

Good experience how civil society supports smallholders and family farms in Hungary

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Facts on Hungary



Territory: 9 303 000 ha

Population: 9 817 958

Density per 1 km²: 106

Agricultural land: 7 400 000 ha

Utilised agricultural area: 5 400 000 ha

Number of agricultural holdings:

sole entrepreneurs: 416 000

enterprises: 8 000

Average size of UAA:

sole entrepreneurs: 7,6 hectare (57 % cultivates less than 1 ha)

enterprises: 253 hectare

Source: Hungarian Statistical Office; <https://www.ksh.hu/docs/hun/xftp/idoszaki/gszo/agrariumelo16.pdf>

Who are they actually?

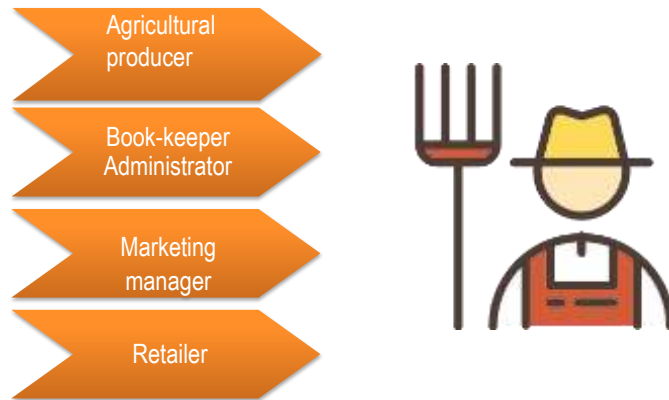


What do they need?

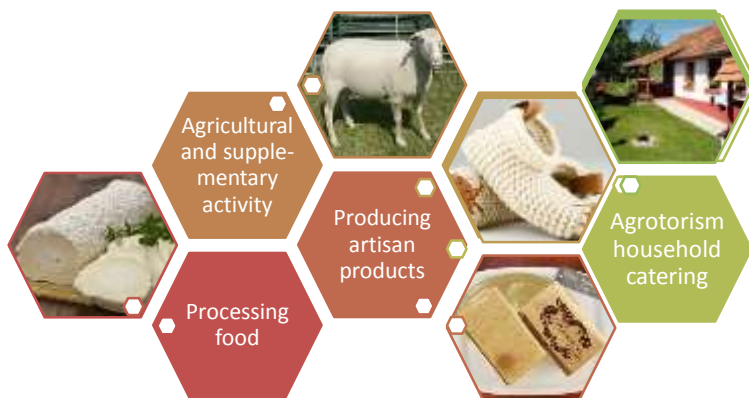
- Knowledge expansion, change in attitude to cope with market challenges, to be market orientated;
- Technological development and specialisation to maintain market position;
- Diversification in agricultural activity, value-added agriculture: to increase of the value of the farm products;
- Applying product, technology and organisational innovations which stimulate the farms and its economical and social environment,
- Cooperation and networking as to increase the marketing, bargaining power.

Source: Kemény, G. (eds.) and Rácz, K. (eds.): The characteristics of small farms and their development opportunities in Hungary, 2017, Research Institute of Agricultural Economics, Budapest

Multi-capacity of a smallholder



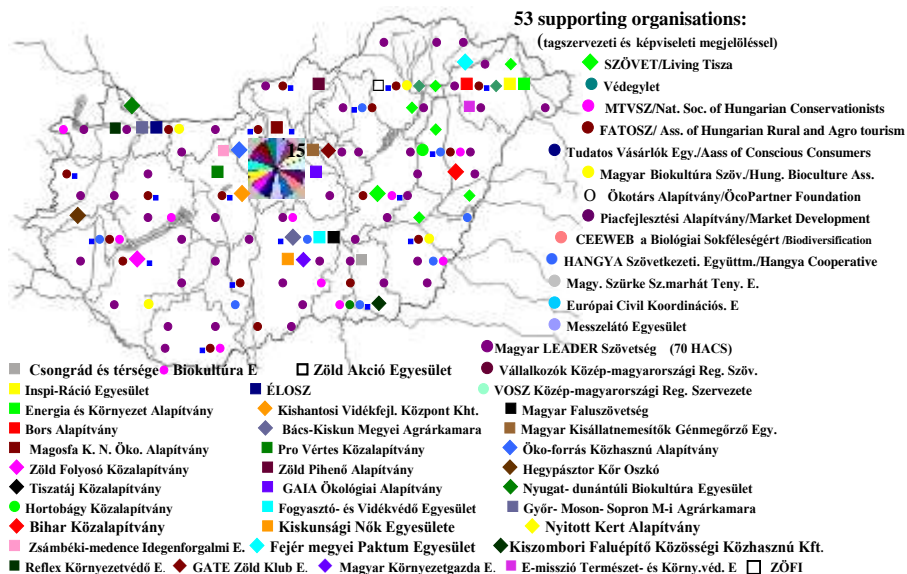
Difficulty of the complex farm



Our goals and activities



Kislépték in cooperation with civil and professional stakeholders for Small Farmers since 2009



Small-Scale – Great Results

2010: Agricultural and Rural Development Minister Decree on small producers trading rules passed

2011: Trade Act amended with local farmers' market provisions, in 2012 lighter hygienic rules for local farmers' market passed

2011: Public Procurement Act amended with new public catering rules: no public procurement is required for local food with value limits

2012: Excise Act allows small quantity wine producers selling directly wine in wine cellar without operating retail shop

2014: Fishing Act allows to serve hobby fishing fish at household catering, in agro tourism

2014: Environmental product fee does not apply to hand made artisan soap

2017: Good Hygiene Practice for Small-scale Production and Sale Manual is Adopted

Just started: Manual on Agro Tourism and Household Catering



IMPLEMENTATION OF GOOD PRACTICES

Initiating to adopt international good practices:

- Italy - Filiera corta
- GIE (France): Groupement d'intérêt économique. Farmers Outlet operated by members upon their own tax status



JOINT TRADE POINT / OVERPASS INVOICE system

Workshops

In 2016 we organised *seven* workshops all over in Hungary on household catering rules, local and EU trademarks, waste management and traditional fishing with the 4 500 euro Hungarian National Cooperation Fund (NEA) subsidy.

(More details: https://www.kisleptek.hu/nea_supports/)



Publications

We are co-writers of some of publications:

Booklet on Local Product in Public Catering
Local Product Manual (published by the Hungarian Chamber of Agriculture)

E-published by Védegylet: **Smallholder Manual from Home Delivery to Webshop** and

Manual on Community Food Making and Catering

Good Hygiene Practice for Small-scale Production and Sale Manual together with

Ministry of Agriculture and National Food Chain Safety Office



Award of the Supporting Authority



Hungarian National Committee of International Year of Family Farming

Organised civil society side event of the Budapest Global Forum



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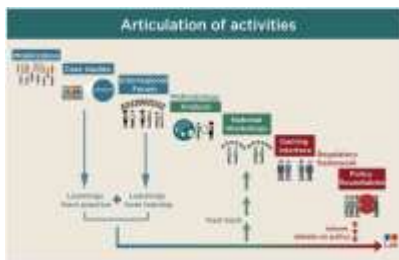
Our recent projects



Bringing Organisations & Network Development
to higher levels in the Farming sector in Europe



This project has received funding from the European
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Horizont 2020

13 participating countries

Objectives: fostering cooperation of
smallholders

Our task: analyse regulatory frameworks in
different countries to identify key
constraints and good practice and
facilitate and coach collective action
between stakeholders (farmers,
municipality, decision makers) for improving
cooperation and networking

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SmartChain



Figure 1: 48 projects from 12 countries, 9 innovation hubs & 18 short food supply chains



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