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### **Local Government Best Practice Program – Hungary 2018**

The Local Government Best Practice Program has been published continuously since 2008 by the Hungarian National Association of Local Authorities (TÖOSZ) in cooperation with the Centre of Expertise for Local Government Reform of Council of Europe.

In 2018 the Steering Committee of the program was launched the call for application in May (meeting of the Steering Committee was held on the 29<sup>th</sup> of May 2018). The Steering Committee consists of representatives from Ministry of Interior, Ministry of Human Resources, Hungarian Village Association (MFSZ), Hungarian National Association of Municipalities (MÖSZ) and Hungarian National Association of Civil Guards.

The Local Government Best Practice Program of 2018 were announced in two themes:

- Common multiplier – the best practice community programs and activities of Romas and non-Romas at the municipality
- The cooperation of the local civil guards and the local government

For the call for proposals, all together 33 applications arrived.

Description of the BPP themes 2018:

#### **1th Topic: “Common multiplier” – the best practice community programs and activities of Romas and non-Romas at the municipality**

The Hungarian society has to find the new methods for managing challenges and problems caused by the consequences of the economy crises and poverty. Statistics and studies reflect and prove that we should pay more attention to handle the situation those people, who are living on the margins of the society and who are living in deep and extreme poverty and deprivation. The extreme life situations, the deep social differences, the development of social exclusion and the associated inequalities, the disadvantaged situations inherited through generations risk the stability and the sustainability of the society as a whole. The lack of social cohesion, the different social separation processes based on ages, nationality, territorial perspectives are the obstacles of economic development. The social and economic integration of Romas is a two-way process, which requires the changes attitudes both from the participants of majority and both of the participants of the Roma communities.



With only economic, social interventions could not be reached the social acceptance, peaceful coexistence and the social catching-up of Romas. In this process there is or there could be a great importance of the cooperation between the local governments, civic sphere – associations, foundations, churches.

**This call for application has got the fundamental goal to find the best practices, which alleviate tensions, facilitate dialogue between Roma and non-Roma people, through decreasing prejudices strengthen the identity of local Roma communities, improve the access to the culture, education, health care, work and access to the social goods and at the same time they find positive echo from the non-Roma population too.**

This call is based on “nothing about us without us” principle rewards partnership cooperation, in which creation the Roma communities were initiators, co-leaders or active participants. An important priority is to move the Roma communities living in segregates and to introduce the values created in such communities to the majority of the society. Improving the mutual understanding the Roma and non-Roma groups and common processing and resolving the difficulties of everyday coexistence through cultural processes is an outstanding purpose.

**This call does not wish to narrow to only one theme this opportunity of application. In order to improve the Roma – non-Roma dialogue a forward-looking good example could be within this application wide-range events for Roma and non-Roma inhabitants in connection to Roma culture, education, social inclusion, religion or any kind of initiatives regarding arts or sport.**

In recent years, a number of domestic and EU programs have supported similar initiatives, unfortunately, a significant part of them have slowly eliminated after the depletion of resources. It would be important to find those programs / program-elements which could be real integration factors as parts of everyday life as continuation of these programs or could be based on them.

The success of the social inclusion depends largely on potentials of local communities. The question is which cooperation could provide help to participants of socially segregated communities and how could the local governments involve them into the processes of the social inclusion.

An important point of view to showing by municipalities which tools are available to address the target group of this call, and how can they maintain the initiated collaboration maybe how to generate new ones.

We expect in the applications the introduction of real common work from everyday life.

In the application it is necessary to describe the following aspects:

- background of the program start
- aim of the program
- results of the good practices
- connections of the program to the Local Equality Plan of the relevant local government or its action plan.



Prizes of this topic:

1th Prize: 1.200.000 HUF (ca. 3700 €)

2th Prize: 800.000 HUF (ca. 2400 €)

3th Prize: 500.000 HUF (ca. 1500 €)

## 2. Topic: The cooperation of the local civil guards and the local government

Aim of the application

The aim of the application to find and introduce common programs based on cooperation between the local government and the local civil guard association,

- which motivates the age of 14 loaded minors to apply for young civil guards,
- for which implementation it is necessary the cooperation between the local government and the local civil guard association;
- which makes it clear that there is permanent and personal communication and keeping contact between the local government and the local civil guard association.

Introducing "good practices" to other municipalities provides an opportunity for the younger generation to make more effective contributions to the civil guard service.

Terms of application, and method of its submission:

1. in the municipality, which take part at the application, at least three years of **efficient and effective** operation of local civil guard service;
2. the civil guard association of the municipality needs to have at least **5 young civil guards**, who have got civil guard pass, or at least they requested it;
3. there is a **cooperation agreement between the local government and the local civil guard association, based on this agreement at least two common program were implemented, in the period of one year from the date of the submission this application;**
4. it is necessary to have **crime prevention concept** in the municipality, which is approved by the council of the local governments;
5. it is necessary to have stable criminal situation in the municipality, to have improving tendency of public safety, and in prevention of civic social crime it is necessary to introduce **significant results, which are reflected in decreasing number of local crimes;**
6. the council of local government needs to keep living contact with the civil guard association, which also manifests that, **at least once in the current year, the President informs the council about the activities of the civil guard association;**



7. the local government and the civil guard organisation – in harmony with the features of the municipality – **keep contact and cooperate with the police;**
8. at least two actions by the local government and the civil guard organisation together in the recent year, which **helped the efficiency of the local crime prevention and verifiable took part young civil guards too.**

Method of submission the application:

**The application has to be submitted by the local government of the municipality and the civil guard association together to the Hungarian National Association of Local Authorities, with the signatures of the Mayor and the President of the civil guard association.**

The application has to contain the description of the “good practice”, including the deductible conclusions and the results. It is important that the described activity is in line with the aims of the Law of Civil Guard and civil guard association, and popular and expected by the local inhabitants. The “good practice” needs to be adaptable and duplicable to another municipalities for the purpose of recruitment of young civil guards.

It is necessary to attach the following documents to the application file:

- ***cooperation agreement between the local government and the local civil guard association,***
- ***statement of the president of the regional (county level or capital) civil guard association on the fact, that the local civil guard association has got at least 5 young civil guards in line with the call for application,***
- ***supporting statement of the regional police chief,***
- ***resolution of the council of the local government on approval of the crime prevention concept.***

#### **Additional documents**

There is no possibility to send additional documents after the submission of the application.

#### **Prizes of the application:**

1th Prize 1.200.000 Ft (ca. 3700 €)

2th Prize: 1.000.000 Ft (ca. 3000 €)

3th Prize: 800.000 Ft (ca. 2400 €)



The following local governments submitted their applications until the deadline (September 2018) in 2018 BPP:

MUNICIPALITY	COUNTY	TOPIC
1. Budapest 08. District	Pest	Common multiplier – the best practice community programs and activities of Romas and non-Romas at the municipality
2. Drávasztára	Baranya	Common multiplier – the best practice community programs and activities of Romas and non-Romas at the municipality
3. Eger	Heves	Common multiplier – the best practice community programs and activities of Romas and non-Romas at the municipality
4. Egyek	Hajdú-Bihar	Common multiplier – the best practice community programs and activities of Romas and non-Romas at the municipality
5. Gyömöre	Győr-M-S	Common multiplier – the best practice community programs and activities of Romas and non-Romas at the municipality
6. Kiskunhalas	Bács-Kiskun	Common multiplier – the best practice community programs and activities of Romas and non-Romas at the municipality
7. Ozora	Tolna	Common multiplier – the best practice community programs and activities of Romas and non-Romas at the municipality
8. Püspökladány	Hajdú-Bihar	Common multiplier – the best practice community programs and activities of Romas and non-Romas at the municipality
9. Siklónagyfalu	Baranya	Common multiplier – the best practice community programs and activities of Romas and non-Romas at the municipality
10. Szarvas	Békés	Common multiplier – the best practice community programs and activities of Romas and non-Romas at the municipality
11. Szenyér	Somogy	Common multiplier – the best practice community programs and activities of Romas and non-Romas at the municipality
12. Tetétlen	Hajdú-Bihar	Common multiplier – the best practice community programs and activities of Romas and non-Romas at the municipality
13. Zalabér	Zala	Common multiplier – the best practice community programs and activities of Romas and non-Romas at the municipality



<b>14. Alap</b>	<b>Fejér</b>	<b>The cooperation of the local civil guards and the local government</b>
<b>15. Aldebrő</b>	<b>Heves</b>	<b>The cooperation of the local civil guards and the local government</b>
<b>16. Arló</b>	<b>BAZ</b>	<b>The cooperation of the local civil guards and the local government</b>
<b>17. Balatonalmádi</b>	<b>Veszprém</b>	<b>The cooperation of the local civil guards and the local government</b>
<b>18. Boda</b>	<b>Baranya</b>	<b>The cooperation of the local civil guards and the local government</b>
<b>19. Budapest District 13</b>	<b>Pest</b>	<b>The cooperation of the local civil guards and the local government</b>
<b>20. Budapest District 14</b>	<b>Pest</b>	<b>The cooperation of the local civil guards and the local government</b>
<b>21. Cered, Zabar, Szilaspagony</b>	<b>Nógrád</b>	<b>The cooperation of the local civil guards and the local government</b>
<b>22. Csabaszabadi</b>	<b>Békés</b>	<b>The cooperation of the local civil guards and the local government</b>
<b>23. Csengele</b>	<b>Csongrád</b>	<b>The cooperation of the local civil guards and the local government</b>
<b>24. Ercsi</b>	<b>Fejér</b>	<b>The cooperation of the local civil guards and the local government</b>
<b>25. Jászberény</b>	<b>Jász-N-Sz</b>	<b>The cooperation of the local civil guards and the local government</b>



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<b>26. Kunsziget</b>	<b>Győr-M-S</b>	<b>The cooperation of the local civil guards and the local government</b>
<b>27. Lepsény</b>	<b>Fejér</b>	<b>The cooperation of the local civil guards and the local government</b>
<b>28. Polgár</b>	<b>Hajdú-Bihar</b>	<b>The cooperation of the local civil guards and the local government</b>
<b>29. Putnok</b>	<b>BAZ</b>	<b>The cooperation of the local civil guards and the local government</b>
<b>30. Szarvas</b>	<b>Békés</b>	<b>The cooperation of the local civil guards and the local government</b>
<b>31. Szekszárd</b>	<b>Tolna</b>	<b>The cooperation of the local civil guards and the local government</b>
<b>32. Váncsod</b>	<b>Hajdú-Bihar</b>	<b>The cooperation of the local civil guards and the local government</b>
<b>33. Zsámbok</b>	<b>Pest</b>	<b>The cooperation of the local civil guards and the local government</b>

**The Steering Committee decided on a short list from the received applications on the 27<sup>th</sup> of August 2018:**

**Short listed applications in the topic “Common multiplier – the best practice community programs and activities of Romas and non-Romas at the municipality”:**

1. Budapest District VIII
2. Eger
3. Egyek
4. Gyömöre
5. Kiskunhalas
6. Ozora
7. Püspökladány
8. Szenyér
9. Szarvas
10. Tetétlen



**Short listed application in the topic of “The cooperation of the local civil guards and the local government”**

1. Aldebrő
2. Arló
3. Balatonalmádi
4. Budapest District XIII
5. Budapest District XIV
6. Csabaszabadi
7. Csengele
8. Ercsi
9. Kunsziget
10. Lepsény
11. Polgár
12. Szarvas

Site visits were held in September-October. After the site visits a new list was created by the Steering Committee on the 30<sup>th</sup> of October 2018: the final 4-4 in each topic. They will compete during the closing conference on the 14<sup>th</sup> of November 2018.

**Participants at closing conference as speaker in topic “Common multiplier – the best practice community programs and activities of Romas and non-Romas at the municipality”:**

1. Eger
2. Egyek
3. Kiskunhalas
4. Püspökladány

**Participants at closing conference as speaker in topic “The cooperation of the local civil guards and the local government”**

1. Aldebrő
2. Budapest District XIII
3. Csabaszabadi
4. Lepsény

**About the Program**

*The Best Practices Program elaborated by Centre of Expertise for Local Government Reform of Council of Europe and adapted in many countries with great success, the Hungarian National Association of Local Authorities (TÖOSZ) adopted in Hungary and published the Call for Application in 2008 at the first time.*

The Best Practices Program in Hungary has got a short name in Hungarian: LÖGY. In domesticating the LÖGY program in Hungary dr. Katalin Pallai in representation of Council of Europe and Katalin Sabján the Secretary of International Affairs of TÖOSZ took an important role. The competition of best practices was organized for the first time in Great - Britain in







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### **Initiators and responsible for the program**

The LÖGY program was initiated by Centre of Expertise for Local Government Reform of Council of Europe together with Hungarian National Association of Local Authorities (TÖOSZ) who leads and implements the domestic program. From the beginning Association of Hungarian Villages, Association of Hungarian Municipalities and Ministry of Interiors are cooperating partners and work together with TÖOSZ. In the last five years for shorter or longer period Dexia Kommunalkredit Hungary Kft., Open Society Foundation, Ministry of Environment Protection and Water Issues, Ministry of Social and Labour Issues, Ministry of Public Administration and Justice, Ministry of Rural Development, Ministry of Human Resources, Tempus Public Foundation, National Development Agency, Budapest Corvinus University and Energy Club Environment Protection Foundation sponsored the program.

### **Steering committee**

The Best Practices of Local Governments Program is led by Steering Committee with the coordination and supervision of Hungarian National Association of Local Authorities. Members of the Steering Committee from the beginning are: the Hungarian National Association of Local Authorities, Hungarian Village Association, Association of Hungarian Municipalities, 42 TÖOSZ Programmes providing help for local governments – with the support of the Council of Europe – 43 and the Ministry responsible for Local Governments. The Steering Committee has different kinds of members depending on the actual topic of the call. A project manager nominated by TÖOSZ supports the Steering Committee. The Steering Committee decides with simple majority in all relevant cases. The members of the Steering Committee have the rights and possibilities to offer decision makers to get involved in the work of the Committee, recommend experts to the Selection Panel and nominate those persons with common decision. The Steering Committee identifies the criteria of call for application, terms of application process, selection process, and control the selection process of the Selection Panel. The Steering Committee accepts the training program, identifies the training possibilities and obligations of the winners, directs the wide range dissemination of the case studies, and actively supports with communication tools the implementation of the program, cooperates in the organization of the Award Ceremony. The local governments experienced experts are delegated by the Steering Committee. The Selection Panel is supported in administration by the Hungarian National Association of Local Authorities. It is the task of the Selection Panel to evaluate the submitted application and make recommendation to the Steering Committee on the short list. The experts in cooperation with Hungarian National Association of Local Authorities and its project manager take part in identifying the topic of the call for application, creating its detailed description, identification of criteria and terms, creating short list for local visit from the best practices. They participate at site visits and preparation of selection the best practices.



### Terms of winning the prizes

Evaluation criteria of practices submitted to the call for application in the best practices program:

**Successful and well known.** Any best practice will be a “success story”; it will have a positive effect within the municipality or the local community; it will fully achieve its objectives. The best practice should be based on cooperation, it has to be accepted and well known by local stakeholders.

**Transparent and openness.** The practice must be fully transparent; documents and data must be clear; the context must be understood; the staff and service users must be able to explain the practice and the reasoning behind it. Did the local government try to involve local stakeholders?

**Adequate.** It must be seen to have met the given challenge, to be adequate to the circumstances. It must be appropriate. Adequacy can best be measured against the strategic goals of the municipality, as set out in the Local Development Strategy. 42 43 TÖOSZ Programmes providing help for local governments – with the support of the Council of Europe

**Effectiveness.** Did the best practise result in significant and measurable development, in effectiveness?

**Significant.** Has the best practise contributed to the solution of one or more problems of the local government? Does this problem exist in more municipalities and is the solution unfamiliar with many local governments?

**Sustainable.** A Best Practice should not be a single event. It should be sustainable. For example, whereas the most efficient one-off clearing of rubbish from the pavement is not a Best Practice whereas the systematic collection of waste from households can become one.

**Replicable.** Is it possible to adapt the best practise in another municipality without any difficulties?

### Selection process

Hungarian National Association of Local Authorities produces summary on submitted applications, from which the Selection Panel creates short lists in all topics with recommendation for site visits. The project manager (Ms Mónika Balla Lüttmerdingné [balla@toosz.hu](mailto:balla@toosz.hu)) visits with one or more members of the Selection Panel the local governments applying for the Prizes. The visitors request from the local leaders to introduce their best practise so that they can include those parts of their activities related to



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the best practise as well which was not part of the case study, but could be important from the point of view of the program. Before the selection the winners, based on the site visits the local governments will be invited to the final conference and competition where they can present their best practices before a wider audience. The Selection Panel and the Steering Committee is participating at this conference and they decide together on the winners of the Prizes of Best Practices of Local Government Program.

### **Award ceremony**

The program is closed by a one or two day conference where there is a wider audience from professionals. During the final conference and competition of best practices the relevant government institutions present their point of views and programs. At the ceremonial award event Ministers, leaders of Ministries take part with wider media publicity.

### **Dissemination of best practices**

The applying local governments after winning the prizes sign a contract with Hungarian National Association of Local Authorities. In this contract the parties fix the methods and channels for disseminating the best practices to the other local governments.

The directors of the program provide information and consultation the communication of the best practices. The winner local governments accept to introduce their best practices with inviting fixed number of participants from other local governments. The transfer of knowledge could be a further source of information because the owner of the best practice could gain new ideas from the dissemination event and dialogue. Hungarian National Association of Local Authorities and participating organizations through their own channels disseminate the best practises, thereby supporting municipalities, who offer solutions for the given problems.