

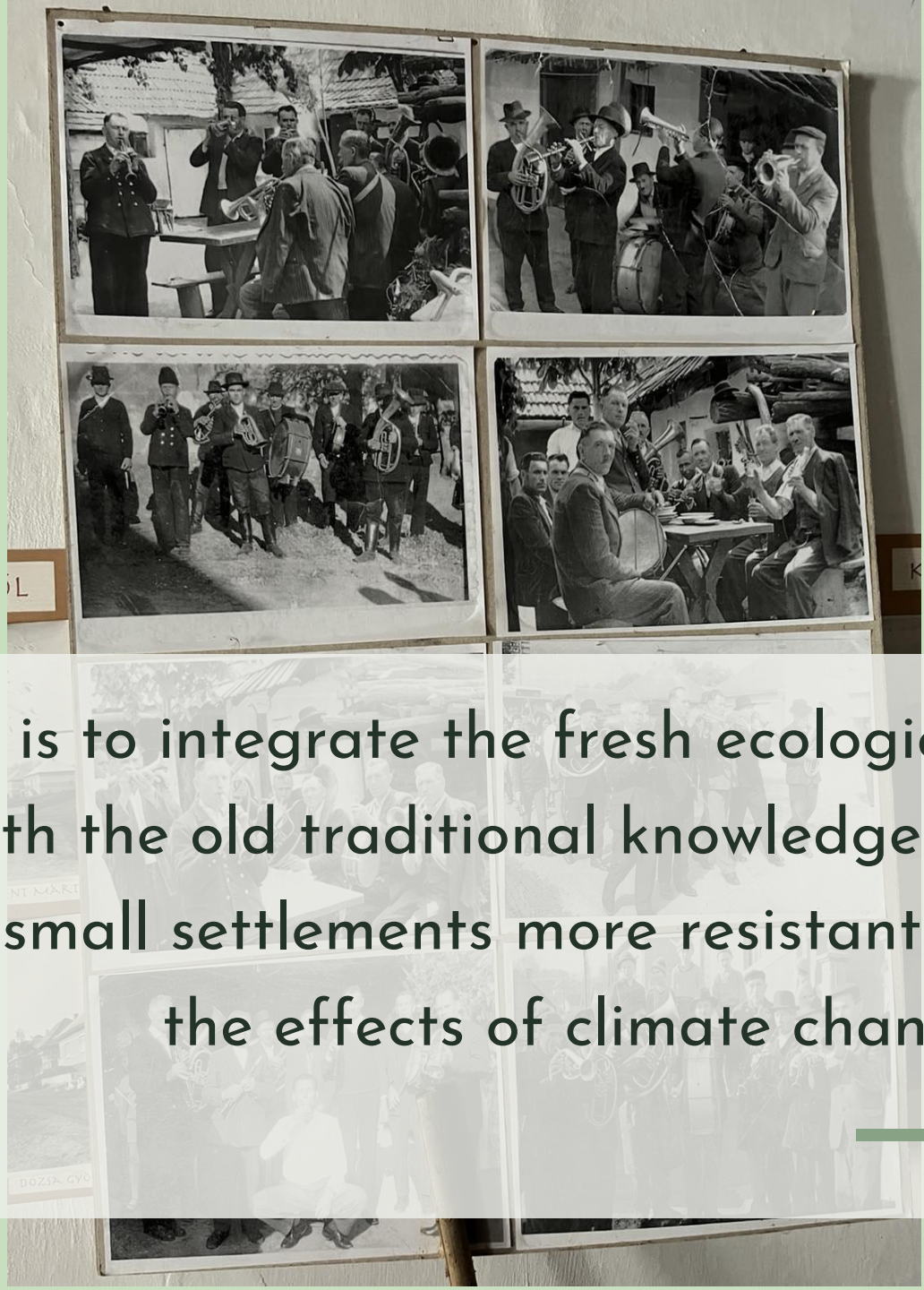


LIFE 'Garden of Our Future' (LIFE Co-Clima)

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Our vision is to integrate the fresh ecological practices with the old traditional knowledge to make rural small settlements more resistant to the effects of climate change



GUIDING QUESTIONS

How has LIFE CO-CLIMA succeeded in increasing the CC adaptive capacity of small rural villages?

What methods are you using to incentivise the local households to take up nature-based solutions to improve their resilience?

To what extent are you improving knowledge and skills of the local people about climate change adaptation?



Project data

Start date: October 2023, **End date:** September 2028

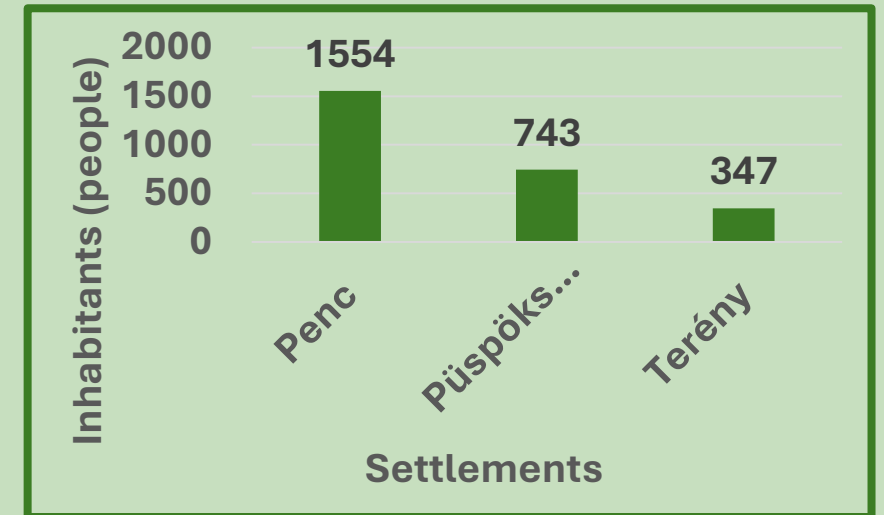
Project consortium:

- Municipality of Püspökszilág
- Municipality of Penc
- MagosVölgy Ltd.
- Association of Hungarian Climate Conscious Settlements
- Hungarian University of Agriculture and Life Sciences (MATE)

Whole budget: 1 746 561.00 €, Funded by the EU and the Republic of Hungary



Geographical location and the population of the three villages



The project in a nutshell

1. INFRASTRUCTURE - creating the ecological farms and demonstration centres in Püspökszilág and Penc (+ improvements in MagosVölgy)
2. Building the COMMUNITY around them by spreading the knowledge and the joy of sharing
3. Communicate the results and REPLICATION





The project team in action



The main activities so far

1. Setting up administrative basis of the project
2. Preparation workshops for the project partners
3. Monitoring of the project - Survey in three villages
4. Infrastructure building in Penc and Püspökszilágy
5. Involvement of inhabitants of Püspökszilágy
6. Study visits of similar Hungarian and international settlements and systems
7. Summarizing our experiences in a Handbook



How has LIFE CO-CLIMA succeeded in increasing the CC adaptive capacity of small rural villages?

Through supporting inhabitants' own food production aspirations by

- creating a program called '**Community Resilience Program**'. The program is about mentoring the locals how to use ecological biointensive vegetable production methods (composting, compost-mulching, no-till, fix bed gardening, more resilient species and varieties, water harvesting, etc.)
- creating **demonstration centers, community gardens**, where these techniques are presented and the food produced there are used in the village's institutions and events



What methods are you using to incentivise the local households to take up nature-based solutions to improve their resilience?

- In the frame of 'Community Resilience Program' the participating inhabitants get **financial incentives** of 300 EUR to buy tools, equipments or books, online course or anything else they prefer and they are suggested by the mentors.
- They are also invited to **community programs** where they can share their experiences with each other and with other locals who do not participate in the Community Resilience Program.





To what extent are you improving knowledge and skills of the local people about climate change adaptation?

We had organised 5 **capacity building sessions** in 5 different topics (biodiversity in the garden, preservation methods, household water management, biointensive gardening methods in household gardens, composting). Through the **mentoring** MagosVolgy mentors focus on what they are most interested in. There are 4 mentoring sessions / year / program participant.



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