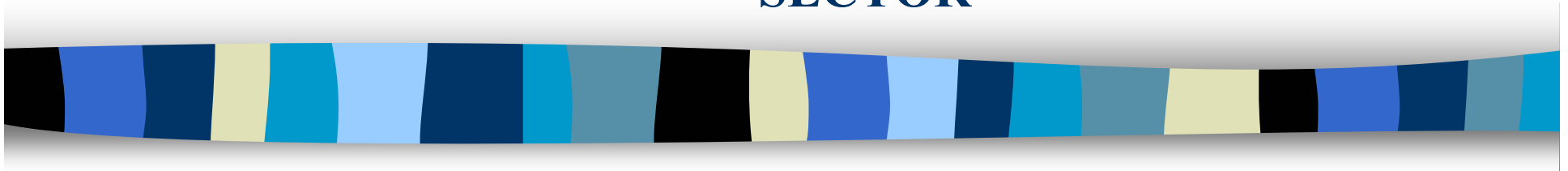


**THE SOCIAL ECONOMY IN CENTRAL, EAST AND SOUTH-
EAST EUROPE:
RESEARCH AND EDUCATION IN HUNGARY FOR THE
SECTOR**



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THE ROLE AND RELEVANCE OF RESEARCH IN IDENTIFYING DEVELOPMENT STRATEGIES FOR THE SECTOR AND INFORM THE POLICYMAKING PROCESS

- **1. A short summary of the Hungarian social economy/ nonprofit/civil sector**
- **2. Roles and types of research:**
 - **A. Basic research**
 - * **The Hungarian sector in a comparative perspective - the Johns Hopkins project**
 - * **Series of nonprofit statistics**
 - * **The legal environment of the sector**
 - * **Partnership between the sector and the state, the local government, and the market**
 - * **The effect of globalization on the sector**
 - * **The concept of civil society**
 - * **The role of volunteers**



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■ **2. B.: APPLIED RESEARCH TO EFFECT AND INFORM POLICY MAKERS AT SECTORAL, LOCAL, AND STATUTORY LEVEL**

- * Legal conditions of the civil/nonprofit sector
- * Giving, donating, fundraising
- * The structure of advocacy of the sector
- * Measuring the outcomes: accountability, quality, ethics....
- * Methods of fundraising
- * Management of civil organizations
- * Governance and leadership
- * Contracting out
- * Building partnership



PLACES TO DO RESEARCH

- * State offices: Ministries, Central Statistical Bureau, Ministerial Research Institutes, National Civic Fund
- * Professional research institutes: Sociological Institute of the Academy of Sciences, Research Institute of Cooperatives, etc.
- * Universities: Departments of Sociology, Social Policy, Social Work, Social Pedagogy, Management, Economics, etc.
- * Networks: Nonprofit Research Group, CIVITALIS
- * NGOs interested: Nonprofit Information and Educational Center, Foundation for the Development of the Sector, Social Innovation Foundation, European Center for Nonprofit Law, Association of Nonprofit Human Services of Hungary, European House, Federation of Social Associations, DemNet, etc.



THE EDUCATIONAL AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT NEEDS OF THE SECTOR

- **WHAT IS AVAILABLE?**
- * **Subjects** taught as parts of various courses: social work, social policy, sociology, management, etc.
- * **Specialization** of courses in e.g. sociology, social policy, etc.
- * **Undergraduate** course: nonprofit management, public service management
- * **Post-graduate** courses in social, health, nonprofit management
- * **Ph.D. courses**
- * **Topics** of final papers in many courses



WHAT ARE THE NEEDS OF THE SECTOR?

- * **More resource to employ highly educated professionals**
- * **To be able to utilize the advantages of the Bologna-process**
- * **More short-term training to be able to accommodate themselves to the quickly changing environment, e.g.: European and Hungarian laws, financial difficulties, constant need for innovation, growing demand for quality, growing need for skills in languages, advocacy, building networks and partnership, understanding the meaning of synergy, etc.**
- * **The infrastructure and legal background of compulsory of life-long education**



THE ROLE OF HIGHER EDUCATION IN DELIVERING TAILOR-MADE PROGRAMMES FOR THE SECTOR

- *** It is important to teach more research methodology**
- *** The methods have to be well-selected to the needs of the sector, with special attention to e.g. :**
 - **- good application writing**
 - **- measuring efficiency and quality, evaluation**
 - **- needs assessment of clients**
 - **- prepare strategic decisions**
 - **- representation in front of third partner**
 - **- participation in developing the national and international laws**
 - **- “project management” from the idea until its introduction**
- *** Very intensive international collaboration of researchers**
- **THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION, AND PLEASE, MAKE COMMENTS**