

EVENT DESCRIPTION SHEET

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PROJECT	
Participant:	Maison de l'Europe de Paris
PIC number:	948240864
Project name and acronym:	Local and European Action Plan to Save Struggling from Energy Poverty LEAP-STEP

EVENT DESCRIPTION			
Event number:	4		
Event name:	Forests as sustainable green energy		
Type:	Conference		
In situ/online:	In-situ and online		
Location:	Budapest,		
Date(s):	2025, February 20 and 22		
Website(s) (if any):	https://paris-europe.eu/les-rencontres-et-conferences-du-projet-leap-step/		
Participants			
Female:	26		
Male:	26		
Non-binary:	No indication		
From country 1 France:	1		
From country 2 Spain:	2		
From country 3 Germany:	2		
From country 4 Lithuania	1		
From country 5 Romania	1		
From country 6 Hungary	44		
From country 7 Poland	1		
Online participants	558 subscribers to YouTube Maison de l'Europe de Paris		
Total number of participants:	52 in situ	From total number of countries:	7

Description*Provide a short description of the event and its activities.***Main events of the fourth meeting of the project Leap-Step in Budapest, Hungary on February 20, 21 and 22, 2025****Thursday 20 February**

15:00 Orientation session in the hotel

16:00 Hungary today. Meeting with Mr Miklos BARABAS, chair of the European House in Budapest and Ms Eszter NAGY, elected member of second district of Budapest

Friday 21 February

9:15 Arrival to the Pilis Park Forest

9:30 Presentation - Forests as sustainable green energy

10:30 Field programme on the Hárs Hill with the participation of Mr Gergely ÖRSI, mayor of second district of Budapest,

13:30 Open discussion with citizens participating in the conference

14:30 Departure from the Pilis Park Forest

15:30 Visit of the Leap-Step Poster exhibition in front of the City Hall of the second district

18:30 Dinner

Saturday 22 February

Departures from Budapest

Activity: Hungary today

Mr **Miklos BARABAS**, Director, European House Budapest

Ms **Eszter NAGY**, Councillor, Municipality of the 2nd District of Budapest

Activity: Presentation - Forests as sustainable green energy

Mr **Károly RÁCZ**, Deputy Director, Pilis Park Forest

Presentation of an example of sustainable forest management. Different key point : more natural forest, promoting the presence of rare and isolated tree species, acting on the second life of trees, promote ecotourism, give an environmental education, ...

70% of the Pilis Park Forest is germinated from old forest seed. 64% of the areas in the EU are protected, of which 18% are specially protected. 45 502 ha, 70% of the treated area is a Natura 2000 site. Since 2008, they have spent nearly HUF 1.1 billion, partly from EU grants and partly from their own resources.

The goal is to achieve an optimum size, gradually improving quality of the conservation of natural values and landscape and maintaining an attractive habitat. Wood is renewable thanks to sustainable forest management energy source. The Pilisi Parkerdő Zrt. is the owner of the the renewal, cultivation and and maintenance of the forests partly through the sale of harvested timber from the sale of timber. 80% of the timber harvested in their forests is firewood quality, and the wood sold as

firewood 90% of the wood used as firewood is sold locally, typically used as firewood for domestic use.

Beside ecotourism they also provide an environmental education to tourist and scholar to acknowledge people to environmental protection, biodiversity protection, sustainable forest management, ...

Activity: Field programme on the Hárs Hill

Mr **Gergely ÓRSI**, Mayor, 2nd District of Budapest

Activity: Open discussion

Activity: Visit of the Leap-Step Poster exhibition in front of the City Hall of the second district of Budapest

HISTORY OF CHANGES		
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1.0	01.04.2022	Initial version (new MFF).