



BUDAPEST FŐVÁROS XVIII. KERÜLET PESTSZENTLŐRINC-PESTSZENTIMRE ÖNKORMÁNYZATA

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The Municipality of 18th district of Budapest

The 18th district of Budapest - Pestszentlőrinc and Pestszentimre – the fourth largest district of the Hungarian capital in terms of territory and the sixth biggest in terms of population, was established in 1950 by the unification of two formerly independent settlements. The district is a residential area on the outskirts of Budapest with a large share of green spaces. The Municipality of 18th District of Budapest (BP18) has participated in several projects and initiatives trying to strengthen the district's green image:

- BP18 was the lead partner in the RE-SEETies project - Towards resource efficient urban communities in SEE under Interreg South East Europe, which aimed at creating transnational synergies for finding feasible solutions to environmental challenges in urban contexts in the field of waste valorisation and efficient utilisation of energy sources. Project for creating resource efficient urban communities. Awareness raising campaign for district students in RE-SEETies project.
- BP18 has created a Local Climate Strategy and organized a Climate Cup competition for children and kindergarteners and preparation of an Educational Guide
- BP18 is part of the StepUP - Solutions and Technologies for deep Energy renovation Processes Uptake - Horizon2020 project (project partner), which aims at developing a new process for deep renovation for decarbonisation to minimise performance gap, reduce investment risk and maximise value.
- Furthermore, BP18 is part of the eCentral - Energy Efficient Public Buildings in Central Europe - Program Interreg Central Europe project (project partner), which addresses poor energy performance of public buildings, within which BP18 manages the Hungarian pilot.
- Our last project, in which we cooperated with BUD Airporst, was LAirA - Landside Airport Accessibility: This is an Interreg Central Europe funded project that aims to improve capacities for mobility planning in airport landside areas to lower CO2 emissions, Interreg Central Europe Program (Lead partner)

BP18 is a key-district of the Capital in terms of territorial connection with BUD Airport, which is found at the outskirts of the city. The majority of the areas of Liszt Ferenc international Airport is found in the District 18 and the entrances on the landside are located there too. Significant air pollution can be detected along the 3 main roads linking the district with other parts of the city due to increased traffic load coming from the commuting residents and the transit traffic. The ambient noise- and air pollution, air traffic are also important issues for the the district.

Further steps in the district, such as “Greening the city” actions:

- Foliage bags and compost bins are distributed to the population to reduce air pollution by avoidance of burning green waste (which is prohibited by law, however, still a common practice).
- Greening the city - saving and expanding the garden city feature:
 - 'Plant a tree in 18th district' campaign
 - 'Green nursery, green school' program
 - 'Annual environmental conference'
- Community garden has been set up and is run successfully in the district

- Join to European Union projects to reduce the CO2 emissions produced by access to the airport (and also within the district)
- Involving the community and local civil society organisations in environment protection and related training, facilitating their participation in learning the conditions of the environment and in giving related information to others.
- The Municipality is a member of the Covenant of Mayors for Climate and Energy. The municipality has a Sustainable Energy Action Plan (SEAP) with the aim of cutting CO2 emissions by at least 20% by 2020.
- 2nd round of this – SECAP, Sustainable Energy and Climate Action Plan: the Municipality principally commits to reducing CO₂ (and possibly other greenhouse gas) emissions on its territory by at least 40% by 2030.
- Municipality/district has won a 'Klímabarát' fee in November, 2020. With it these lot of relevant environmentally measures, efforts were rewarded, which district has done for highlight and emphasize this very important topic.

Additional project ideas even relevant will also serve as backdrop to our contribution:

We were working on two Urban Innovative Actions project applications in the last years (none of which were finally submitted due to administrative reasons)

- For the topic a systemic sponge city conce" Sustainable use of land and NBS": a project idea aimed at experimenting with various Nature Based Solutions related to rainwater retention and harvesting, ensuring a wide cooperation of city, inhabitants and also companies based in the district.
- For the topic "Air quality": a project idea aiming to Improve air quality in the environment of children's institutions in the district through community involvement and a bottom-up e-mobility sharing system.

Other references:

- The District Environmental Programme was endorsed by the District Council, in force since 2019.
- Final document in RE-Block project (Local action plan)
- Action plan from RE-SEETies project
- Action plan from LAirA project – import to the Integrated Urban Development Strategy (ITS) of 18th district
- Sulp document in Sulpiter project
- Climate Strategy in Klímabarát18 project
- Energy Renovation Action Plan in eCentral project

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