Learning City Developments in the City of Pécs, Hungary

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Main indicators of Pécs:

• **Population:** 145.666 (2016)

• Area: 163 Km2 (2016)

- GDP/Capita in Pécs:15. 632 USD (2015)
- **GDP/Capita HUN:** 12. 366 USD (2015)
- Average year of schooling:

12.1	(M) (2015)
12.	(F) (2015)





The City of Pécs – Main title



Main title:

Borderless City

A model example of peaceful living together





Recent Impacts

Learning City-Region Projects from 2004 to 2012

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- WHO Healthy City mindset in Pécs since 1998
- PASCAL Observatory Conference in Pécs 2007
- Pécs Cultural Capital of Europe 2010
- Committee of the Regions EDUC Seminar in Pécs and Communication in September 2016.
- Green-Capital aspirations since 2012
- Pécs to join the UNESCO UIL's GLCI initiative survey in 2013
- Pécs establishing its Learning-City Region Forum in 2014
- Smart City-oriented projects in Energy Save, Biotech

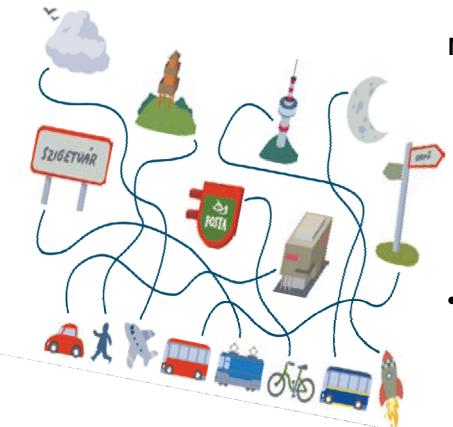












Motivation

The City's motivation is to realise a learning city with learners and their communities by collecting and sharing good practices of learning and of education.

 Also, the City of Pécs will improve regional cooperation with potential stakeholders.







The City of Pécs – Challenges



Challenges

- To shift from dominating heavy industries to light, smart and sustainable industries.
- Demographic problems decrease of population.
- Fall in the number of skilled workers
- Lifelong Learning participation to be raised





The City of Pécs – Implementation



Implementation:

Innovative industrial growth through green energy and sustainability based on Strategy for Urban Development

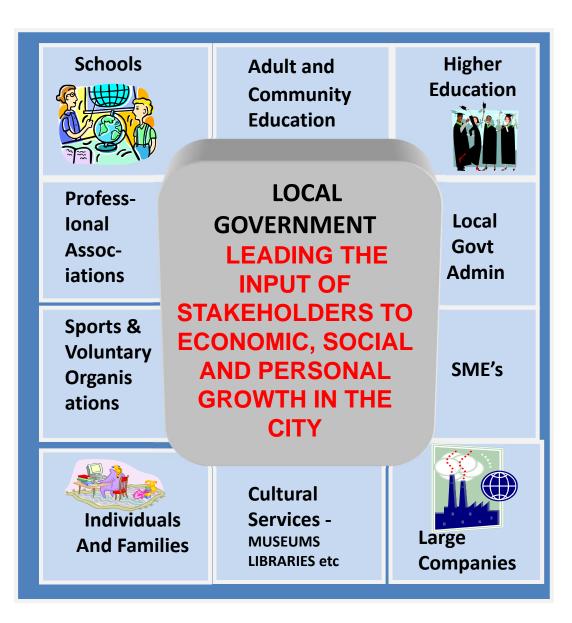
The Local Council of Pécs has recognised ,**Pécs Civic Gate Movement'** to signal NGOs' activities in community development in a bottom-up approach



The City of Pécs establishes a standing commission on building the learning city with specific programmes like the Pécs Learning Festival.











Working groups of the Learning City-Region Forum to promote lifelong learning:

- Working Group on atypical and non-formal learnings;
- Working Group Schools and Environmental Education;
- Working Group on Inclusive Pedagogies Inclusion and Social Status





Pécs Learning City-Region Forum Actions

Platform Actions in the Group on Atypical/Non-formal Learnings;

- Discovery of Good Practices;
- Identification of Choices of and Barriers to Learning in/thorugh Museums, Libraries and other Partner Organisations to promote Learning through their Programme Provisions;
- **Discussing Challenges to Professionalisation** in Cultural Mediation, Adult Education, Cultural Management and other Professional Fields of Action in Organisations/Institution being represented in the Platform;
- Networking Collecting and Sharing Knowledge and Experience in Learning City oriented Initiatives, Activities, Innovations, etc. in Local/Regional and Global Dimension.





Pécs Learning City-Region Forum Learning City Workshops of WG on Non-formal Learning

May 2015 - Learning City Workshop

Learning City projects/models worldwide;

Trends in policies, practises for cultural organisations;





Trends in participation – learning communities/community development;

Urban development dimensions, processes of strategy building and social learnings;

Long term impacts of ,Cultural Capital of Europe' title and brand;

Realities of Non-formal learning – partnerships and target groups;

May 2015 - PRETTY AGEING project Session (New knowledge for the Quality of Trainings to Prevent Early Retirment) in partnership with House of Civic Communities

Fall 2016 – UNESCO Global Learning City Award Call – getting the City and its University on board to jointly target the Call

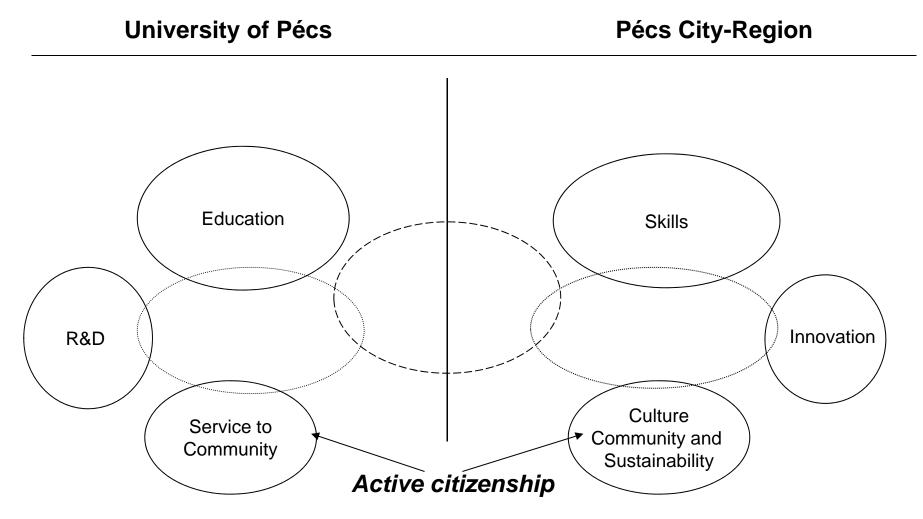




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Closed model of HEI/region interface



OECD IMHE-CERI (2007) *Higher Education and Regions. Globally Competitive, Locally Engaged.* OECD, Paris. p.40. upon Goddard and Chatterton





"Active citizenship in the learning city

A successfully implemented consultation system should inspire citizens to do more than just deliver an opinion. ..One of the most important indicators of succesful learning cities and regions is the extent to which their citizens participate in active citizenship programmes that enhance community living, learning and social cohesion."

> N. Longworth (2006) *Learning Cities, Learning Regions, Learning Communities.* Kogan Page. London. p. 153.





