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PRACTICE ABSTRACT

Creating meaningful dialogue

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Establishing a meaningful dialogue is essential to achieve qualified project results. In Central Eastern Europe there is a general perception that external conditions are the biggest obstacle to development. To build an effective dialogue, focus should be on hardships originated from the external environment. Analysing the pessimistic scenarios, recognising the main impediments, the experts outline creative solutions to mitigate the effects of the critical factors.

Some of the main steps taken by the MAP to ensure a meaningful dialogue were the following:

- A literature review is needed to get better acquainted with the topic. In addition to MAP experts, ad-hoc experts can also be invited to enlarge the knowledge and experiences shared. Use of participatory methods are important for gathering diverse opinions.
- Defining the main directions, and examine the relevance of topics through questionnaires. Discuss the most important topics with experts through interviews. Collate the different views of the focus group. Close cooperation and networking activities with platforms or networks of relevant ongoing projects is very valuable.
- An established and transparent process results into a higher engagement of participants, especially of the policy group. MAP coordination is crucial to ensure wide-ranging debates. Consensus or agreement among the members of the group was rather fast. Feedback was collected on the continuation of the work, to further improve and enhance a meaningful dialogue in the platform.

Hungarian AKIS

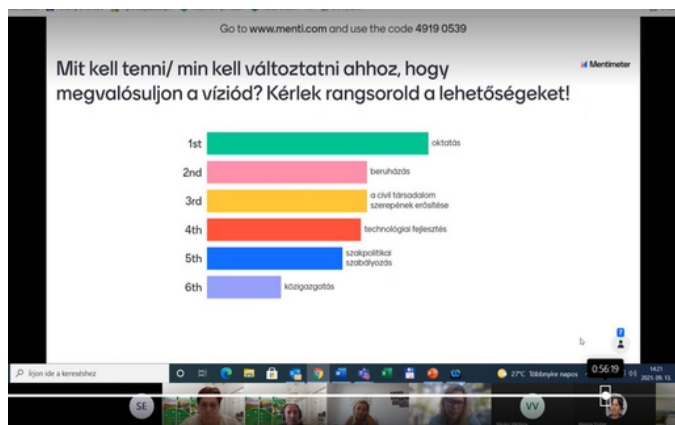
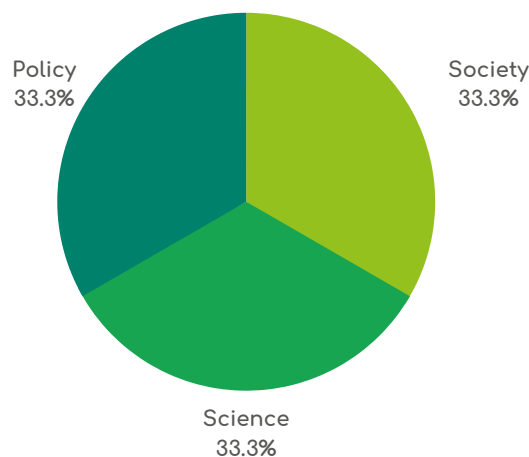
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ABOUT THE MAP

In Hungary, the European Rural Development Network (ERDN) – Research Institute of Agricultural Economics coordinates the Hungarian AKIS Multi-Actor Platform. The platform operates at the national level since this is most appropriate for the topic of the Agricultural Knowledge and Innovation System (AKIS).

The MAP's core group is the AKIS sub-working group established by the Ministry of Agriculture to facilitate the Common Agricultural Policy strategic planning process. Since the platform is linked to an ongoing process, the meetings are easily planned, and simultaneously more members are invited. The platform plans to carry out: situation analysis, SWOT analysis, needs assessment regarding knowledge transfer, digitalisation and research & innovation, and it will develop policy toolkit and propose suitable policy solutions. MAP stakeholders are local businesses, agriculture chambers, research institutes, central government.



OBJECTIVES

- In 2020, the focus of the MAP process was to explore what the vision for the future of rural areas in Hungary. MAP objectives: Participation in the situation analysis, SWOT analysis, needs assessment i.e. strategic planning of AKIS in the context of knowledge-transfer, digitalisation research and innovation.
- In 2021, the focus of the MAP process is the further elaboration of the vision of rural areas in Hungary taking into consideration the results of the European level foresights.



MAIN ACHIEVEMENTS

During 2020, the MAP team delivered the needed reports on the topic of the Long-Term Vision for Rural areas. The results of the discussions conducted in the first cycle are summarised in the [MAP Discussion Paper](#) and the [MAP Position Paper on A Vision for Rural Areas](#).

In 2021, AKIS MAP members suggested to align their work and activities with the CAP planning directions at EU level and elaborating the objectives and priorities needed to achieve them, as well as more detailed elaboration on the topics of knowledge transfer, greening and resilience, mitigating the consequences of the COVID-19 pandemic, good governance and simplification.



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