

## Watchdog Incubator project data mule map

<i>Themes</i>	AC	GG	PIL	T
<i>Activities<sup>1</sup></i>				
<b>Strategic litigation</b>	EPS, O	EPS, LEAGUE, EMLA, OKO, VIA	EPS, LEAGUE, EMLA, OKO, VIA	EPS, LEAGUE, EMLA, OKO, VIA
<b>Free legal help</b>	EPS, O	EPS, LEAGUE	EPS, LEAGUE	EPS, LEAGUE
<b>Legislative activities</b>	EPS, O	EPS, LEAGUE, EMLA, OKO, VIA	EPS, LEAGUE, EMLA, OKO, VIA	EPS, LEAGUE, EMLA, OKO, VIA
<b>Education<sup>2</sup></b>	EPS, O, PILA	EPS, LEAGUE, PILA, EMLA, OKO, VI	EPS, LEAGUE, PILA, EMLA, OKO, VI	EPS, LEAGUE, PILA, EMLA, OKO, VI
<b>Analysis (legal, economic, etc)</b>	EPS, O, <b>TES</b>	EPS, LEAGUE, TES	EPS, LEAGUE, <b>TES</b>	EPS, LEAGUE, <b>TES</b>
<b>Media work</b>	EPS, O, TES	EPS, LEAGUE, TES	EPS, LEAGUE, TES	EPS, LEAGUE, TES
<b>Publishing activities</b>	EPS, O, PILA, TES	EPS, LEAGUE, PILA, TES, EMLA, OKO, VI	EPS, LEAGUE, PILA, TES, EMLA, OKO, VI	EPS, LEAGUE, PILA, TES, EMLA, OKO, VI
<b>Events</b>	EPS, O, PILA, TES	EPS, LEAGUE, PILA, TES, EMLA, OKO, VI	EPS, LEAGUE, PILA, TES, EMLA, OKO, VI	EPS, LEAGUE, PILA, TES, EMLA, OKO, VI
<b>Paid for litigation</b>	EPS	EPS	EPS	EPS
<b>International projects</b>	EMLA	EMLA	EMLA	EMLA
			<i>See also notes on end page</i>	<b>BOLD</b> - Organisation's focus or significant expertise

	Participating organisations (country of origin)	Acronym/ short form
<b>lead</b>	Ekologicky pravni servis (CZ)	EPS
<b>partners</b>	League of Human Rights (CZ)	League
	Oziveni (CZ)	O
	Public Interest Lawyers Association (CZ)	PILA
	Trust for Economy and Society (CZ)	TES
	Environmental Law and Management Association (HU)	EMLA
	OKOBURO (A)	OKO
	VIA IURIS (SK)	VI

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<sup>1</sup> See descriptions on last page

<sup>2</sup> For specific target groups, see notes

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EPS	AC	GG	PIL	T	Notes
Strategic litigation	✓	✓	✓	✓	EPS is not an organisation concerned primarily with corruption. However, the work EPS does is often related to corrupt proceedings, cases involving conflict of interest, non-transparent proceedings, etc.
Legislative activities	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Advisory centre (Environmental)	✓	✓	✓	✓	EPS is primarily active in the field of environmental law, but is developing expert capacity in other areas such as labour law, consumer rights law, and non-legal techniques such as negotiation and mediation. EPS has extensive experience with the media and with campaigning.
Education	✓	✓	✓	✓	EPS is very experienced in the use of national law, and has also successfully undertaken commercial contracts for clients, e.g. Conformity checking of EU regulations. Work on international projects focuses on providing expert legal support to other NGOs, and also undertaking legal analysis, writing case studies and contributing to position papers on legal issues.  For more information contact Sarka Nekudova at <a href="mailto:sarka.nekudova@eps.cz">sarka.nekudova@eps.cz</a>
Legal support	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Legal analysis	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Paid for litigation	✓	✓	✓	✓	

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LLP	AC	GG	PIL	T	Notes
Strategic litigation		✓	✓	✓	The League's aim is to increase the awareness of human rights and actively help individuals in the Czech republic, especially those most in danger of having their rights breached.
Legislative activities		✓	✓	✓	The League uses legal means to attack non-transparent procedures, such as the way the police investigate violence by police against those in custody. It is not an organisation concerned corruption.
Advisory centre (patients / mentally impaired)		✓	✓		The League is primarily active in the field of human rights law, especially with respect to Human rights in health, the rights of children (including Roma) in the education system, and criminal justice. Other areas of possible activity include substantive criminal law, Strategic protection of various constitutionally guaranteed rights (freedom of expression, freedom of association and Free legal aide. There is interest in combing with EPS to protect human rights from the activities of multinational corporations (e.g cooperation with EPS GARDE) in cases of labour law discrimination, 'slavery' by some companies, etc)
Education		✓	✓	✓	The league regularly contributes to legal periodicals and outputs in the media
Legal analysis		✓	✓	✓	For more information contact Jiri Kopal at <a href="mailto:jkopal@llp.cz">jkopal@llp.cz</a>

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Oživení	AC	GG	PIL	T	Notes
Strategic litigation?	✓	✓		✓	Oživení focuses on corruption, good governance and transparency. It is less directly involved with Public Interest law but it does participate in legal discussions and comments on suitable bills.
Legislative activities	✓	✓		✓	Unlike all other partners except for EST, Oživení is not primarily a legal organisation. Its main focus is on media work, and Oživení regularly trains other NGOs on media work. Strategic litigation is a planned activity.
Media work	✓	✓		✓	Oživení has worked on international projects with EPS and VIA IURIS. Oživení would like to connect with other similar organisations in other EU member states and develop common activities with them.
Education	✓	✓	✓	✓	For more information contact Tomas Kramar at <a href="mailto:tomas.kramar@oziveni.cz">tomas.kramar@oziveni.cz</a>

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PILA	AC	GG	PIL	T	Notes
Education of legal students	✓	✓	✓	✓	PILA improves the legal awareness of individuals and associations, by training law students, engaging lawyers in pro bono legal help and discussing key issues with legal professionals.
Education of legal professionals		✓	✓		<p>PILA is a Czech expert NGO with sound experience in educational activities to a wide range of target groups, from NGO activists to law students to judges and other legal professionals.</p> <p>PILA offers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- contacts for Czech public interest lawyers of all legal professions (NGO lawyers, advocates, judges, law teachers)</li> <li>- contacts for Czech law students interested in human rights protection</li> <li>- experience with interactive teaching methods</li> <li>- experience with promotion of pro bono attorneys work</li> <li>- information about free legal help system in the Czech republic</li> </ul>
Publishing activities		✓	✓		<p>PILA seeks:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- partners for exchange of law students interested in human rights and public interest protection</li> <li>- contacts with organizations working on promotion of pro bono attorneys (advocates) work</li> <li>- NGO partners working closely with law faculties/schools</li> <li>- partners having practical experience with the system of free legal help in their countries</li> </ul> <p>For more information contact Vitezslav Dohnal at vdohnal@pilaw.cz</p>

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TES	AC	GG	PIL	T	Notes
Analysis		✓		✓	TES is a Czech think tank analysing issues of social and economic importance, such as Foreign Direct Investment, Barriers to Local Production, promoting local economies, studying peak oil, etc.
Articles in expert press		✓		✓	To do this, TES organises round tables, discussion papers, analyses, conferences and articles in the mass media.
Seminars and round tables		✓		✓	TES would be interested in cooperating on the following issues: foreign direct investment and analysis of state modernization strategies, Ethical finance and micro-credit, support to the local economies, localization, Critical view of neo-liberalism in economy and of socio-economic reforms, Economic aspects of social exclusion / inclusion, Peak oil and good governance.
Articles in mass media		✓		✓	<p>TES offers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Independent socio-economic research experience with open space type meetings.</li> </ul> <p>TES seeks:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Partnership with social/economic academic contacts and independent think tanks.</li> </ul> <p>For more information, contact Stanislav Kutacek at <a href="mailto:testrast@gmail.com">testrast@gmail.com</a></p>

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EMLA	AC	GG	PIL	T	Notes
Strategic litigation		✓	✓	✓	<p>EMLA is a national level environmental and scientific NGO. Like EPS, it is not directly concerned with corruption, but its work is often related to corrupt proceedings, cases involving conflict of interest, non-transparent proceedings, etc.</p> <p>EMLA is primarily active in the field of environmental law, but it has expert capacities in other areas as well, notably in environmental management and science.</p> <p>EMLA is very experienced in the use of national law, and has also successfully undertaken projects at the international level. EMLA is part of the J&amp;E network and also TAI. Work on international projects focuses on providing expert legal support to other NGOs, and also undertaking legal analysis, writing case studies and contributing to position papers on legal issues.</p> <p>For more information contact Dr Csaba Kiss at drkiss@emla.hu</p>
Legislative activities		✓	✓	✓	
Education		✓			
Inter-national projects		✓		✓	
Publishing activities		✓	✓	✓	

OKOBURO	AC	GG	PIL	T	Notes
Strategic Litigation			✓		<p>OKOBUERO is a platform that contributes substantially to raising environmental awareness in Austria. This goal is achieved by enabling its member organisations to network, by exploiting available synergies and enabling collaboration, especially with Central and Eastern European organisations.</p> <p>OKOBUERO is an umbrella organisation for other Austrian environmental NGOs. It acts as a centrepiece for its member organisations and represents them on common environmental issues.</p> <p>OKOBUERO would like to build and expand its network of contacts in the EU and SEE regions.</p> <p>For more information contact Thomas Alge at thomas.alge@okoburo.at</p>
Legislative activities			✓	✓	
Publishing activities		✓	✓		
Policy work		✓	✓		
Informational activities			✓		
Events		✓	✓		

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VIA IURIS	AC	GG	PIL	T	Notes
Strategic litigation		✓	✓	✓	Via Iuris aims to broaden access to justice, open doors for citizens to control mechanisms and for effective remedies, while strengthening accountability and ethics in the justice sector. Specific areas of PIL activity include increasing <i>locus standi</i> , public participation, access to information.
Legislative activities		✓	✓	✓	
Publishing activities		✓	✓	✓	VIA IURIS is implementing projects aimed at enforce transparency, impartiality and correct use of competencies by public authorities, including on municipalities. VIA IURIS will be working on themes such as the Justice Sector and Professional Legal Ethics.
Education of legal professionals		✓	✓	✓	
Events		✓	✓	✓	Due to limited capacity, VIA IURIS would only be interested in international work directly linked to and giving added value to their national level activities.
Publishing activities		✓	✓	✓	For more information contact Eva Kovacechova at kovacechova@changenet.sk

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### Definitions

The terms used in the above map are generally mean in the broad sense. Here is a brief explanation of what each term means.

**AC - Anti-corruption activities** - Corruption can be defined as the dysfunction of a political system or institution in which public officials seek illegitimate personal gain through actions such as bribery, extortion, cronyism, nepotism, patronage, graft, and embezzlement<sup>3</sup>. There is a considerable overlap with the other themes outlined below, and corruption typically flourishes where good governance, public interest law and transparency are absent.

**GG - Good governance** - Governance describes the process of decision-making and the process by which decisions are implemented (or not implemented). Hereby, public institutions conduct public affairs, manage public resources, and guarantee the realization of human rights. Good governance accomplishes this in a manner essentially free of abuse and corruption, and with due regard for the rule of law<sup>4</sup>.

**PIL - Public interest law** - using the law to protect individuals, groups and interests, whose views and needs have not been taken into account by lawyers and institutions. This is a very broad term, in the context of this project it covers most of the organisations mentioned above. This necessarily includes the divers activities of EPS (mostly environmental) to the League of Human Rights (discrimination against minorities and the mentally handicapped)

**T - Transparency** - transparency in the broadest sense means that concerned stakeholders know what is going on. This means both getting information and participating in relevant proceedings and decisions. Activities promoting transparency include, for example, a patient's right to know about the treatment they receive to open and clear procedures for public tenders. When government meetings are open to the press and the public, when budgets and financial statements may be reviewed by anyone, when laws, rules and decisions are open to discussion, they are seen as transparent and there is less opportunity for the authorities to abuse the system in their own interest<sup>5</sup>.

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<sup>3</sup> Taken from wikipedia, <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Corruption>

<sup>4</sup> Taken from wikipedia, [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Good\\_governance](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Good_governance)

<sup>5</sup> Taken from wikipedia, [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Transparency\\_%28humanities%29](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Transparency_%28humanities%29)

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