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# Good practices of Budapest Terézváros

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## **TERÉZVÁROS**



2 km2

38 thousand inhabitants

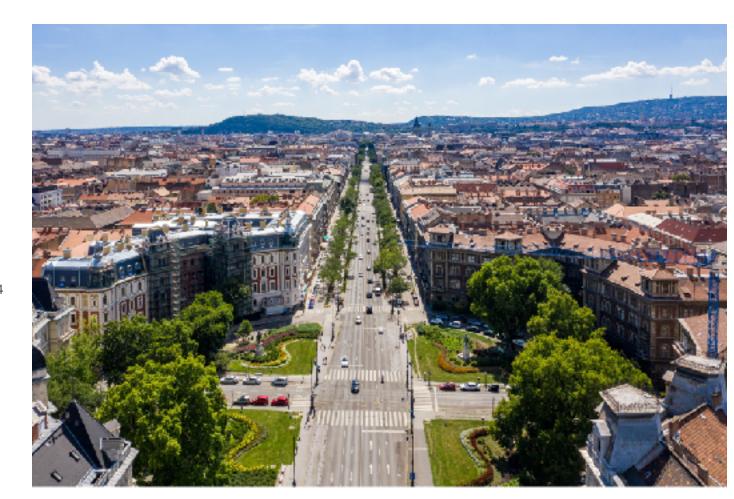
86% built-up area (houses, pavements)

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



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



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:)

## 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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