



REGIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL CENTER



Project closing event at Tát

Tát, 23 March, 2016

Inland inundation caused by a variety of factors has been a problem in the settlements of Tát and Tokod for a long time. More and more often, the high level of ground water presents challenges in our settlements as a result of changed circumstances in the climate. Due to climate change, extreme weather conditions are expected to be even more frequent and aggravate problems. The two local governments involved in this development started to tackle this recurring and crucial problem in the framework of the present project. The closing event of the project took place on 23 March 2016 in the Hotel „Öreg Halász” („Old Fisherman”) at Tát.

Participants at the closing event were the representatives of invited stakeholders and project partners, including Dr. **Csaba Kancz**, government representative of County Komárom-Esztergom, Mr. **Balázs Steindl**, vice-president of the Assembly of County Komárom-Esztergom, Ms **Tímea Ruzsbaczkzy** representing the Embassy of the Kingdom of Norway, Mr **Lajos Turi**, mayor of Tát and Mr **Tivadar Tóth**, mayor of Tokod, as well as colleagues representing the Norwegian project partner, the Norwegian Institute of Bioeconomy Research, Ms **Csilla Farkas** and Ms **Esther Bloem**. Project partners were honoured to welcome the representatives of the Regional Environmental Centre, the intermediary body of the programme, and the representatives of organizations involved in the professional implementation of the project.

The host of the event, Mr **Lajos Turi**, mayor of Tát made a welcome speech and gave a short overview of the significance of the project in the everyday life of the two settlements.

On behalf of the Regional Environmental Centre Ms **Judit Bálint**, expert and programme manager of EEA Grants, made a presentation on the objectives and professional content of Programme no. HU04 entitled *Adaptation to Climate Change in Hungary*. The methods and also the achievements of project implementation were presented by Mr **György Parragi** in a series of slides showing illustrative photos on water-related problems in the settlement and the solutions offered by the project. The following presentation was made by **dr Zsuzsanna Nagy**, manager of DHI Hungária Ltd., on the simulation model developed and applied in the framework of the project. The hydrological expert of the project, **dr. Kálmán Buzás** made a presentation on the analysis of the relationship between climate change and precipitation management at the level of the settlement, then Mr. **Lajos Szenes**, former mayor of Tát and one of the promoters of the project, made a speech on the importance of the achievements of the project. The event was finished by the closing speech made by Mr. **Tivadar Tóth**, mayor of Tokod, who highlighted the relevance of the project for the two settlements and also invited participants for further discussion and a modest reception.

The photo documentation on the project closing event is accessible via the websites of the two settlements.

The project was implemented in the framework of the European Economic Area Financial Mechanism 2009-2014 *Adaptation to Climate Change* Programme no. HU04-C3-2013. The title of the project: *Elaborating a concept for precipitation management and adapting to climate change in the settlements of Tát and Tokod, Hungary* (project identification no.: EEA-HU-C3-8). The total budget of the project is EUR 913 028.

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