



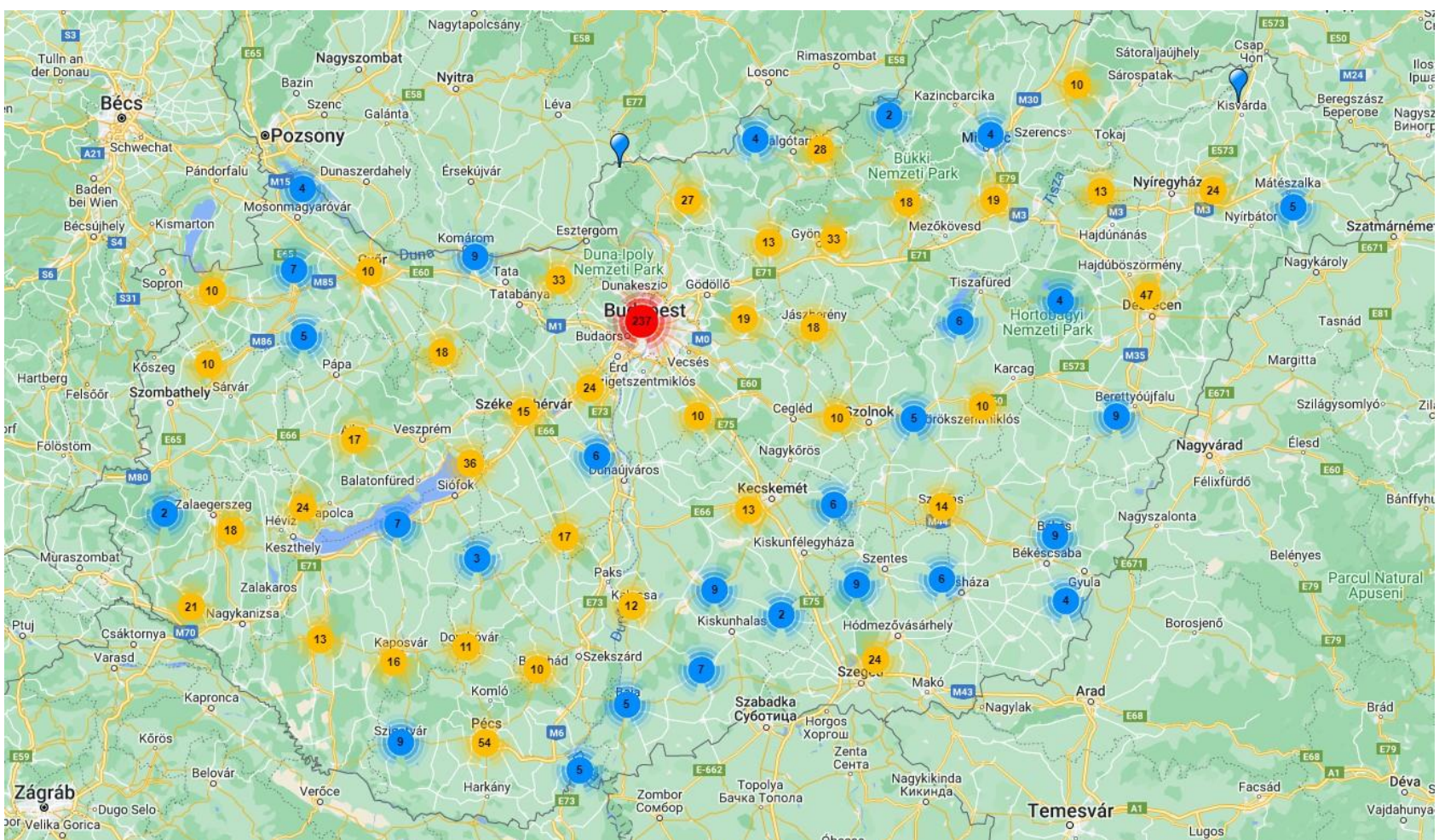
The Hungarian Green Kindergarten Network

The **kindergarten education** from the age of three until the beginning of compulsory schooling is **obligatory** by law in Hungary.

Kindergartens are run by municipalities (>80%), churches or foundations.

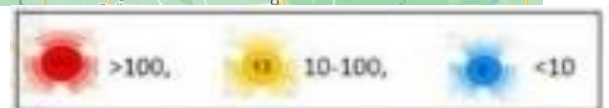
Kindergarten education promotes the harmonious development of preschoolers, their personality, the reduction of disadvantages, taking into account age and individual characteristics and different development rates

The **Hungarian Green Kindergarten Network** is a network of **1102** kindergartens throughout Hungary; about 23% of Hungarian kindergartens joined since 2006 .



The Green Kindergarten Network in Hungary

Numbers indicate the number of green kindergartens in each region



Green kindergartens use a **whole-institutional approach**.

The pedagogical program includes:

- dedication towards **education for sustainable development (ESD)**,
- recognition, the protection and the preservation of **local heritage**
- special emphasis on **environmental education**,
- building **developmental activities**
- reflecting these values in **infrastructure and operation** too.

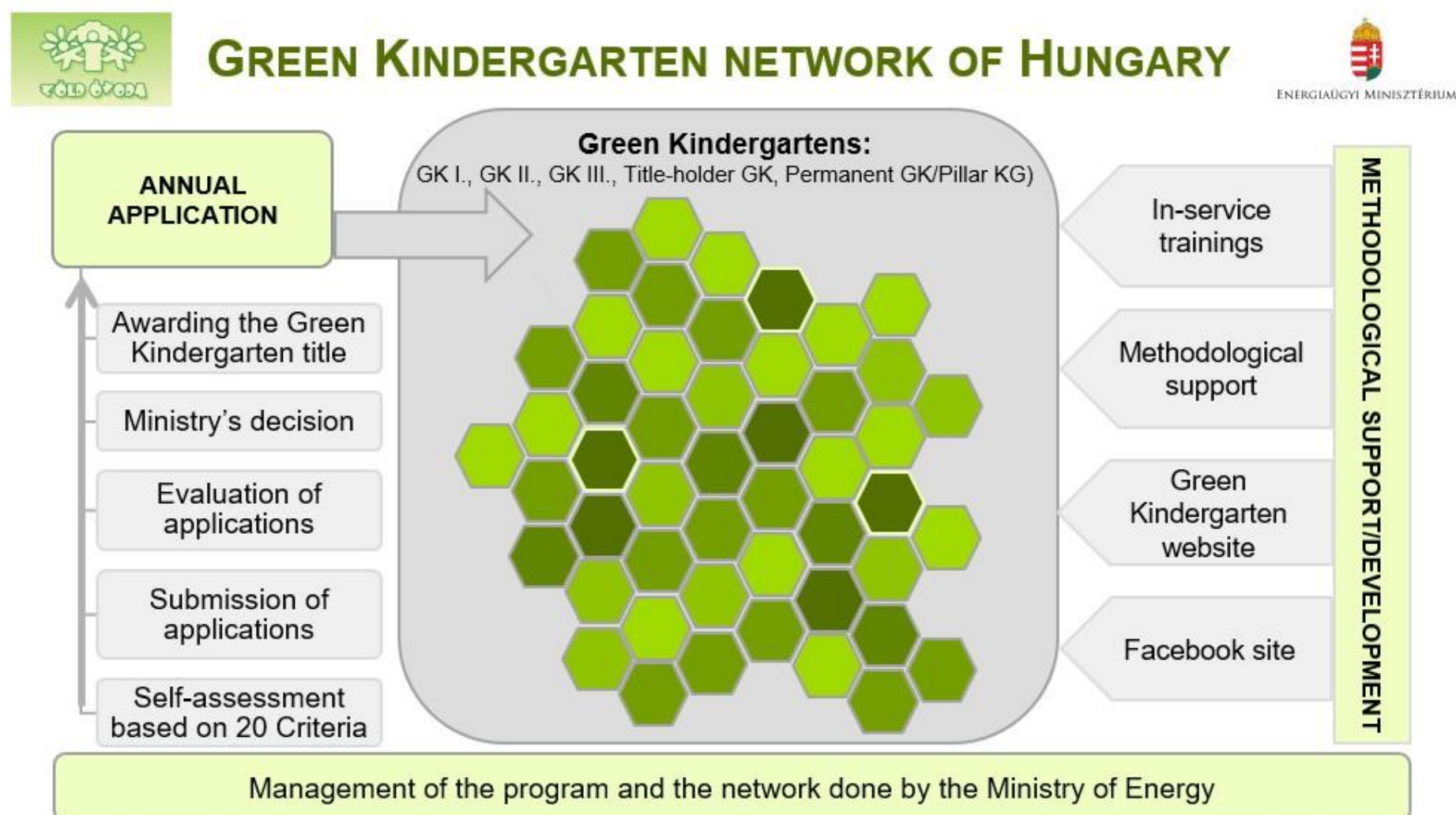
Application system

Each year, kindergartens are invited to undergo an **application process** to obtain the “Green Kindergarten” title. The first call for application was published in 2006 jointly by the ministries responsible for environment and education.

Those institutions that apply successfully are eligible to **use the title for 3 years**.

Since 2012 it is possible to earn the **Permanent Green Kindergarten** title: those that have gained the Green Kindergarten title **three consecutive times** might apply for the **Permanent Green Kindergarten** title.

There are **317 Permanent Kindergartens** now.

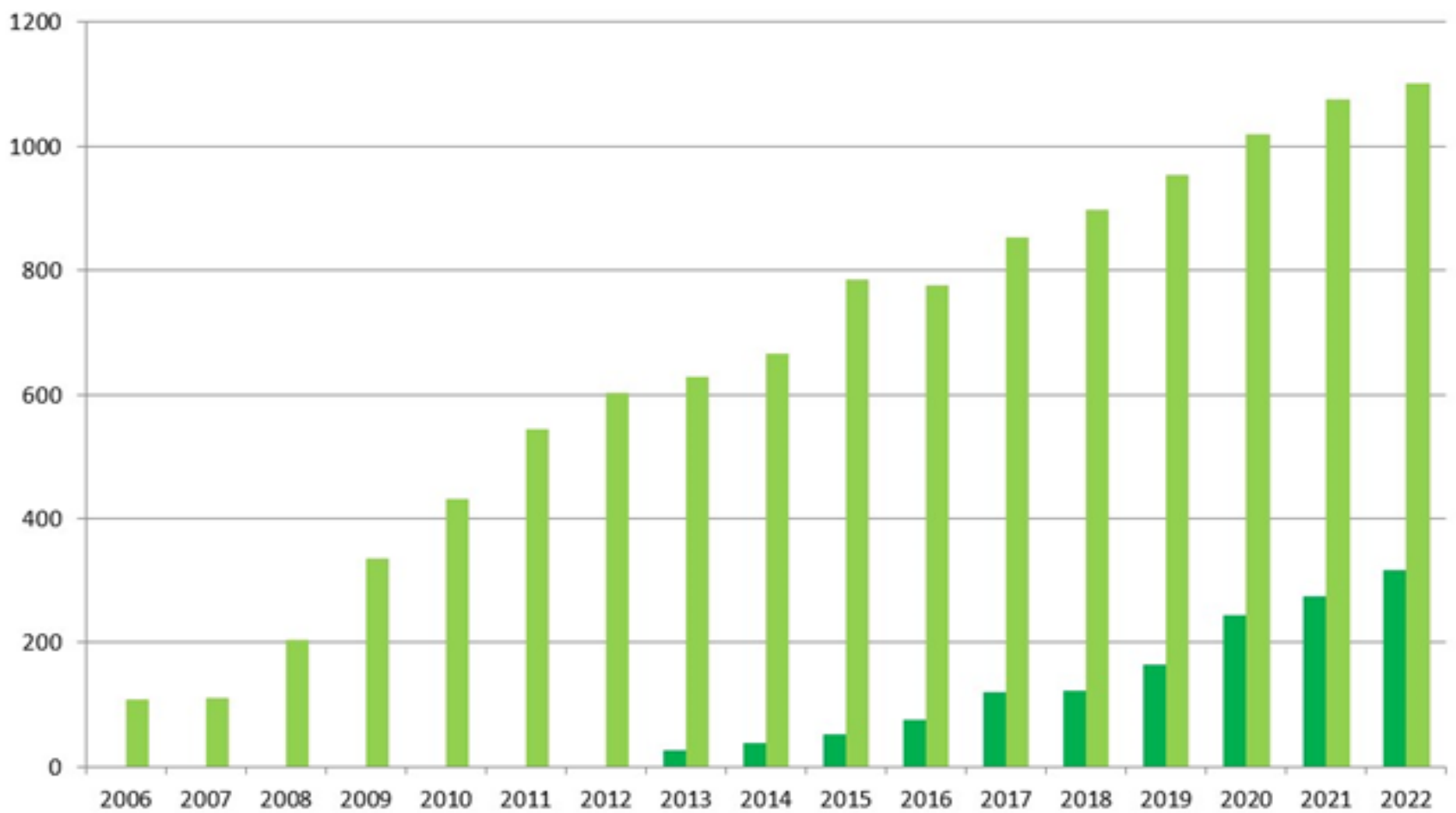


In the application process, kindergartens undertake a **self-assessment, based on the 20-point criteria- and indicator system**, review indicators and form challenges, then taking actions and finally reflecting on their results as a community.

Starting in 2021 the **application** process is managed **online** supported by a dedicated application page of the main Green Kindergarten website.

Green Kindergarten Criteria

1. Operation on the basis of **environmental and health education priorities, visible in pedagogical program**;
2. **Educational work based on principles of education for sustainability**, protection of local natural values;
3. **Nature conservation, environmental protection, natural and built environment** in educational goals;
4. **Hungarian heritage** – folk arts, folk dance, folk songs, folk costumes, Hungarian plants, animals, cuisine, architecture;
5. **Activity-oriented learning**, community- and personality-forming, field experience, discovery, experiential pedagogy, project pedagogy, forest kindergarten program etc.;
6. **Developmental activities** (e.g. development of skills, various tools, modern methods, etc.), **differentiated treatment** according to individual abilities and development; shaping **consumer, nutritional, food hygiene, waste management habits**, education and training in food preparation skills;
7. Wide range of **communication with partners** (parents, residents living in the vicinity, surrounding kindergartens, other institutions of care, education, civil organizations, etc.); emphasis on **strengthening local identity**;
8. **Harmonisation of local requirements, opportunities and needs** in the relationship system;
9. Age-appropriate **traditions** with involvement of parents/families; celebrating folk customs, environmental days; literature on environment- and health-friendly behaviour;
10. **Positive example** given by the lifestyle of the adult community of the institution (environmentally conscious behaviour, ecological awareness);
11. **Professionals** (speech therapist, special education and developmental teacher, psychologist, nanny, maintenance worker, etc.) **respect the educational principles**;
12. Exemplary behaviour and committed conviction of the head of the institution and the kindergarten teachers ensuring the **operation according to the these criteria**;
13. **Continuous development**, innovation and knowledge sharing on topics related to Green Kindergarten education (external and internal trainings);
14. **Collecting used paper** (together with families) **for reuse** in kindergarten activities;
15. **Safe food supply and conscious consumer** program (local farmers' markets, local producers etc.);
16. Environmentally friendly and a healthy **furnishing** (simple, economical, practical furniture), **tools and toys** used by children also made of natural materials;
17. **Group rooms** having their own unique atmosphere and image, lots of **plants** and "treasures" of nature; kids **care for plants and animals**;
18. **Garden** parts (fruits, vegetables, herbs, flowers) maintained together with kids using small-size gardening tools; right space and time for healthy movement and free play; shading and drinking facilities;
19. **Selective waste collection** (paper, plastic); using principle of "waste is not garbage";
20. **Environmentally friendly material use** (cleaning products), conscious **savings** (electricity, water, heating).

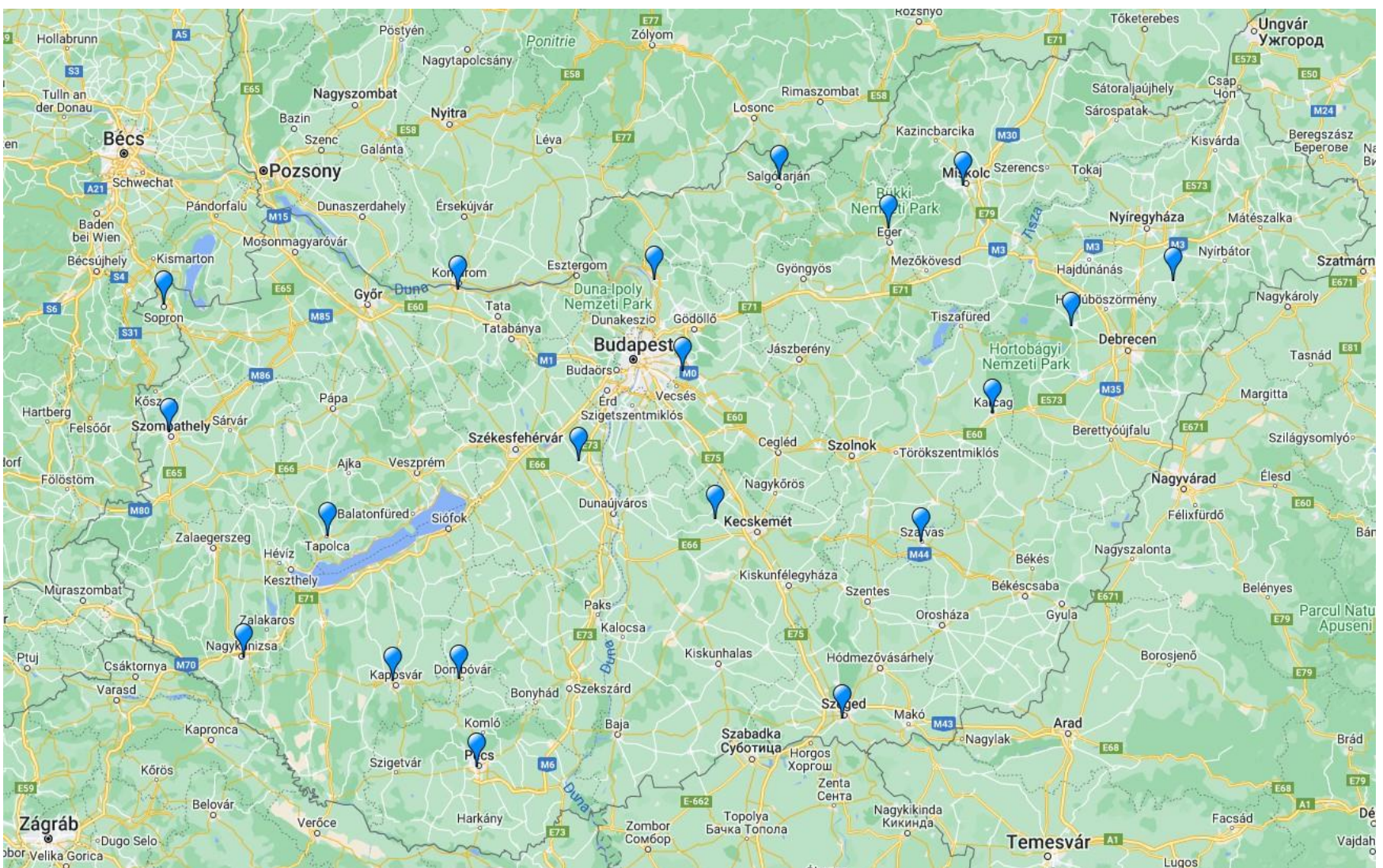


The growth of the Hungarian Green Kindergarten Network

Green Kindergartens: light green, Permanent Green Kindergartens: dark green

Pillar Kindergartens

Twenty pillar Kindergartens – located in Budapest and in each county – provide professional support for Green Kindergartens since September 2016.



Location of Pillar Kindergartens

The **Ministry of Energy** supports the network by

- operating a **website** (<http://www.zoldovoda.hu/>) and **Facebook site**,
- organising **special events** and providing **methodological support**
- and the inner network of **pillar kindergartens**, supporting other kindergartens to join the network providing mentoring, open teaching sessions and other programmes.



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Pályázati hírek

Aktuális pályázataink a „Zöld Óvoda”,
Cím megtartó Zöld Óvoda” és „Örökös Zöld
Óvoda” cím elnyerésére



Zöld Óvodai élet

A "Zöld Óvoda" címmel rendelkező óvodák
kritériumokon alapuló mindennapi gyakorlatai,
praktikái, ötletei



Galéria

Képek a Zöld Óvodák életéről és a fontosabb
eseményekről



Szakirodalom

Környezeti neveléssel kapcsolatos szakirodalmak,
könyvek, cikkek gyűjteménye

Aktuális

Zöld Óvoda címátadó rendezvény 2023. június 22.

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Budapesten, a Pénzügyminisztérium Pénztártermében ünnepélyes keretek között vehették át a Zöld Óvoda minősítő címet tanúsító okleveleiket a 2022. évi pályázat nyertes óvodái. A címátadó rendezvényt Dr. Raisz Anikó az Energiaügyi Minisztérium környezetügyért és körforgásos gazdaságért felelős államtitkára nyitotta meg. Köszöntőjében elmondta, hogy a Zöld Óvoda program olyan...





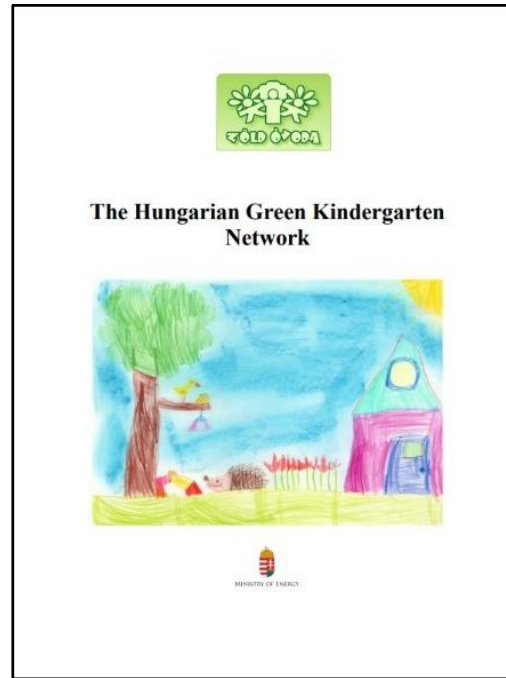








Hungarian Green Kindergarten brochure



Hungarian Green Kindergarten criteria



Hungarian Green Kindergarten Infographic

