



# The Role of Rural Communities in Rural Development in Hungary

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# LEADER and CLLD

- Local partnerships in a bottom up approach, via multi-sector local development strategies
- LEADER
  - local development method for 20 years,
  - around **2 600 LAGs in the EU**,
  - EAFRD: at least 5 per cent of total budget, obligatory (EAFRD programming is mainly based on an *à la carte* system)
- CLLD
  - 2014-2020: new policy instrument to support territorial cohesion,
  - EMFF; ERDF; ESF.
- CLLD builds on the experiences of the LEADER approach.



# Results of the previous programming period in Hungary (2007-2013)

- Full coverage of rural territories
- Exchange of good practices
- Mobilisation of local resources
- Support of smaller projects of local importance



*Youth Hostel construction in Kazár*  
**100.000 €**

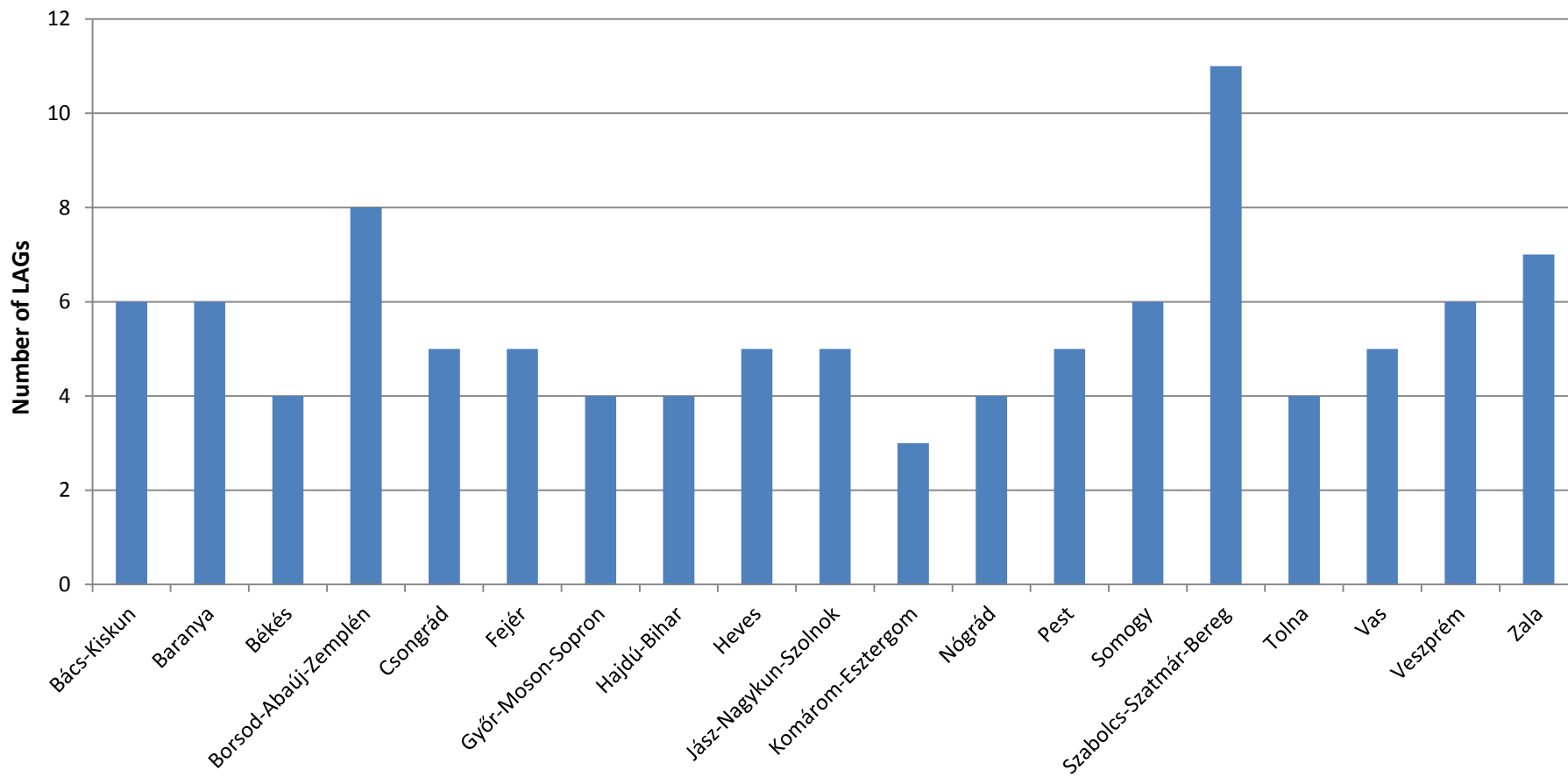
*Building of a winery in Pásztó*  
**32.300 €**





# Geographical situation of rural communities at county level

103 Local Action Groups; 3014 settlements; 3 900 000 inhabitants





# The „mosts and leasts”

## The largest

- According to population:  
Felső-Bácska LAG (106 000 people)
- According to the number of settlements:  
Dél-Baranya LAG (88 settlements)

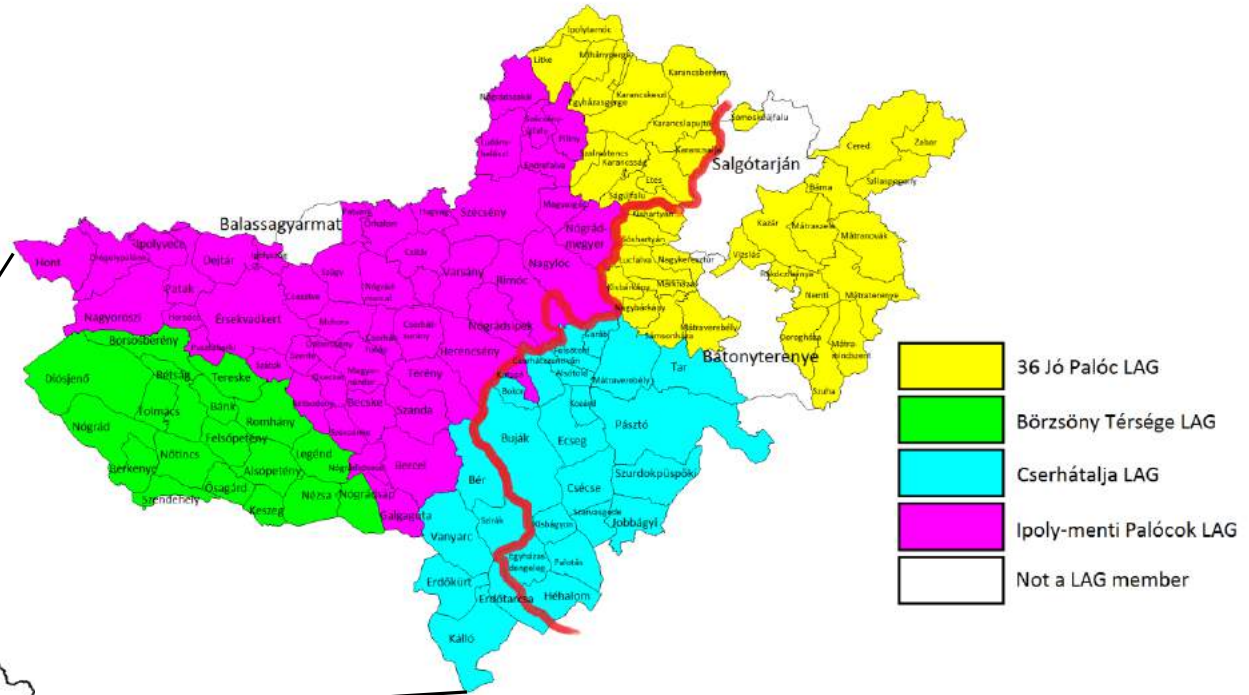
## The smallest

- According to population:  
Csengeri Járás LAG (14 000 people)
- According to the number of settlements:  
Szabadszállási Gazdakör LAG  
NAPKÖR LAG  
Kistelek és Környéke LAG  
(6-6 settlements)

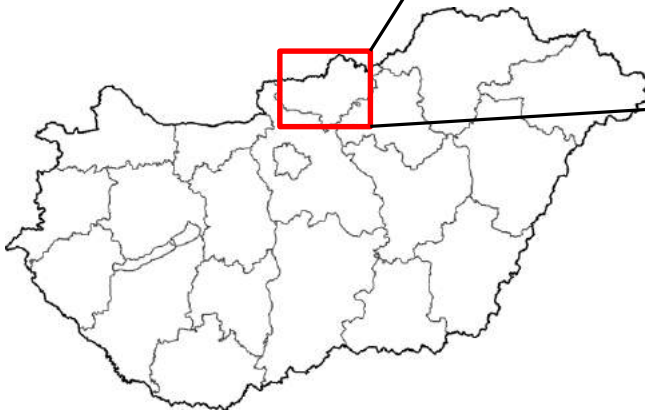


# LAGs and rural communities of Nógrád county

4 Local Action Groups  
128 settlements



133 409 inhabitants





## Running costs of LAGs

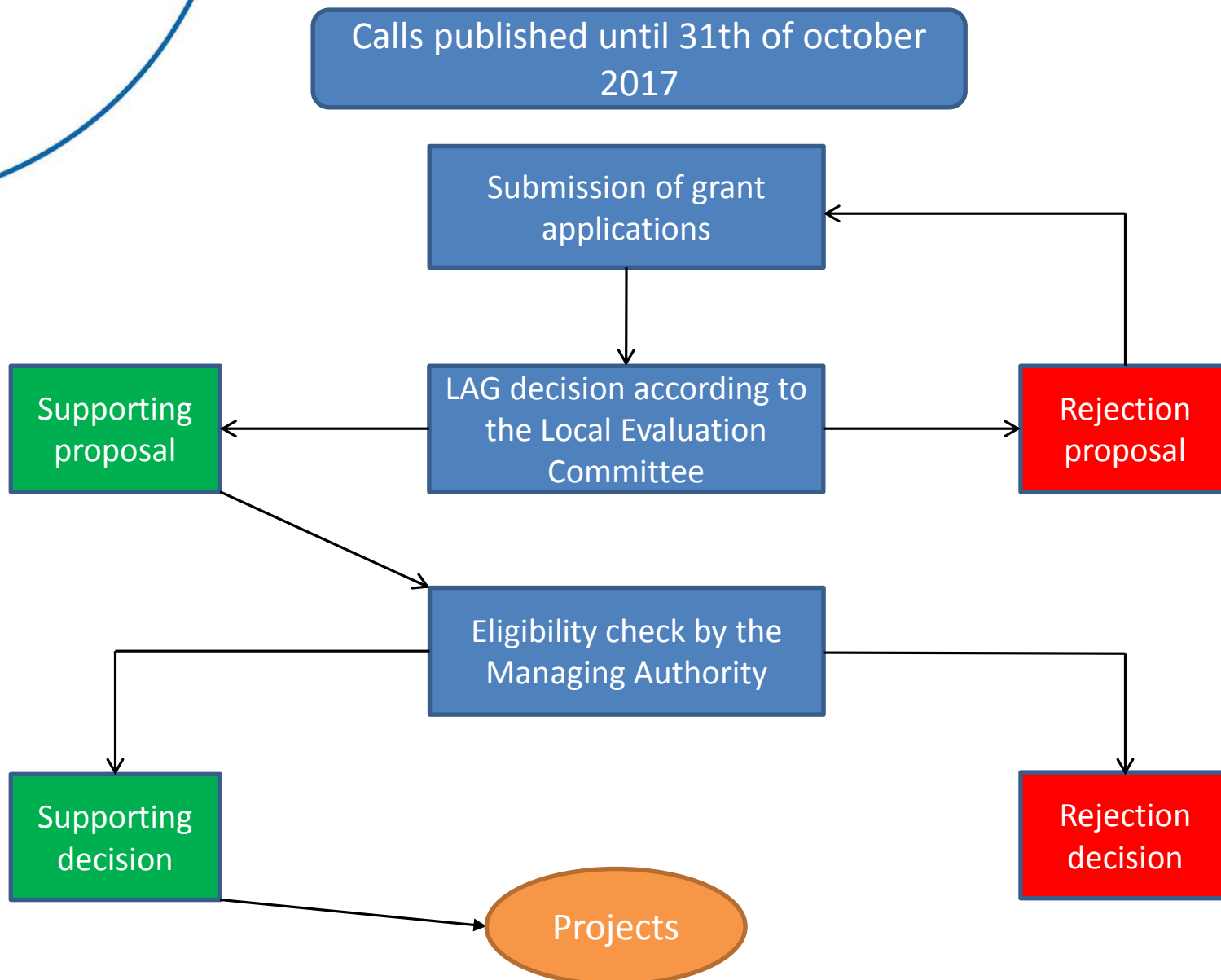
- **Budget: 25 480 000**
  - Average budget of the LAGs: **247 000 €**
  - Highest budget: **503 000 €** (Felső-Bácska LAG)
  - Lowest budget: **127 000 €** (Velencei-tó LAG)
- **Settlement of running and animation costs:**
  1. Direct personnel costs (e.g. salaries, benefits).
  2. Indirect costs: up to 15% of direct personnel costs (e.g. small value tools, public services, postal costs, cleaning).
  3. Other costs: itemized material costs (e.g. tools, catering, travelling, rental) .



# Implementation of local LEADER projects

- Support for implementation of operations under the community-led „local development strategy” (LDS)
  - Budget: 130 millions €
  - Beneficiaries : non-profit organizations, local governments, rural enterprises (only micro size!)
- The main themes of LDSs and local projects:
  - Rural infrastructure, access to services
  - Agriculture, local food and production systems
  - Tourism development
  - Networks, cooperation, rural-urban linkages.







# LEADER Cooperation

- **General objectives:**

- helps local actors to improve the potential of their areas;
- development of inter-regional relations of local stakeholders and their competences acquired in international knowledge sharing.

- **Potential added value of LEADER cooperation projects:**

- contribution to territorial strategy;
- improving competitiveness: new business partners, new markets;
- strengthening local partnerships.

- **Total funding for LEADER/CLLD cooperation: 6 190 943 €**

- Inter-territorial cooperation: **4 127 295 €**
- Transnational cooperation (TNC) : **2 063 647 €**
- Maximal amount: **65 000 €/project**

- **Eligible costs:**

- share of common costs related to joint publication and/or website,
- rental of venue for meetings and events,
- translation, consulting, interpreters' fees, catering, accommodation, travel costs.



# Difficulties in implementation

- **The paradox of LEADER approach**
  - the autonomy of LEADER must be respected: the MA could not interfere in the implementation of LDS
  - The MA is responsible for everything at the end of the day
- **Possibilities for MA**
  - Communication (NRN, conference, workshop)
  - Coordination (regular training, guidelines)
  - Regulation



# Thank you for your attention!

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