VŠVU v Bratislave. Má za sebou viacero domácich i zahraničných výstav, získala ocenenie Strabag Artaward International – Award of Recognition a je víťazkou 1. ceny Maľba 2013 Nadácie VÚB.

Tvorba Lucie Tallovej predstavuje intímne rozprávanie príbehov prostredníctvom médiá maľby. V obrazoch spája dve protichodné vizuálne skúsenosti: neosobný produkt industriálnej spoločnosti s tajomnou neidentifikovateľnou krajinou. Už v staršej tvorbe využíva tendenčne silnejúcu vrstvu diela – ornamentálne štruktúry a obrázce, vytvorené autorskou technikou aplikovania vyšívaných a háčkových textílií na plochu plátna. Práca s čipkou prezentuje nielen určitú vizuálnu kvalitu diela, ale aj nevyslovený vnútorný význam. Vrstvenie maľby, s využitím ozdobných rastrov, získava špecifickú atmosféru, dodáva mu sentimentálnosť, nádych nostalgie a romantiky, naivnú dekoratívnosť a ponúka divákovi známu, ľahko čitateľnú informáciu, s ktorou sa dokáže identifikovať.

Na pozadí zjemnených a znejasnených obrazov sa vynárajú horizontály a vertikály strohých chladných architektúr (anonymných aj identifikovateľných mestských dominánt), ktoré sú zdramatizované a „skrášlené” práve len nadreálnou atmosférou. Výsledkom je intímna umelá realita, ktorú možno v najlepšom význame slova označiť za „ženskú” – zjemnenú, skrášlenú, znejasnenú, zvnútornenú, a vďaka kvalite a intenzite Tallovej maliarskeho stvárnenia aj za nadindividuálnu.

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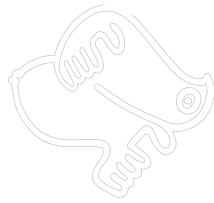
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Lucia Tallová (1985) In 2011 she graduated her studies in the atelier of prof. Ivan Csudai at the Academy of Fine Art and Design in Bratislava. She has held several exhibitions both in her homeland and abroad, she has been awarded by Strabag Artaward International - Award of Recognition and she is an award holder of Painting 2013 VÚB foundation award.

The works of Lucia Tallová represent an intimate storytelling by means of painting medium. In her images she links two contradictory pieces of visual experience: an impersonal product of industrial society and mysterious unidentifiable countryside. Already in her older production she has been using a tendentiously magnifying layer of her work – ornamental structures and patterns created by an authorial technique of applying the embroidered and crocheted textiles to the canvas surface. The work with lace presents not only certain visual work quality but also an unspoken inner meaning. The layering of painting using some decorative rasters gains some distinctive atmosphere, adds the sentimentality, a trace of nostalgia and romance, plus naive decorativeness and offers the audience some well-known, easy-to-be-read piece of information, which it can be identified with. At the background of the refined and blurred images there are emerging some horizontals and verticals of plain, cold architectures (both anonymous and identifiable urban landmarks), which are dramatized and “beautified” solely by the surreal atmosphere. The result is an intimate, artificial reality, which can be marked at the best meaning of the word as “feminine” - refined, beautified, blurred, innered, and thanks to the quality and intensity of the painting interpretation even as superindividual.



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