

TRansition paths to sUstainable legume-based systems in Europe

Applied research along the whole value chain: introduction of ÖMKi

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### **Background**



PARTNER OF FIBL SWITZERLAND

Aim: Fostering scientific research of organic agriculture in Hungary

2011: Foundation of ÖMKi

Founder: FiBL Switzerland, Funder: Pancivis Foundation

**2012:** Launch of on-farm participatory research network





#### **On-farm experimentation network**



Defining practice oriented questions together with farmers

Publication, open access (ÖMKi) Aim: reaching and sharing new scientific results that are applicable in practice.

Simple experiments that fit into the farms' everyday practice

Evaluation and discussion (together)

Data capturing by ÖMKi and the farmers

# 1. Investigation of hulled wheat species in organic production (einkorn, emmer landraces)



Mihály Földi

#### Advantages of minor cereals

- drought and disease resistance, weed suppression
- low gluten content, high digestibility
- diverse traditional cereal species: agrobiodiversity
- new premium product line for food industry



On-farm research network

14 varieties of einkorn and
emmer were compared and
tested on organic farms and
on experimental sites





Stakeholder interviews
(integrators, millers and
bakeries, farmers, research
institutes, consumer
organizations):
19 actors (einkorn)

15 actors (emmer)







### Minor Cereals in Hungary: Market positioning



2017 Price: 300 Euro/t

No selforganization among the farmers Underdeveloped and unpredictable local market

Lack of organic seeds

### Challenges

Lower yield→unsecure livelihood

Lack of information among consumers

Production technology (sowing, harvesting, husking) Higher price than other grains → targets an elite niche market

## 2. Testing the efficacy of different types of varroa control treatments and hive management practices



Tamás Csáki





143 cooperating beekeepers have changed their conventional practices to using organic acids (lactic acid and oxalic acid) due to the on-farm network of ÖMKi, and are converting to organic beekeeping in an increasing number.





# 3. On-farm experiment for developing species-rich seed mixtures for Hungarian vineyards



Ádám Donkó

Why do we need cover crops? Because of climate change the likelihood of extreme weather conditions is rising (f.e. heavy rainstorms) which results soil degradation on steep slope plantation.





Mixtures	Biocont-	Legumes	Grass-herb
	Ecowin	mixture	mixture
Centaurea cyanus			1,0
Achillea cf. millefolium			1,5
Sanguisorba minor	0,5		
Linum perenne			1,5
Phacelia tanacetifolia	2,7		
Trifolium repens	8,1	15,0	5,0
Medicago lupulina	16,2	15,0	10,0
Silene vulgaris			1,5
Centaurea jacea			1,0
Plantago lanceolata	1,1	5,0	10,0
Salvia nemorosa			1,5
Daucus sp.	1,6		
Sinapis alba	5,4		
Fagopyrum esculentum	8,1		
Festuca rupicola			30,0
Lotus corniculatus	2,7	15,0	10,0
Onobrychis viciifolia	37,3	15,0	
Coronilla varia		10,0	10,0
Galium verum			1,5
Vicia sativa var. fuliginosa	16,2	10,0	10.0
Trifolium pratense		15,0	5050
Species (n)	11	8	15



Mixture of legumes



Grass-herb mixture





Biocont −

Cowin

mixture









































### First ÖMKi product: ,ÖMKi Élő Sorköz' seed-mixture



As a result of the 4 years long experimental work, ÖMKi Élő Sorköz' seed mixture is available from this autumn, it is produced by a Hungarian seed company (Lajtamag) and can be ordered through ÖMKi also. Under the first preorders 1 ton of seed mixture was already sold.



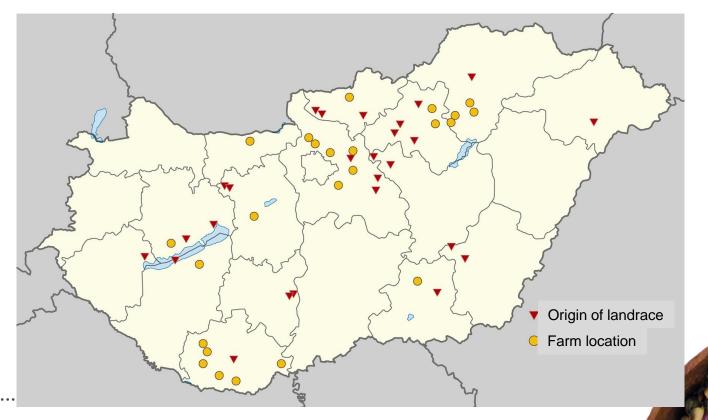


Életet viszünk a szőlőbe!



### 4. Land race tomatoes and their processing possibilities TRUE

In cooperation with NÖDIK gene bank (Center for Plant Diversity) promising landrace tomato samples were raised from storages and were propagated. The testing of the 27 landrace tomato varieties took place in 47 organic vegetable farms.







Parallelly with the 4 years long on-farm trial, several tastings were arranged with chefs and consumers. As a result the 6 best landrace tomato landraces were selected.









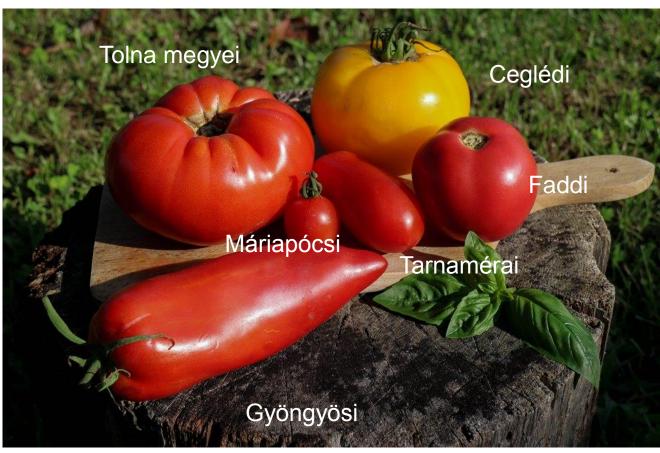


Photo: Boziné Pullai Krisztina





In the frame of "From soil to plate" campaign, the seedlings of the 6 landrace tomatoes were available for hobby-gardeners and farmers. Altogether 2000 pc. of seedlings found a home at 140 happy gardeners. A bigger volume project is under negotiation for the next year, with one of the discount store chains. Keep tuned!







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