

## Difficulties of developing a local agenda in a small region of Hungary, by Baják, Imre, Fábián, Gyula and Törcsvári, Zsolt

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### ABSTRACT

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Sustainable development is a commonly used phenomenon these days. Even though, the local aspect, the importance of which is emphasized by the 28th chapter of the document Agenda 21 (also known as Local Agenda 21), is not as widespread in the Eastern European countries as it should be, and as it is in the western part of Europe.

At the end of 2008 we – with the help of some fellow researchers we conducted a survey in a small region of Hungary among municipalities and local citizens. The survey concentrated at some important aspects and factors of local sustainability in this region: the identification of the problems, the existing documents related to sustainability, mobilizability of the community and also the chances of creating local agendas in the municipalities of the small region.

In my paper I am going to summarize our findings. We made a comparison between local governments' and citizens' questionnaires, and between questionnaires of different citizen groups based on sex, education, the inhabitation of the municipality where the citizen lives, and the sectorial classification of the workplace of the citizen.

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