EUROPEAN RURAL TRANSFORMATION AND THE CONCEPT OF A 'EUROPE OF MANY RURAL CHARACTERISTICS'





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About us

Founded in 2012: non-profit organization,

public sector company

Mission: to support the initiation and implementation of **cooperation-based regional and economic development processes** in West Transdanubia region, Hungary

Headquarters in Szombathely, office in Győr About 30 employees

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Main areas of activity:

- sustainable transport and tourism
- economic development, clusters
- rural development, culture
- regional planning, programming
- cross-border projects
- transnational projects





WESTPANNON TEAM

Experienced in Interreg transnational programmes (Interreg Europe, Danube, Central Europe) and cross-border programmes (AT-HU, SI-HU, SK-HU) as partners and lead partner























Iron Curtain Trail

EUROVELO 13 — CYCLING TOURISM



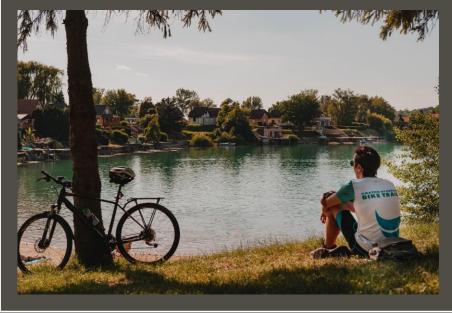
NATURAL VALUES AND CULTURAL VALUES IN THE REGION

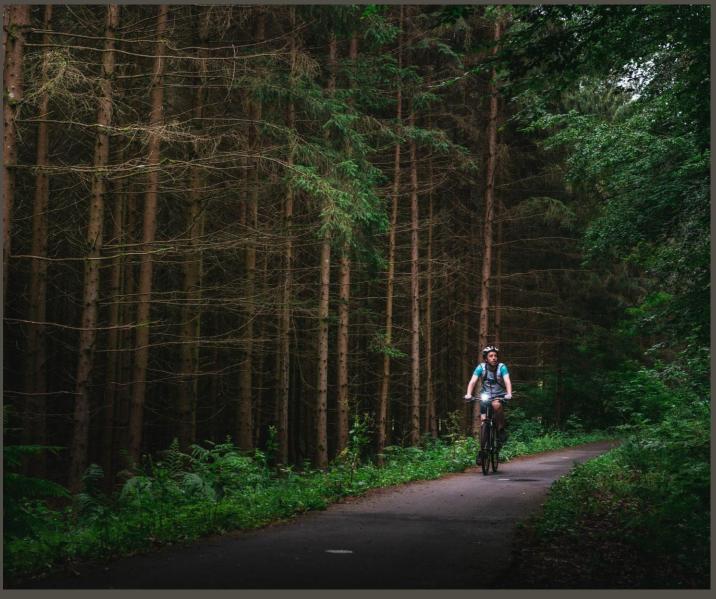














SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE AND LOCAL FOOD

We are local



Local production: organic farming, dairy farming,

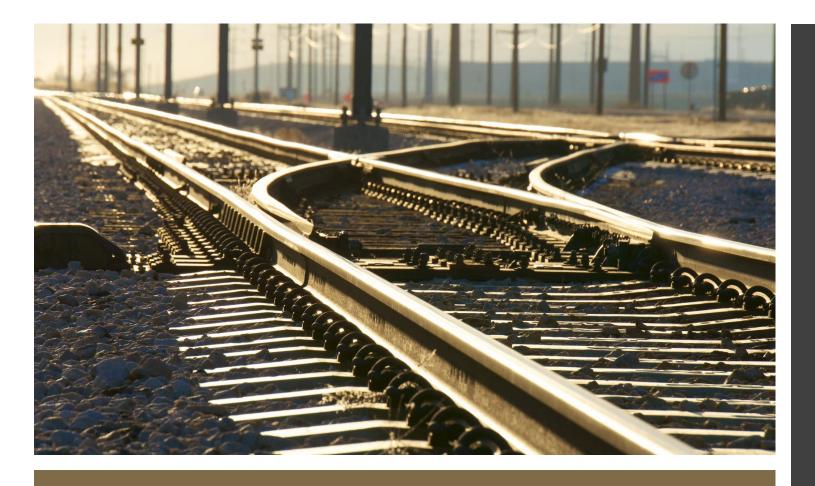


Reducing environmental pressure, strengthening the local economy



"We are local" certificate - 18 members





Sustainable transport in West Transdanubia



Public road infrastructure: almost 5000 km → unfavourable structure



Vehicles No/1000 inhabitants (2022): 469



Public transport facilities: train and bus transport

Railway network: almost 1000 km (50% electrified, 15% double-tracked)

- 2 operators: 1. Regional railway company: GYSEV Zrt.
- 2. Hungarian State railway company: MÁV Zrt.



Bus transportation:

Local (short distance) bus lines: connect to almost all municipalities Long distance lines connect to towns and larger resort areas 1 operators: one bus company



Problem with Public transport in rural area

Decreasing level of services to micro-regions with villages \rightarrow Influences the availability of public services and ability these villages to retain their population

Deficiency of intermodality

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