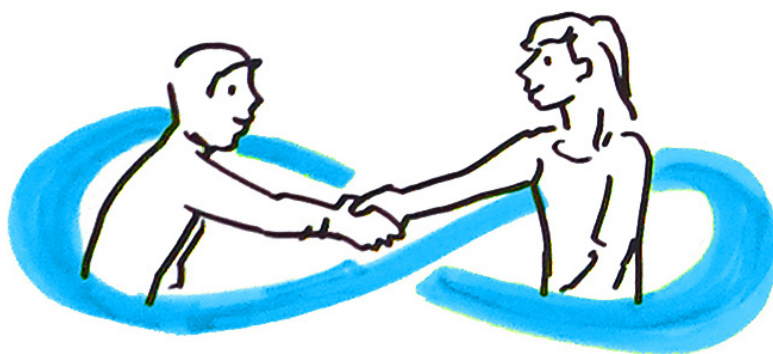


# CARPATHIAN CIVIL SOCIETY PLATFORM INTER REGIONAL MEETING 2018 OCTOBER 2-3 KOSICE, SLOVAKIA



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# INTER-REGIONAL MEETING

# Society Platform

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Good Afternoon Ladies and Gentlemen!



THIS IS A BIG AND IMPORTANT MEETING

OUR AIM: TO SET UP AN INTER-REGIONAL, INTER-CULTURAL HUB



I'm happy to be in Kosice again

MANY COUNTRIES IN THE REGION HAVE THE SAME ISSUES WITH MINORITIES

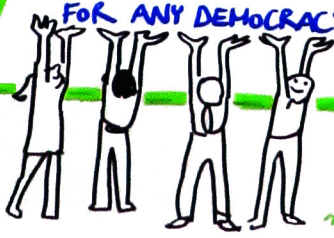
THIS WORK IS VITAL

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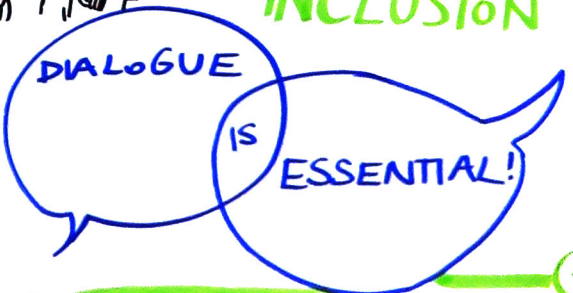


HUMAN rights NEED TO BE PROTECTED

CIVIL SOCIETY: AN ESSENTIAL PILLAR FOR ANY DEMOCRACY



GREATER SOCIAL INCLUSION





I'm happy that civil society groups developed in the region

RASTISLAV TRNKA

- OUR AIM: CHILDREN OF MARGINALIZED GROUPS RECEIVE PROFESSIONAL TRAINING



SOCIAL WELFARE WILL INCREASE



# POLITICAL dementia

In the past few years Visegrad countries lost something...



PETER HUNCIK

Let's strengthen our nation state!

## NATIONALISM & INDIFFERENCE

- TODAY: MANY PEOPLE SEES EU AS DANGERS FOR NATIONAL SOVEREIGNTY IN HUNGARY & IN SLOVAKIA

- 1996-2006: WE HAD MOTIVATION & MOST CITIZENS SUPPORTED INTEGRATION AIMS



CENTRAL-EUROPEAN POLITICIANS:

**WE NEED TO PREVENT OUR COUNTRY FROM BRUSSELS!**

**RIDICULOUS ARGUMENT:** WITH EU THERE'S *peace* IN EUROPE FOR 73 YEARS

THE COMMON ENEMY OF HUNGARY & SLOVAKIA

We need the money of EU! The money tap is open!

What...? European values...? I'm afraid of immigrants!

- ACTIVE CIVIL SOCIETY ARRIVED LATE AND LEFT EARLY

## ONLY CIVIL MOVEMENTS CAN HELP

**FEAR IS THE GREATEST OPPONENT OF DEMOCRACY**

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- CORRUPTION
- MINORITY ISSUES



EVERYBODY IS RESPONSIBLE NOT ONLY FOR EUROPE BUT FOR THE WHOLE EARTH



WE CAN DISCUSS THIS IN THIS EVENT



THE STATE OF CIVIL SOCIETY IS STILL **FRAGILE** IN CENTRAL-EAST EUROPE



IT IS CRUCIAL TO PLACE OUR EFFORTS IN A CROSS-BORDER, INTER-REGIONAL CONTEXT

GEOGRAPHICALLY, HISTORICALLY, CULTURALLY COMPACT REGION

POLITICALLY WELL-DEFINED AREA



CIVIL SOCIETIES IN THE REGION FACE DOUBLE CHALLENGE

ACCUMULATED SOCIAL PROBLEMS

HOSTILE ATTITUDE OF REIGN GOVERNMENTS

## WHY THE CARPATHIANS?



To COORDINATE & SYNERGIZE THE SINGLE & ISOLATED EFFORTS OF CSOs

MAIN GOALS OF THE PLATFORM

To AMPLIFY THE EFFECT OF THEIR ACTIVITY AT LOCAL, REGIONAL & INTER-REGIONAL LEVELS



To DEVELOP OWNERSHIP



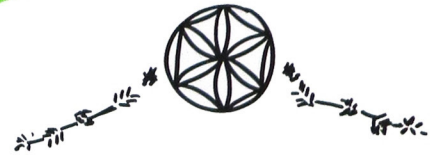
To GENERATE, DISSEMINATE & MAINSTREAM INNOVATIVE SOLUTIONS FOR RESOLVING SOCIO-ECONOMIC PROBLEMS



CARPATHIAN FOUNDATION, HUNGARY



GATE OF CARPATHIANS



ETP SLOVAKIA



CARPATHIAN FOUNDATION, UKRAINE



# PANEL discussion

COUNTRY-SPECIFIC TOPICS IN INTER-REGIONAL CONTEXT



The aim of this program is to share our experiences



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MARIA GAJEWSKA



GERGŐ OZSVÁTH-GSEKE



MIROSLAV POLLAK

CHALLENGES



OUTCOMES



POTENTIAL OF THE COOPERATION



MAIN ISSUES



## UKRAINE

WE INVOLVED MANY ORGANIZATIONS

PARTNERSHIPS

GAINING EXPERIENCE

CHALLENGES

EXTERNAL

INTERNAL

gender problems

We don't have all the skills needed...

lack of finances

burnt out volunteers

are we far from the real needs...?

we cannot be heard through the media...

low level of activity at a local level

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● AUTHORITIES TRY TO USE CIVIL SOCIETY

● SEARCHING FOR SOLUTIONS

COLLABORATION OF ORGANIZATIONS

## POLAND

● 11 ORGANIZATIONS TOOK PART AT THE WORKSHOP

● CHALLENGES

ECOLOGICAL

MENTAL

HUMAN

We don't know each other...  
...Competition instead of partnership..

radicalism of the government

lack of sources

no flow of information at bottom level

media not interested in our work

LET'S START TO COMMUNICATE

## HUNGARY

VISIBILITY THROUGH MEDIA

MAIN ISSUE: GENERATING A NETWORK

THINK GLOBAL ACT LOCAL!

OUR AIM: BECOMING MORE ACTIVE & MORE PROFESSIONAL

MAIN ISSUE: SAVE INDEPENDENCY OF NGO SECTOR & EDUCATION

## SLOVAKIA

CHALLENGES

NOT MUCH ACTIVE CSOs & NGOs

APATHY

NO REAL FREEDOM

ENEMY SPEECH ABOUT NGOs

BIG SOCIAL GAP

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● WE HAVE OFFERS FROM PARTNER ORGANIZATIONS



WE CAN learn FROM EACH other



● TRYING NEW THINGS

LEARNING FROM FAILURES & SUCCESSES

Hey, I have a great idea! Can we do it in this project?



WE HAVE A COMMON GROUND



GOOD BASIS FOR

communication

# STRATEGY & FEASIBILITY STUDY

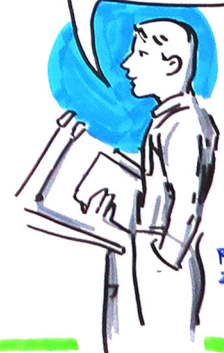
SOURCE OF THE STUDY:

RESULTS OF WORKSHOPS & STATISTICS



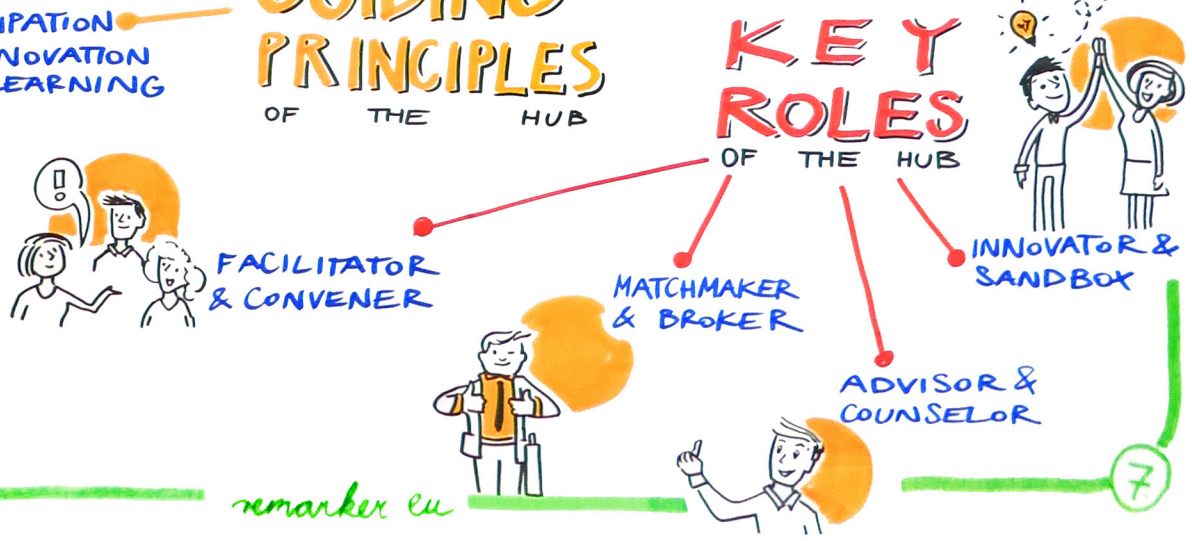
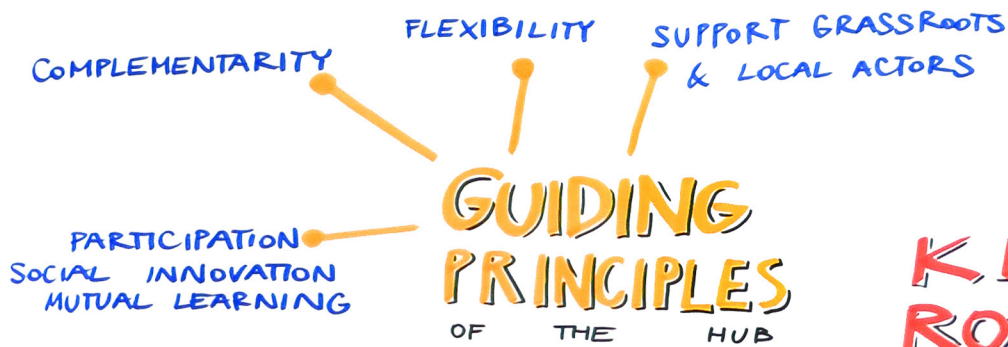
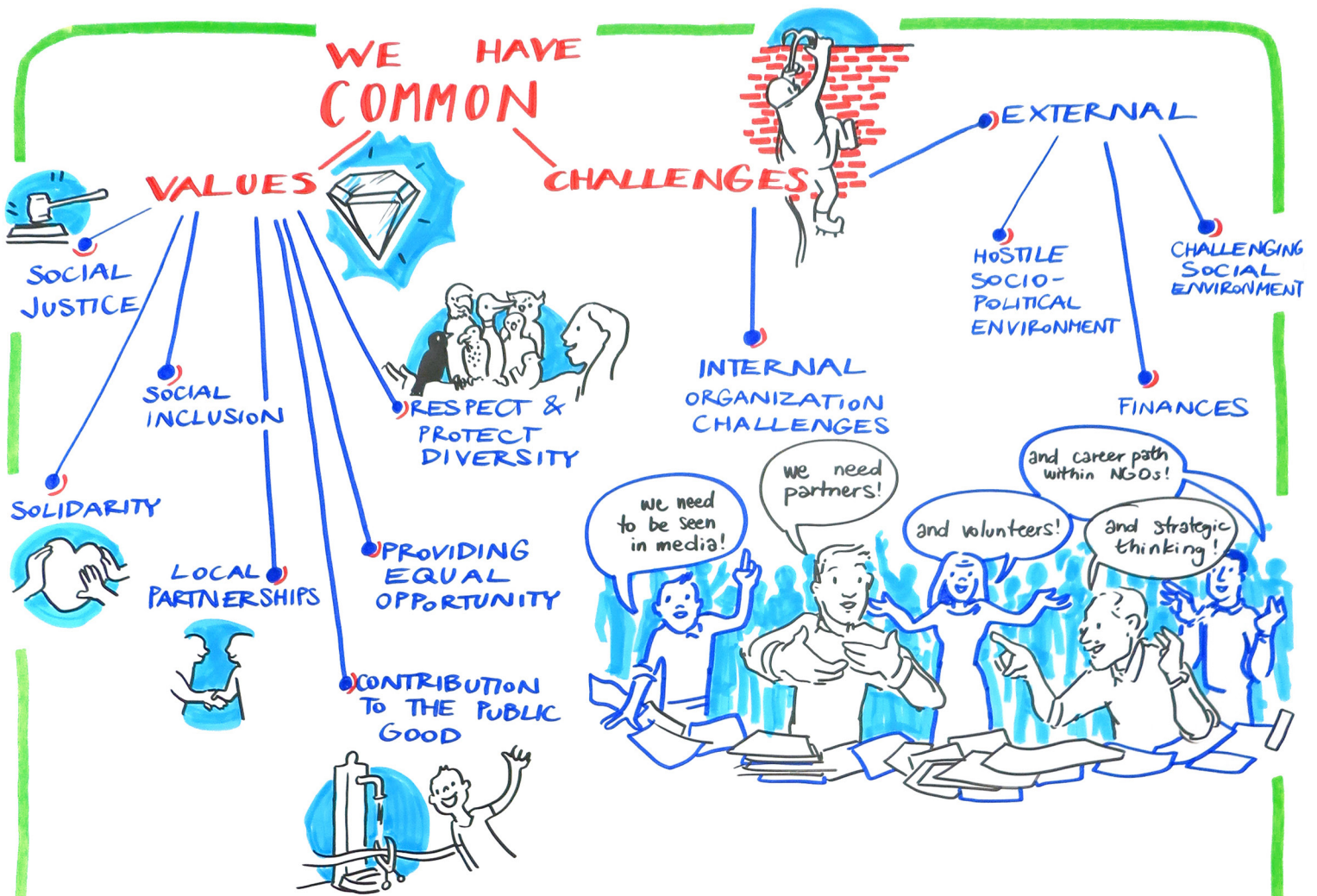
our VISION: STRENGTHEN VIBRANT, PLURALISTIC AND RIGHTS-BASED CIVIL SOCIETY

This is working material to be discussed today - not a final version



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# GROUP DISCUSSIONS



## MARGINALIZED GROUPS

• ETHNIC APPROACH

• SOCIAL-ECONOMIC APPROACH

WE NEED TO COMBINE THEM

NGO/CSO  
ETP

WHO ARE WE HERE?

MISSION  
HELP ROMA COMMUNITIES IN EASTERN SLOVAKIA

OFFER  
COMPLEX PROGRAM FOR ROMA COMMUNITIES

NEED  
PARTNERSHIPS WITH ORGANIZATIONS IN HEALTHCARE ETC.

Let's collect the list of who we are!

## IDEAS & SUGGESTIONS

• ENGLISH LANGUAGE COURSE IS NEEDED FOR ALMOST ALL NGOS

THERE ARE PEOPLE WHO CAN HELP WITH TRANSLATING

SPREAD THE WORLD IN LOCAL COMMUNITIES

• EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION IS AN IMPORTANT ROLE OF THE PLATFORM

informal knowledge sharing is essential

VISIBILITY ↑

• STUDY VISITS

Let's visit some similar NGOs!

• PRESENTATION OF RESULTS

HOMEWORK

• THE PLATFORM SHOULD SERVE AS INSPIRATION LEAVING US POSITIVELY CHARGED

MEETING AT LEAST ONCE A YEAR

• STUDY EXCHANGE

THE VICTORY IS IN OUR HANDS!

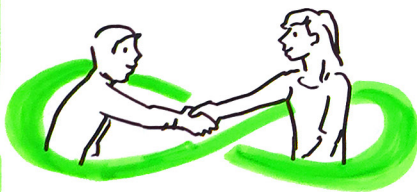
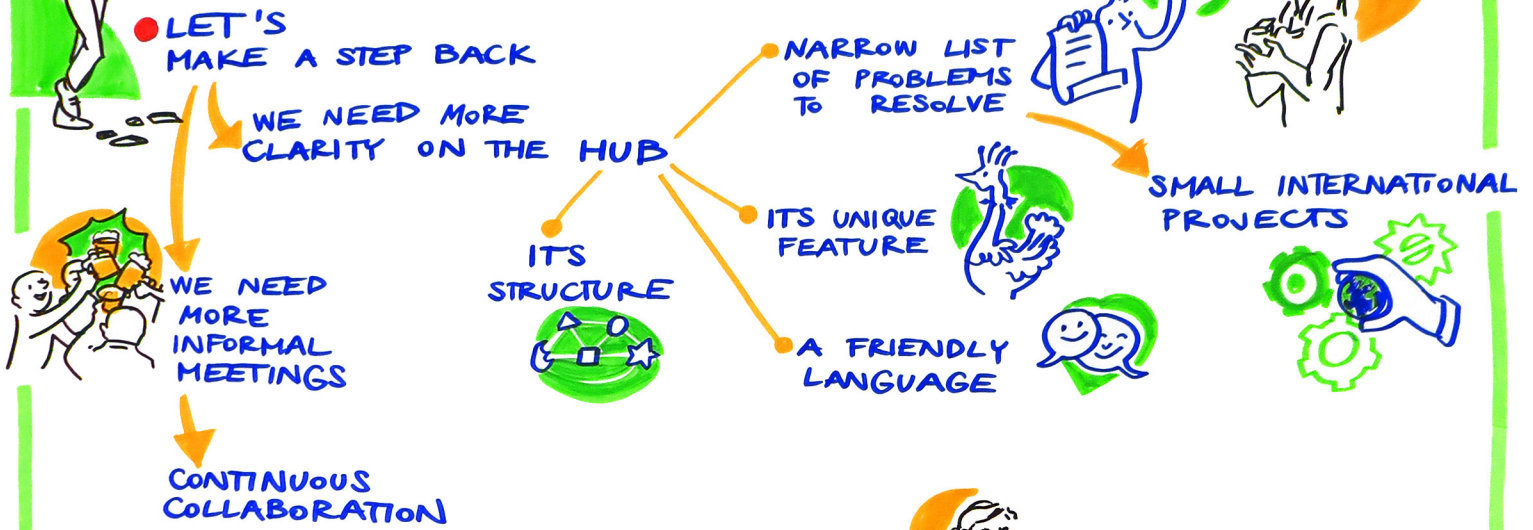
• PRINTED/ONLINE BOOK OF GOOD PRACTICES (EVERY 4 YEARS)

• EXCHANGE VISITS BETWEEN ROMA COMMUNITIES





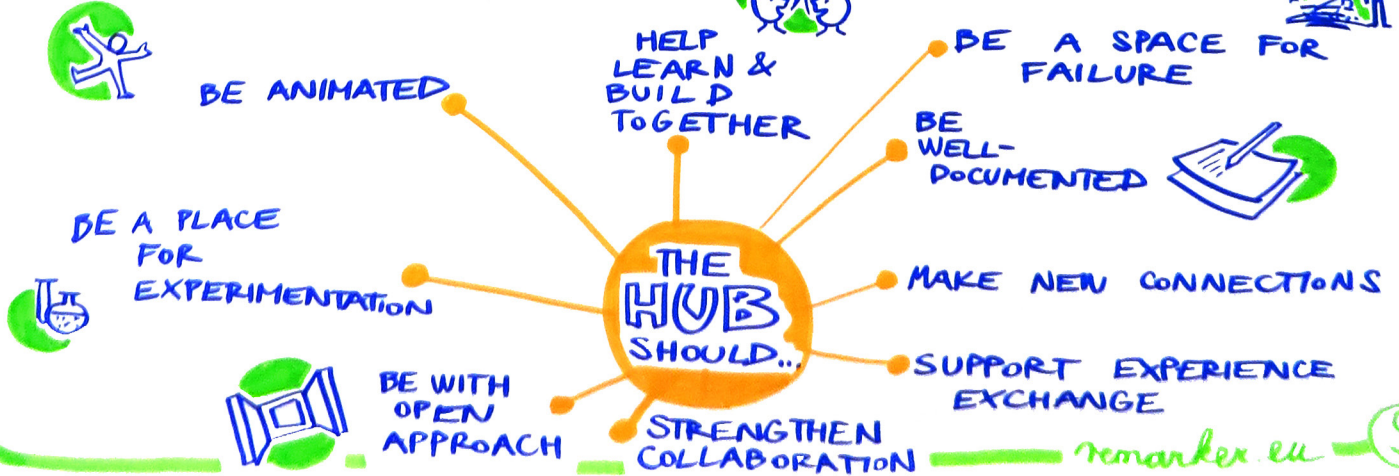
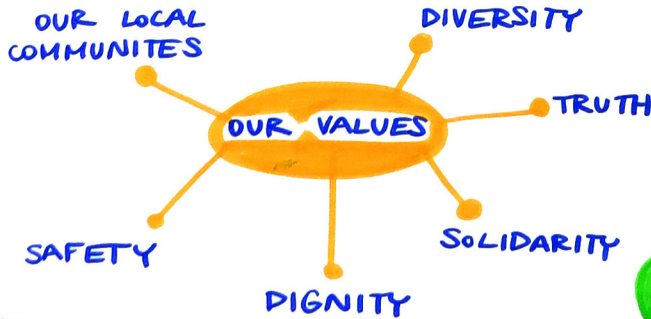
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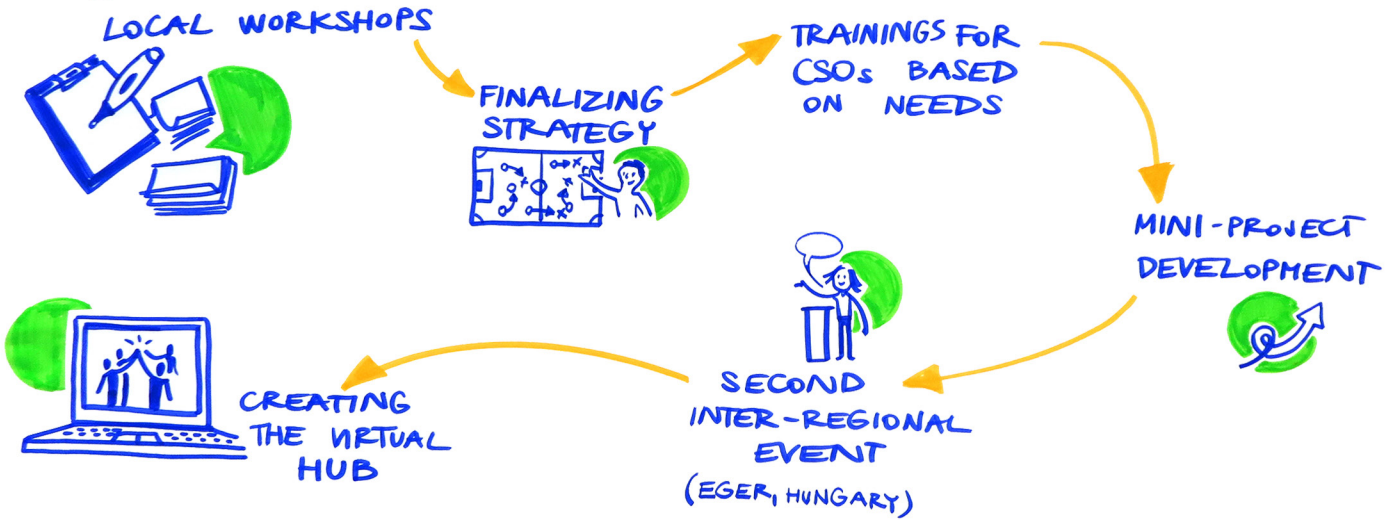
# COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

## OUR APPROACH:

- NOT "I" BUT "WE"
- CHANGE APPROACH
- CONNECTIONS
- INVOLVEMENT IN EXCHANGES
- LEARNING ORGANIZATIONS
- WIN-WIN APPROACH



# NEXT STEPS



**THANK YOU FOR  
YOUR PARTICIPATION**

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