# ANNUAL REPORT Via Comenia Foundation Fund 2022



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## Introduction

#### Dear Friends,

In the second year of our foundation's existence, we managed to get our basic systems up and running. We were able to launch a public collection and start raising funds for projects we consider important. The first collections were linked to the Comenius - Stories of Humanity program. Five organisations are working together to present Comenius' legacy in schools and to the general public during the 430th anniversary year of his birth.

All of us were affected by the war in Ukraine and I am very glad that our Fund was able to respond to the new needs. Thus, the Dmytro Chyzhevsky Program was created. Thanks to this program, 30 Ukrainian teachers were able to participate in special training events in the safe environments of the Czech Republic and Poland. They were able to take a break from the war for a week or a weekend to be encouraged and renewed in their strength for their challenging work in schools in Ukraine.

According to Comenius, true education helps us to know good, to desire good and to do good, even when no one is looking. Education that shapes inner values - the character of a person - brings transformation to the lives of individuals and is also a great hope for society. Such an emphasis on character formation permeates all the programs Via Comenia supports, and is also a response to the dead ends of contemporary postmodern society, which through its individualization lacks the ability to find what is good for the whole of society. This is why Comenius' ideas remain so relevant, and we are happy to recall them.

We are so grateful for your ongoing support! Thank you.

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EVEN WHEN NO ONE IS LOOKING.

Honza Kuklínek

V I A C O M E N I A

# The History of NF VIA COMENIA

The Via Comenia Fund (nadační fond) was established on 18th October, 2021 and continued the activities of the Comenius Schools Endowment Fund, which started on 7th April, 2017 under the F-nadací Foundation. Here, collections were made for two projects: The Wholehearted School and the research of Filip Kachnich. Other areas of support were the projects Spiritual Heritage: Age-old Roots and Comenius Stories of Humanity (formerly Comenius 2020). Under F-nadací, we funded and managed a donor-advised fund to support teacher training and mentoring.

Since November 2019, the Comenius Fund has been managed by 7 board members who are committed to the development and support of Comenius schools in the Czech Republic. In 2021, we decided to set up a separate foundation, Via Comenia, that will focus on transforming our society through transformational education.

The names of the Founders are: Jan Kuklínek, Vít Pospíšil, Richard Váňa, Boris Váňa, Curt Mobley, Bohdan Čančík.

#### The Members of the Executive Board

Jan Kuklínek- Chair, guarantor in the School for Life Department, KAM Vít Pospíšil - Deputy chair, leader in the School for Life Department, KAM Andrew Funka - Secretary, networking and special projects, ČEA

#### **Auditor**

Richard Váňa - Director of the Christian elementary school The Way (ZŠ Cesta)

#### Director

Denisa Mouchová-Leader of the lecturing work of ŠPŽ



# Overview of Programs and Projects

#### **Programs:**

Via Comenia programs have long supported teacher training and the development of education materials.

#### 1. Teacher training and support

#### A. Education Scholarships

The goal is to financially support continuing education and additional training. It is suitable for teachers, educators who choose a course according to their preferences or requirements.

#### B. Mentoring program

Great educators need someone to help guide them through the process of learning and applying new approaches that reflect the Comenius way of connecting knowledge with character and values.

Mentoring focuses on supporting educators in the development of selected skills in the presence of supervision, assisting the educator with specific areas of development.

#### The mentoring course is offered in three versions.

#### 1. Training and accompanyment for a new educator with teaching procedures.

This is individual care for a new teacher who is beginning work within his/her organization. The goal is for the newcomer to safely practice and become independent in their teaching.

#### 2. Expanding the scope of the educator

The goal is to either add new lessons to your portfolio, or to improve the quality of existing lesson.



#### 3. Accompaniment by a professional

The individual accompaniment of a teacher in order to develop long-term personal and professional growth. The goal is to have a plan for personal and professional development each year to be constantly improving theoretical and methodological knowledge and skills.

#### C. Program Dmytra Čyževského - training and support for Ukrainian teachers

Through this program, we support training in values, character and personal growth specifically for Ukrainian teachers

#### Why Dmytra Čiževského?

On Christmas Eve in 1934, Dmytro Chyzhevskyi, a Ukrainian philosopher and specialist in Slavic studies, found the Advice of J.A. Comenius in the archives of the Franconian Orphanage in Halle. Thanks to his discovery, after a long period of concentrated and systematic research, the manuscript came into the care of Comenius scholars and was first published in Prague in Latin in 1966. The Czech translation came into the hands of readers in 1992. In 2019, Czech Wells published a selection of the best of Comenius's deliberations on the Correction of Human Affairs.



Daniel Víkend for the Ukrainian teachers in Poland

#### Support in mentoring since 2018

40 total educators supported, 456.000,-Kč

#### **Education Scholarships since 2014**

117 total educators supported, 473.370,-Kč



#### **Projects:**

Via Comenia projects are time-bound projects that support the creation, development, and expansion of educational organisations, schools, and their projects.

#### 1. Public Collection – Comenius: Stories of Humanity

By organizing the public collection for Comenius: Stories of Humanity we supported the Comenius Project on the occasion of the celebration of J.A.Comenius's 430th birthday. The collected amount of 33.095,40,- CZK was distributed to the cooperating organizations in order to support:

- Lectures about the mental health of children and youth in primary and secondary schools in the Czech Republic.
- Transformation projects, where students carry out "good deeds" in order to serve their surrounding community.
- Screening of the film, Like Summer Snow (Jako letní sníh).
- Labyrinth musical theatre performances for the public and in schools a dramatic presentation of Comenius's famous book, The Labyrinth of the World and the Paradise of the Heart.

More information at: www.komenský2020.cz

#### 2. Support for training of young people leading leisure and sport activities

In 2022, Multicamp was supported with 8000,-Kč. 130 young people and leaders from 12 different sports teams participated in this 4-day event.

#### 3. Loan for kindergarten and primary school NOE in Pardubice

Kindergarten and primary school NOE is a Christian school in Pardubice that has been operating since 2011 that had the opportunity to purchase the building in which the school is operating. We were able to assist with a loan of 500.000,-CZK to support the purchase of the building for this great school.

More about this school at: www.skola-noe.cz







# Selection Procedures

In 2022, ongoing selection procedures were announced for the Mentoring Program and the Training of Trainers and Teachers Programs:

A total of **82.900,- CZK** 

was approved and partially paid out, for a total disbursement of 67.000,- CZK.

#### **Training in Mentoring:**

Jaromír Babka, Přemysl Šeděnka, Kateřina Babková

#### Personal development course for teaching professionals:

Marie Ilčíková, Evženie Čermáková, Diana Pospíšilová, Klára Literová

#### **Mentoring Support:**

Tereza Černá, Barbora Neumaierová, Kateřina Czafíková, Vojtěch Dušák

## Contributions Distributed

**500.000,-** MŠ a ZŠ Noe – Loan to support the purchase of the Noe Kindergarten and Primary School building - Pardubice

8.000,- Support for Multikemp

**64.804,-** Supporting the training of Ukrainian teachers

**31.600,-** Support for Comenius: Stories of Humanity as part of a public collection

Total Contributions Distributed: 604.404,- Kč



# Financial Report: Revenues and Expenditurres

#### **Expenses:**

Management of the Fund - 81 007,- Kč

Website and Publicity - 37 804,- Kč

Accounting - 11 616,40 Kč

Taxes and Fees and Other - 300,- Kč

Interest 181,96 Kč

Foundation Contributions 104.404,- Kč

Total: 235.313,36 Kč

#### **Revenues:**

Interest - 957,73 Kč

Donations received from the Czech Republic- individuals or private parties - 19 034,- Kč

Donations received from the Czech Republic-firms or foundations - 455 174,59 Kč

Total Income: 475 166,32 Kč



# Audit Report 2022

As part of the audit, the management and use of the Foundation's financial resources for the year 2022 were examined. The following documents were reviewed: the Balance Sheet, Profit and Loss Account, General Ledger, Journal of Accounting Entries, Spreadsheet, Analytical Ledger, Costs and Income and Movements on Accounts (all for the period 1 January, 2022 - 31 December, 2022).

The main financial operations of Via Comenia Endowment Fund in 2022: received donations in the amount of CZK 474,208.59; disbursed a loan of CZK 500,000.00 to support the purchase of the building of the Kindergarten and Primary School Noe — Pardubice; disbursed endowment contributions in the total amount of CZK 104,404.00 in the framework of programmes and projects. Total expenses for 2022 are CZK 235,313.36. Total income for 2022 is CZK 475,166.32. The NF has receivables totaling CZK 1,000,000.- as of 31 December 2022 (2 x loan). The balance on NF's accounts as of 31.12.2022 is CZK 479 865,04.

Conclusion: The Annual Report 2022 and the attached financial statements faithfully represent the financial situation of the Via Comenia Endowment Fund. All income and expenditure is in accordance with the accounting documents submitted. The Foundation's accounts are kept in accordance with the Accounting Act and the relevant regulations of the Czech Republic.

Submitted with no reservations

In Písek, 15 February, 2022.

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