

## **Discussing the European CSA Declaration within the Alliance of Small-scale CSA farms in Hungary**

### **Report from the meeting - 7 December 2015, Tahitótfalu, Hungary**

The members of KöKiSz (Alliance of Small Scale CSA Farms in Hungary) met in Tahitótfalu, on 7th December 2015 with the aim to discuss the European CSA Declaration draft and formulate their suggestions for changes. The event was organised by the Association of Conscious Consumers (ACC), Hungary.

The meeting was held on the Farm of Három Kaptár Organic Garden (one of the Hungarian CSA farms), 15 CSA network members were present:

- Zsófia Perényi, Anikó Haraszi and Barbara Mayer from the Association of Conscious Consumers, the Hungarian partner of the Common Ground project <http://tudatosvasarlo.hu/english>
- Ferenc Czina and Anna Payr from the Vegetable Community of Dunasziget <https://www.facebook.com/Dunaszigeti-Z%C3%B6lds%C3%A9gek%C3%B6z%C3%B6ss%C3%A9g-365342006986975/timeline>
- Áron Pető and Renátha Bangha from Biokert Szigetmonostor <http://www.biokert.org/>
- Attila Szeles and Mónika Kucseráné Szeles from Szeles Organic Farm, <http://www.elevenfold.hu/ladakozosseg.html>
- Katalin Réthy from Pro Cserhát Association, <http://www.bffd.hu/>
- Daniella Vukovich, Edit Harasztosi, Gabi Vukovich from Három Kaptár Organic Garden, <http://haromkaptar.hu/>
- Barnabás Őry and Korinna Varga from Herencsény, <https://www.facebook.com/okotarsulaskozosseg>



The group had studied the Declaration together and after this round listed the main findings/suggestions on flipcharts. Then we continued the work in small groups. One of the groups was focusing on the “Preamble” and the “Definition” while the other group discussed the “Principles” and section on “Build/Develop/Empower”. This session was organised as a “World Café”, the leaders of both groups stayed but after half an hour the members of the groups switched places and focused on the other 2 topics.



After lunch the two group leaders presented the suggestions, altogether the group proposed 16 changes in the declaration draft and the following 5 has been chosen to be sent to Urgenci:

#### **Our 5 main suggestions:**

1. In the Preambulum include a sentence who publishes the declaration and at the end of the document list the organisations which support it.
2. In the Definition (18<sup>th</sup> row) we suggest adding a few extra words, describing the relationship as follows: *Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) is a direct partnership based on trust, commitment and human relationship...*
3. Adding an extra principle (after row 36):
  - Shared responsibility and fair prices: The price paid by the members of the community to the producer shall be based on real production costs; and members will often also contribute by non-financial means to realizing the conditions of production (e.g. voluntary work, land sharing).

4. In the section „Build/Develop/Empower” (row 46) we suggest rewriting/expanding the sentence about education as follows:
  - Empower and educate people at the European level, and facilitate long-term development by research originating at the level of the CSA farms.
5. Adding an extra point to the section Build/Develop/Empower (after row 46)
  - We strive to ensure that all government branches learn about the principles of CSA so that these institutions also support our movement in practice.



The meeting started at 10 am and finished after 4 pm. As it was held on a CSA farm the participants also take the opportunity to learn more about the farm, exchange ideas and experience. An hour was also dedicated to discuss future plans of KöKiSz (The Hungarian CSA network) and the farmers made plans to buy seeds together for the coming season.

#### Dissemination:

We informed the public about the event through our Facebook page which has more than 48 200 followers (<https://www.facebook.com/tudatosvasarlokegyesulete/>).

With the post we reached 4724 person:

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