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Project: Integrated Regeneration of Neighbourhood **Huszártelep**



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The City of Nyíregyháza: Social Key Figures

- **Density of population:** 412 person/km²
- **Migration balance** in 2006: 112 more person moved to the City
- **Number of inhabitants:** 118,456 (2001);
- **Unemployment rate:** 5.47% (2007)
- The employment rate and activity rate of people of active age (15-74 years) are 47% and 53%, resp., which slightly lag behind the national figures.
- The rate of unemployment was 4.3% in 2001 and grew to 5.47% last year.

Neighbourhood **Huszártelep**

- In Nyíregyháza 8% of the population is Roma, (**85% Roma in Huszártelep**)
- **90%** of the residents of the Huszártelep is **unemployed**.
- as close to 90% of the residents living there at that time had maximum elementary schooling. (**illiterate 14%**)
- Families use the **supports in 100%**.

The City of Nyíregyháza: Economic Key Figures

- Significant economic: **1/3 of the employees of the county are employed in Nyíregyháza.**
- The number of registered **enterprises has grown** from 15 373 characteristic of 1998 to 17 539 by 2001.
- in 2006 almost **each 6th person had an enterprise** in Nyíregyháza.
- Nyíregyháza has operated an **industrial park of more than 100 hectares** since 1997.
- **Significant foreign capital** (in 2005 the value of foreign capital invested in the town was EUR 5.1 billion).
- **84%** of registered enterprises pursue principally **service-type activities**

The City of Nyíregyháza: Physical Key Figures

- Nyíregyháza is located in the North-eastern region of the country, in Central Nyírség, **240 km from the Capital City** (Budapest).
- The border posts of **three countries** (Slovakia, Ukraine and Romania) are accessible in **100 km district of Nyíregyháza**.

The town has built up a **network of intensive foreign relations** (e.g. membership in international organisations, sister town relations, Carpathian Euro-Region)

Neighbourhood **Huszártelep**

- There are 270 flats on the housing estate (**36-42 m²**, in most cases **without any comfort**)
- Most of the residential houses are single-floor **row-house altered from previously army stables** (were built before 1945)

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Neighbourhood Huszártelep



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The Target Area: Strengths and Opportunities

- **Positive approach** of the municipality, firm intention to improve the living conditions of the residents of the estate
- Ensuring **equal opportunity** in access to social services
- Well-qualified, committed experts
- Tender (EU) possibilities

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The Target Area: Weaknesses and deficits

- Low level of the residents' education, unemployment,
- Lack of income, poverty, marginalisation, hopelessness of residents
- Bad housing conditions
- Weak self-assertion role of the Roma population
- Lack of community
- Threat: the strengthening of segregation



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The Target Area: Previous Strategies

Tasks already carried out: flat renovation programmes, labour service programmes, ensuring social and child welfare basic supplies on the estate, Step-by-step kindergarten programme, closing down the school in the state in order to ensure integrated education (June 2007)

Set targets (tasks not yet completed):

- Education, professional training of young people and adults
- Utilisation of the former school building, filling it with new content and function
- Community building, strengthening the community will,
- Establishment of community public places and buildings
- Ensuring proper housing conditions

Problems with previous rehabilitation initiatives:

both the flat reconstruction and the labour service programmes are ad-hoc type, they have no continuation, and reached only a part of the residents of the estate



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The Target Area: Remaining Problems

Our specific objectives include the mitigation of social-cultural disadvantages, the improvement of equal chances through training and employment, the decrease of segregation through community and cultural programmes.

Tools of implementation :

- **proper socialisation** – support the families by ways of the social worker network, ensuring day-nursery service, and child welfare service
- **participation** of Roma children **in integrated education**
- **training of young people and adults**, learning marketable professions
- **community organisations**, building and establishment of buildings and places of community functions
- organisation of locally available services (hair-dresser, shoe-maker, bakery, etc.)
- **improvement of housing conditions**



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