



INTRODUCTION

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Who are we?

- Law enforcement agency with territorial jurisdiction
- We perform our tasks under the authority of Hungary's central disaster management organization, the National Disaster Management Directorate General, Ministry of the Interior
- Four main pillars: industrial safety, fire protection, civil protection, water authorities
- Our special tasks are defined in international agreements, legislation and other public law organizational regulatory instruments
- Our local bodies are the disaster prevention branch offices and the professional fire brigades



Where are we from?

- We are on the western edge of Hungary, bordered by Austria in the west, Slovenia in the southwest, Zala in the south, Veszprém in the east, and Győr-Moson-Sopron county in the north.
- Area: 3 336 km²
- Population 252.000 fő
- 12 towns and 204 smaller settlements
- Topographical and climatic conditions
- 3 disaster management branch offices
- 3 professional fire departments
- 5 municipal fire departments
- Voluntary firefighting associations



County:	Vas
Districts:	Celldömölk district Körmend district Kőszeg district Sárvári district Szentgotthárd district Szombathely district Vasvár district
County seat:	Szombathely Town with County Rights
Population of the county:	251 719 ppl (2021. 01.01.)
Area of the county:	3 336 km ²
Settlements in the county:	216 settlements
Main hazards:	Floods, transport of dangerous goods by road and rail, extreme weather conditions

What are our strenghts?

- The life and property security of the population of Vas County
- Protecting the safe operation of national economy and critical infrastructure elements
- Participation in the prevention of disasters
- Rescue tasks in emergency situations
- Defense organization and management
- Eradication of harmful consequences
- Restoration-reconstruction
- Assistance in liquidation of an extraordinary event



Where are we going?

- Within the framework of the LOCALIENCE project, we are looking for appropriate answers to reduce the hazardous effects and exposure to hazards detected in the region.
- Our basic principle in the project is that it is not possible to provide a sufficient response to all threats, but risk management can be kept at an acceptable level with the help of appropriate indicators.



What are our goals?

- Creation of a system of conditions that promotes the security of Central Europe
- Human resource development and research
- Strengthening leadership and management
- Analyzing risks, synchronizing responses
- Development of early warning systems
- Finding and developing emotional indicators
- Development of voluntary organizations
- Public information campaigns



Why we will be good partners?

- Bilateral relations with neighboring countries
- Our letter of recommendation is the Interreg Cooperation Program Slovenia-Hungary 2007-2013 "Save Together" project
- The established cooperation will continue even after the end of the program
- Development of new teaching methodology, new and applicable forms of training and feedback in cooperation with our international partners
- Settlement self-defense program - best practice





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