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Press release

„The future is built on the past.”

Cross-border economic development based on processing of industrial hemp.

About the start of project **FUTURE IN HEMP**

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Coordinated by the Research Institute for National Strategy (NSKI) the project titled FUTURE IN HEMP (identification number: SKHU/1703/3.1/040) with a grant amount of EUR 7,012 million under the INTERREG Slovakia-Hungary program (<http://www.skhu.eu/>) is being launched. The project is supported by the Government of Hungary and the European Union.

One of the strategic objectives of the NSKI is to rebuild and expand the once extensive, industrial hemp economy in the Carpathian Basin. Therefore, the institution has been preparing, gathering knowledge and organizing partnerships for the fifth year. An important stage in this process is the new project to be presented, which will be implemented in the Hungarian-Slovak border area in the north-eastern region.

The overall aim of the project is to reduce unemployment and create new jobs. Another goal is to develop economy based on local conditions, to increase added value and the level of processing of industrial hemp. Objectives include the sharing of competitive knowledge with local economic actors. The project focuses on the ecological approach, sustainable farming and the processing of raw materials from the green economy.

The basic resource of the employment action plan compiled in the project is the industrial hemp with a long tradition, which can be successfully grown according to ecological principles. The industrial hemp serves as a raw material for modern, competitive, ever-increasing products with low environmental impact in several industries (food, cosmetics, textiles, construction, health, biopolymers and bio composites).

The main expected results of the project are: acquiring competitive knowledge, production and sale of local products of high market value. In addition, the final beneficiaries of the project are local municipalities and workers: trained workers, economists and engineers.

Building Partnership





The employment action plan - in order to achieve the stated objectives - includes the following activities:

- Improving cross-border labour mobility by building a road connecting Nagyrozvágy and Nagygéres.
- Promotion of local products and services that provides an opportunity to introduce competitive industrial hemp products to the market. This activity creates new jobs as well. This key activity is promoted by the following project activities: production development based on hemp seed and hemp fiber processing; development of production and sales infrastructure based on industrial hemp; manufacturing, employment knowledge sharing program.

In order to achieve the goals, the Territorial Action Plan for Employment includes communication and coordination activities, but it also envisages a risk assessment and management plan.

The projects that make up the Territorial Action Plan for Employment and the partners that implement them are listed in the following table:

Name of the project	Project partners
1. Coordination and communication (FUTURE IN HEMP – CCP - SKHU/1802/3.1/013)	<p>Lead Beneficiary: NSKI (Research Institute for National Strategy, Hungary)</p> <p>Beneficiary across borders: Združenie Veľké Kapušany a okolie, Slovakia (Nagykapos and its Surroundings Association, Slovakia)</p>
2. Road links development between Nagygéres (HU) and Veľký Horeš (SK) (Hemp road - SKHU/1802/3.1/008)	<p>Lead Beneficiary: NIF Zrt., Magyarország (NIF Priv. Limited Co., Hungary)</p> <p>Beneficiary across borders: Nagyéres Község Önkormányzata, Szlovákia (Municipality of Nagygéres, Slovakia)</p>
3. Manufacturing development based on the processing of hemp fiber (FUTURE IN HEMP – FIBER - SKHU/1901/3.1/001)	<p>Lead Beneficiary: Érmellék Centrum Közösségi Nonprofit Kft., Magyarország (Érmellék Centrum Social Nonprofit Ll.Co., Hungary)</p> <p>Beneficiary across borders: D § D Group Invest s.r.o., Szlovákia</p>



4. Manufacturing development based on the processing of hemp seed (FUTURE IN HEMP – SEED - SKHU/1802/3.1/019)	Lead Beneficiary: Szatmár Nektárja Nonprofit Kft., Magyarország (Nektár of Szatmár Nonprofit Ll.Co., Hungary) Beneficiary: PRC Invest Kft, Magyarország (PRC Invest Ll.Co., Hungary) Beneficiary across borders: Tímea Csizmadia – Júlia, Szlovákia (Tímea Csizmadia – Júlia, Slovakia)
5. Development of production and sales infrastructure based on industrial hemp (FUTURE IN HEMP-PROD - SKHU/1802/3.1/020)	Lead Beneficiary: Karos Község Önkormányzata, Magyarország (Municipality of Karos, Hungary) Beneficiary across borders: Nagygéres Község Önkormányzata, Szlovákia (Municipality of Nagygéres, Slovakia)
6. Processing and employment knowledge sharing program (FUTURE IN HEMP - KNOW-HOW - SKHU/1802/3.1/012)	Lead Beneficiary: NSKI, Hungary (Research Institute for National Strategy, Hungary) Beneficiary across borders: Združenie Veľké Kapušany a okolie, Slovakia (Nagykapos and its Surroundings Association, Slovakia)

More information about the project can be found on the website <https://www.skhu.eu/hirek/future-in-hemp>, and soon on the website www.nski.hu.

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