

Mayor of green city:
what does it mean for the citizens?

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Good practices of Budapest Terézváros

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TERÉZVÁROS



2 km²

38 thousand inhabitants

86% built-up area (houses, pavements)

Green surfaces: 17.600 m²

Green surface area per person: 0.4 m² (second lowest in Budapest, one fifth of the WHO recommendation)

2022 budget: 56,250,000 EUR

4,250,000 EUR on green projects and public space development



SECAP with long-term, feasible goals – projects in progress I.

- Climate Consultation Office for residents
- Consultation and tools helping savings in the home
- Green public procurement in the Municipality
- Local climate groups, green lifestyle groups, raising awareness with Zöldítők



SECAP: stakeholder participation during covid
Survey with 1000 respondents, then two rounds of conciliation with the residents



Climate Consultation Office for residents

- 62 people consulted by the experts in three months
- Typical problems: sudden rise in energy bills (gas and electricity)
- Possible solutions:
 - decreasing energy use by raising awareness – regarding electricity and heating
 - small-scale investments to save energy
 - conselling regarding allowances (from the municipality) – welfare and renovation
 - renovation advice (what to do and how)
 - advice regarding energy communities



Subsidy for the renovation of windows and doors in old buildings

Problem:

UNESCO World Heritage site and its surroundings - it is expensive to change the doors and windows, using plastic is not allowed

- Municipality: provides subsidy, between 50-70%, depending on the welfare situation of the applicant
- The annual budget for the subsidy is 25.000 EUR



SECAP with long-term, feasible goals – projects in progress II.

- Promoting green roofs and green walls
- Composting program with the Budapest Zoo
- Developing and maintaining green surfaces, improving the resilience of plants in parks and public areas



The urban community garden



6.25%
increase in
green
surfaces



Cost: 52 thousand EUR
850 m2, 33 high beds, 31 gardeners + one for the Municipality employees and one for the kindergarten
Programs: composting workshop, compost collecting, tidying, painting of benches, open days, peach sale :)

Park in front of the garden open for the public:
250m2



Greening of courtyards and SECAP



Budget: 40 thousand EUR
Last year: 36 successful
applications, of which 3 or 4 were
larger-scale projects



Grants for condos

Total: 75 thousand EUR



Awareness-raising programs: education



Cost: 10 thousand EUR
8 events
More than 250
participants each time



Recycling "island" in the Market Hall



SECAP with long-term, feasible goals – projects in progress III.

- Parking spaces exclusively for residents
- Improving cycling infrastructure, installing bike racks in courtyards



SECAP with long-term, feasible goals – projects in the pipeline.

Cost: 1.300 000 EUR - Complete makeover

Promoting cycling and pedestrian traffic by traffic calming, improving road safety, closing down street sections

Decreasing the heat island effect
by urban development and planning



Thank you for your attention!



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