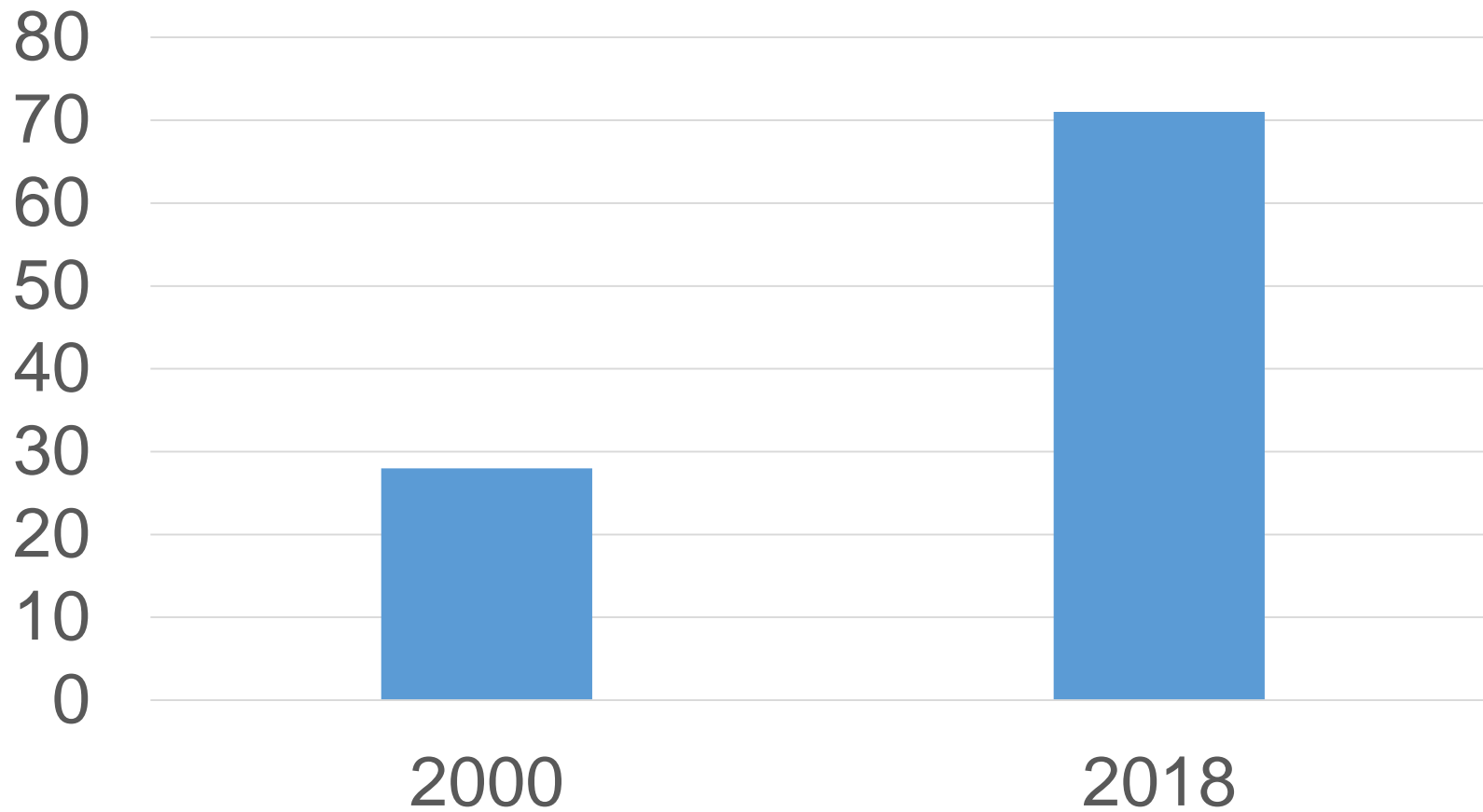


Charities in Slovakia

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- non for profit
- established by private physical or legal entities or by public organizations,
- registration process at ministry of:
 1. interior - associations (1990), foundations (2002), non investment funds (1997), charity NGOs (1997)
 2. culture - churches (1991)
 3. education - schools (1993, 2008), sport (2015)
- registry of NGO (2018) only Ministry of Interior

Charity law in Slovakia

- absence of general law
- NGO law started in 1990 by Associative Law
- law for direct public support (by donations and transfers) and indirect support (tax exempt, tax assignation, charity commercial, public gathering, social enterprises)
- act on volunteers from 2012
- the difference between public and general charity is not exactly defined (it is perceived differently)

Threads of charities

- political dimension of charity
- donation is considered as the provider's need rather than the added value for public
- financial dependence from public funds
- absence of institutional stability for process management
- insufficient diversification of types of income
- project-oriented model = large number of projects = insufficient space for capacity building
- small commercial market = private funds hard to access, relation-based model
- too many NGOs asking for finances = smaller grants
- NGOs are overloaded by daily administration = no space for capacity building
- insufficient resources = prevalence of subcontracted job over full time employment
- public picture of NGOs is very simplified through projects rather than positive effect for other people
- administrative complexity of = EU funds, donations, act of public procurement, GDPR

Opportunities of charities

- concept “value for money” in transparent management of NGO
- participation of NGOs at open governance (Deputy for the Development of Public Society)
- support of NGOs through OP Effective Public Service - multisector cooperation
- economic tools for effective governance of NGOs
- law on social economy and social enterprise

Our motivation

- broad experience in management and economy of NGOs
- persistent problems of NGOs and lack of interest from government
- collected problems of NGOs through EU project „Economy tools for effective governance of NGOs“

Need of initiative

- transparency of NGOs in Slovakia are in hands of government
- act of registry of NGOs solves transparency of public funds only (not private funds)

Vision

- professional NGOs
- competitive NGOs,
- justice, solidarity, freedom of NGOs of earning own money,

Other self regulatory means

- concept “value for money”