



# Sárköz-Dunavölgye-Siómente Association



## Main characteristics

Sárköz-Dunavölgye-Siómente Local Community covers the 24 settlements of Szekszárd micro region and the outskirts of Szekszárd as a united geographical, environmental area.

From the viewpoint of natural geography, the area is situated on an interim area and is connected with five natural geographical micro regions: Tolnai Sárköz, Tolnai Hegyhát, Szekszárdi-dombság, Dél-mezőföld Sárvíz völgy small areas.

<b>State:</b>	Hungary
<b>Region:</b>	Southern Transdanubia
<b>Number of inhabitants:</b>	41 038
<b>Number of settlements:</b>	24
<b>Surface area:</b>	1031,66 km <sup>2</sup>
<b>Density:</b>	39,78 people/km <sup>2</sup>

The area is heterogenous from the viewpoint of settlement structure,

the inhabitant-number of the settlements is different: 12 settlements are under 1000 people, 3 settlements are over 4000 people and the smallest village in Tolna county, Murga, is situated here too.



The region's natural and environmental features are ideal for agricultural production, viticulture and tourism. At the eastern boundary of the LAG stretches the Danube River, and its nature reserve of national importance, the Gemenc forest. In terms of preserving traditions, the landscape of Sárköz is highly important, and the wine regions famous for its excellent wines of Szekszárd and Tolna are situated in the area of the LAG.



## Local development strategy

Planning continued along three main lines: increasing-caring- cooperating area. In accordance with Leader-principles – considering the lack of resources of the area – our goals are harmonizing and completing each other. Every goal and activity is connected with each other as a network.

Regarding the quality of life, foundation of environment conscious future, protection and development of the local heritage play major roles. The altered street-and settlement views are not only an aesthetical question but environment-health and last but not least an economic one, too. Enterprise development, heritage protection and environment conscious way of thinking actively affect the cooperation in local, areal and international level, as well. Local farmers get paramount of importance, their support and market access is important, we support them in all Leader notices seperately. With the development of economy, the income conditions of the locals increase, workplaces are created while the present ones become safer, which results in improvement of employment. This directly affects the locals' lifestyle.

## Main sights of our region

### Sárköz

is famous for its folk art and traditions, each settlements preserves the traditions in country houses, traditional associations and folk art (beading, ceramics, dress maker, embroidery, etc.).



### Wine regions of Szekszárd and Tolna

with excellent crop lands and wineries.



### Danube, backwater of Danube, Lake of Szálka:

fishing, water sports, hiking







## Gemenc forest (National Park)

With its 180 km<sup>2</sup> area, it's one of Hungary's largest floodplains. There is a railway going through the forest, where people can learn about the wildlife. Gemenc even has a forestry school and people can go on a river trip too.

## Wines-Waters-Mansions Greenway (Borok-Vízek-Kúriák Zöldút)

The Greenway connects the landscapes of our region, with natural attractions, built heritage, accommodation providers and local producers.



## Range of interest in rural development orientation:

1. local products
2. environment consciousness
3. renewable energy, sustainability
4. youth action programs
5. traditions, folk art events, festivals
6. local self-consciousness
7. cooperation of civil organizations



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