

## EVENT DESCRIPTION SHEET

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PROJECT	
Participant:	[101081558] - [National Society of Conservationists - Friends of the Earth Hungary] ([MTVSZ FoE HU])
PIC number:	[937388019]
Project name and acronym:	[Citizens' Observatory For Green Deal Financing] — [Citizens4EGDFunding]

EVENT DESCRIPTION	
Event number:	5
Event name:	Two Green Deal events for activists, citizens and media in Hungary, with focus on EP elections in second one
Type:	conferences and workshop
In situ/online:	[in-situ]
Location:	Budapest, Hungary
Date(s):	14 April 2023, 12 February 2024 and 6 March, 2024
Website(s) (if any):	<p><b>1<sup>st</sup> event – 14 April 2023:</b></p> <p>Article on the MTVSZ's webpage:  <a href="https://mtvsz.hu/hirek/2023/04/elerhetoek-a-az-europai-zold-megallapodas-es-a-biodiverzitas-muhelykonferencia-eloadasai">https://mtvsz.hu/hirek/2023/04/elerhetoek-a-az-europai-zold-megallapodas-es-a-biodiverzitas-muhelykonferencia-eloadasai</a></p> <p>Bankwatch landing page (including published EDS): <a href="#">The European Green and Biodiversity Workshop and Conference - Bankwatch</a></p> <p><b>2nd event – 12<sup>th</sup> February 2024 and 6<sup>th</sup> March 2024:</b></p> <p>MTVSZ's webpage:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Summary of the two activities:  <a href="https://mtvsz.hu/hirek/2024/03/szakpolitikai-vita-az-mtv-sz-europai-unios-szakmai-javaslatcsomagjaro">https://mtvsz.hu/hirek/2024/03/szakpolitikai-vita-az-mtv-sz-europai-unios-szakmai-javaslatcsomagjaro</a></li> <li>- Proposal package to protect biodiversity and avert the climate crisis: <a href="https://mtvsz.hu/hirek/2024/02/javaslataink-a-biologiai-sokfeleseg-vedelmere-es-az-eghailati-valsag-elharitasara">https://mtvsz.hu/hirek/2024/02/javaslataink-a-biologiai-sokfeleseg-vedelmere-es-az-eghailati-valsag-elharitasara</a></li> <li>- Summary page of biodiversity financing with a focus on Citizens' Observatory project (information hub of our work on the topic): <a href="https://mtvsz.hu/finanszirozas-es-termeszetvedelem">https://mtvsz.hu/finanszirozas-es-termeszetvedelem</a></li> </ul> <p>Article on the project landing page (including published EDS): <a href="#">Biodiversity and climate policy conference in Hungary - Bankwatch</a></p> <p>Published EDS: <a href="#">EDS_D5.1-5.2_MTVSZ.pdf</a></p>

<b>Participants</b>			
Female:	117		
Male:	110		
Non-binary:	0		
From country 1 [Hungary]:	227		
Total number of participants:	227	From total number of countries:	1
<b>Description</b>			
<i>Provide a short description of the event and its activities.</i>			
<p>On Friday, April 14, 2023, 'The European Green and Biodiversity Workshop and Conference' was held in the hall of Pázmány Péter Catholic University in Budapest, Hungary.</p> <p>The event was jointly organised by the Office of the Commissioner for Fundamental Rights' Secretariat for Future Generations, the Department of Environmental Law and Competition Law of Pázmány Péter Catholic University, and the National Society of Conservationists (MTVSZ).</p> <p>The European Green Deal has a decisive role in shaping domestic policies. In addition to the often-mentioned climate and energy goals, there is less talk about matters related to biological diversity. At the conference, we gave a summary of the overall goals of the European Green Deal in relation to biodiversity.</p> <p>The event was facilitated by the Ombudsman for Future Generations. Head of the Department of Biodiversity and Gene Conservation (Ministry of Agriculture) presented how the Green Deal is linked to different strategies and what actions and plans stem from this initiative. Representative of the Ombudsman's office outlined their role in biodiversity conservation. Representative from the Ecological Institute for Sustainable Development Foundation gave an overview of the drivers of biodiversity loss and how our economy and social norms drive habitat destruction.</p> <p>After the lunch break, the participants broke into two <b>breakout groups</b> to discuss two topics. Both groups had presentations from the officers of the Ministry of Agriculture, who explained the current situation and future plans for the Nature Restoration Law and the CAP Strategic Plan, respectively. Presenters from NGOs gave input on the conservation and social aspects of these policies.</p> <p><b>Breakout group 1: The European draft law on nature restoration</b></p> <p>During the 1.5-hour long discussion several trade, the federations expressed their concerns and made recommendations to the decision makers on how to proceed with the negotiation of the law. Everybody agreed that implementing such legislation requires the cooperation of different sectors and plans were made to increase information flow and mutual support.</p> <p><b>Breakout group 2: The impact of agricultural support systems on biodiversity</b></p> <p>During the 2-hour long discussion, several stakeholders expressed their concerns and made recommendations to the decision makers on implementation and administrative issues. Discussion was so lively that it went far beyond the planned timeframe.</p> <p>Overall, in both breakout groups we were able to create a constructive and forward-looking atmosphere where real arguments were discussed and assessed by a wide range of stakeholders. After the event several participants suggested to continue the discussions in the future and organise other events on the same topic.</p> <p>The participants came from diverse backgrounds: universities, CSOs, industry advocacy groups, National Parks, journalists, political parties, and citizens.</p> <p>116 people participated in the event altogether (presenters and organizers excluded); 68 (59%) of them were female, and 48 (41%) were male. We made an effort to balance the gender ratio of the speakers.</p> <p>Plenary: 3 speakers, 1 female, 2 males</p> <p>Breakout group 1: 2 speakers, males.</p> <p>Breakout group 2: 3 speakers, 2 females, 1 male</p> <p>Participants came from Hungary from various organizations and a considerable number of the general</p>			

public, citizens interested in the topic. Organisations included public bodies, scientific institutes, ministries' and authorities' representatives, national parks, trade federations (forestry, agriculture), private companies and NGOs.

#### **Summary of the evaluation results:**

27 people filled out the EU survey on Justice, Rights and Values. 25 people evaluated the event with 5 points. The 15 questions concerning the event resulted in 405 answers, and 358 (88%) of the answers gave 4 or 5 points. People were most satisfied with the overall outcome of the event, knowledge transfer, choice of topics, methodology, the competence of the experts, encouragement of discussion, and preliminary information – these all got 4 or 5 points in more than 90% of the answers.

[Presentations can be found here.](#)

#### **For the second event in the work package 5, MTVSZ held two activities in 2024:**

The first activity took place on 12 February 2024 at MTVSZ premises (National Society of Conservationists – FoE Hungary, 1091 Budapest, Üllői út 91/b.). We invited environmental experts from different NGOs to discuss and develop a package proposal for the new European Parliament.

Fifteen people attended the event. After an introductory presentation on CERV and the Citizens' Observatory for Green Deal Financing project, the Election Manifesto and its potential interpretation and adaptation to the Hungarian context were discussed. Participants have drafted a proposal package for the new EU Parliament. The package listed nine intervention points for decision-makers within two main topics: biodiversity and climate. These discussions lasted two hours.

After this discussion and the development of the draft proposal, MTVSZ circulated it within its network and asked for further suggestions. The [proposal package](#) was published on 29 February 2024 and shared extensively on social media.

As part of this activity, Coalition's [Election Manifesto](#) was also translated and circulated to a wider public.

These activities have prepared the interested groups and stakeholders for the main event which took place on 6 March 2024. This was the second activity within this event, an **environmental policy conference focusing on the European elections** - European policies for biodiversity, against climate crisis (Európai politikák a biodiverzitásért és az éghajlati válság ellen) and it was held in downtown Budapest, at Aranytíz Cultural Center.

All nine parties currently having representatives in the parliament were invited and seven of the parties accepted the invitation and sent their experts for the roundtable event:

- Jobbik – Conservatives,
- Our Homeland Movement
- Democratic Coalition
- LMP - Green Party of Hungary
- Dialogue - Greens
- Hungarian Socialist Party
- Momentum Movement

The parties' representatives reflected on our nine-point proposals package, evaluated the progress of the European Green Deal and its implementation challenges, and formulated their ideas and plans for the new European Parliament to be established in June.

At the meeting, a constructive, forward-looking discussion took place on the following topics:

- Rethinking our relationship to economic growth and the pressure it creates on natural resources.
- How can EU subsidies guarantee the conservation of biological diversity.
- New GMOs and lab meat.
- The reform of the Common Agricultural Policy and planning of agricultural subsidies for the next MFF.
- How to phase out fossil fuels.
- How to improve energy efficiency, what are the problems with our national energy and climate plan.
- How to create an economical, efficient and renewable energy system.
- Community energy.
- Why we need more ambitious energy transition and climate protection goals and strategies.

**Summary of the participants with their profiles and gender-disaggregated data:**

111 unique participants attended the two activities. 15 people attended the first activity to draft the proposal package and 104 people attended the panel discussion.

The majority of people represented organizations: universities, NGOs, businesses, parties, professional organizations or bodies, etc. Others were interested citizens.

The gender of the attendees was quite balanced, with slightly more males (55,9%) than females (44,1%). The gender of the presenters/panelists was balanced (5 men and four women).

**Evaluation summary:**

Altogether the event was successful, and attendees expressed thanks for being able to learn about candidate parties' views on environmental topics. Survey evaluation also shows that people appreciated the discussion.

More than 90% of the scores in the feedback survey rated the different aspects of the event with 4 or 5 stars (e.g. overall assessment of the event, increased knowledge, methodology used, adequacy of the venue and preliminary information). All respondents confirmed that their perception of the topic after participating in the event changed definitely or to some extent and that they will use what they learnt in their everyday life/work. Regarding the question of gender equality, 100% of the respondents gave positive answers, choosing multiple answers to confirm that the organisers took action to promote gender equality and ensure equal opportunities.

Links to presentation: presentations have been shared on MTVSZ's webpage: <https://mtvsz.hu/finanszirozás-es-természetvedelem>

**Election compass on MTVSZ's webpage:** [EP választási iránytű | Magyar Természetvédők Szövetsége \(mtvsz.hu\)](#)

An Election Compass has been created on MTVSZ's website. It provides guidelines to citizens on different considerations about the EU's environmental policies and the implementation of the Green Deal. The Election Compass has been promoted on MTVSZ's social media and newsletters in parts (as a proposals' package) during the time leading up to the March round table event. We will further promote it, as a tool on our website, on our social media channels and in our newsletters until the EP elections in June 2024.

HISTORY OF CHANGES		
VERSION	PUBLICATION DATE	CHANGE
1.0	01.04.2022	Initial version (new MFF).