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Project Partner 5

„...you should approach mother of all of us, nature,
with love, coming from comprehension...”
Herman Ottó

Main tasks of Herman Ottó Institute Nonprofit Ltd. (HOI) – as a self-managed background institution owned by the Hungarian Ministry of Agriculture – are environment protection and nature conservation, but all its other tasks related to Hungarian agriculture and rural areas are executed by reacting to the challenges of the 21th century, in a responsible way of thinking.

The Directorate for Environment Protection and Nature Conservation is one of the professional engines of HOI.

The scope of its activity is rather broad, including environmental monitoring, policy and strategy preparation, regulation and impact assessment. HOI's thematic competences cover professional fields related to all environmental elements including air pollution control, noise and vibration, energy efficiency, waste management, water pollution control, remediation of soil and groundwater contamination, nature conservation and land use management. During the implementation of its tasks tries to apply such a system approach, which supports the integrated realisation of the tasks as well as creation of synergies between different disciplines. Primary task of the directorate is the scientific foundation of policy decisions, the data collection related to it, elaboration and evaluation of collected data and as a result of these, preparing the studies serving the

decision-making. Another important task is the coordination, leadership or participation within projects financed by national or EU funds.

The Directorate for Communication and Community Development is responsible for the guidance of institute's communication, keeping functional contacts with social sphere partners, as well as performing activities linked to the image, PR and marketing, internal and external appearance and publishing of information materials of the institute.

Within HOI, the Directorate for Priority Programmes has an important role in elaboration of applications related to different areas of expertise, the coordination and implementation of various projects. The directorate beyond the coordination of ongoing programmes and projects – in close connection with other professional directorates – strives to identify the untapped opportunities for further application and cooperation opportunities.

The Directorate for Education develops programmes and performs adult trainings related to qualifications, professional training and advanced studies in the fields of general agriculture, animal husbandry, forestry, game management, fisheries, food industry, cartography, land administration and land use.

Since 2017 with the activity of Environment Friendly Product and European ecolabel Certification Group the professional profile of HOI has broadened.

Main task of the Economic Directorate is the efficient and reasonable management of HOI's own revenues. The directorate prepares the budget, the necessary modifications if needed and the financial report. Provides financial and administrative support to the implementation of projects.

The Legal and Administrative Group assures the necessary legal background to the professional functioning of the HOI, while the IT Group as basic task performs the maintenance and development of IT infrastructure supporting the smooth running of the institute. Beyond this, assists the elaboration and coordination of development projects, based on their outstanding experience within agricultural information projects.

HOI is the only environmental background institution in the country, representing the interests of the entire country in environmental issues. In addition, a significant portion of our institute is dealing with agriculture consultancy and training and we maintain a good relationship with many land users. Through this project, the institute and the area it represents (environmental management and land use management) can get the opportunity to learn about new, state-of-the-art technologies that are successfully used in other CE countries in the water-related land use management practices targeted to reduce flood risks caused by climate change. The knowledge transfer coming from the joint professional activities undertaken by the partners will represent a significant benefit.