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## Press release

### **"Fully comprehensive waste control - including the control of transportation - within the territory of cognizance of the Middle Danube Valley Environmental, Nature and Water Inspectorate" SH/3/10**

*Motto: To improve the monitoring system, prevent the evolution of environmental damages and thus protecting the health of the population, the fauna and the flora.*

The European Commission and Switzerland agreed in 2006 that the Swiss government would provide 1 billion Swiss Francs of support to the 10 member states that joined the European Union in 2004. Hungary received 130,738,000 Swiss Francs from this grant, the equivalent of almost 31 billion Hungarian Forints.



The Swiss-Hungarian Cooperation Programme has two objectives: to reduce social and economic inequalities between Hungary and the more developed countries in the European Union and to promote environmental and economic sustainable development in Hungary.

The competency area of the Inspectorate, or its legal successor the Government Office of Pest County, is the Central Hungary region. The equipment to be acquired will help improve and safeguard of the health and living conditions of the 4 million people living Pest and Nógrád counties as well as in Budapest. Given that the Central Hungary Region may only receive limited support grants, the project being implemented with Swiss support is of particular significance.



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The Inspectorate was awarded 5 974 412 Swiss Francs (1 267 113 041 Hungarian Forints) to implement the project, thus in addition to the 1 077 046 043 Hungarian Forints of Swiss support, 190 066 998 Hungarian Forints were provided from Hungary's budget.

As a result of the public procurement procedure which was successfully concluded on 28 February 2014, the modernized mobile and laboratory measuring equipment and new vehicles were acquired and were placed in the Environmental Protection Measurement Centre of the Government Office of Pest County. The equipment purchased has been put into operation immediately after installation and the training of the staff, therefore they form part of the daily work of professionals working for the Inspectorate.

After the project was successfully closed, the Measurement Centre became capable of conducting monitoring activities and measurement of emissions of various pollutants while covering every environmental element in compliance with the modern requirements. Accordingly, the Measurement Centre is able to provide sufficiently structured information regarding complaints of public interest as well as satisfy the requirements of the public, the media and the profession.

The closing ceremony of the project took place on **19 May 2016**, where representatives of the Swiss State Secretariat for Economic Affairs (SECO), the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC), the Swiss Contribution Office (SCO), the Prime Minister's Office, Széchenyi Programme Office and the Government Office of Pest County were in attendance.

The project will be concluded on 30 June 2016 after the last lot of equipment was delivered in April 2016 and once the project accounts have been completed.

Start of project: 20 January 2011

End of project: 30 June 2016



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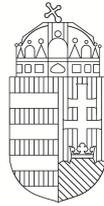
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**The Beneficiary of the Project:**



PEST COUNTY  
GOVERNMENT OFFICE

**The National Coordination Unit:**



PRIME MINISTER'S  
OFFICE



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Some of the equipment purchased as part of the project for improvement purposes:



**Measuring car:** the car measures the concentration of PM10 particulate matter, which requires special attention in the autumn-winter period due to adverse meteorological conditions. Moreover, it provides information about pollutant gases in the air and allows samples to be taken for further laboratory tests.



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**HPLC-MS equipment:** The equipment is suitable for defining organic components that the Environment Protection Measurement Centre was not able to test before. These components are for example pharmaceutical residues, i.e. diclofenac.



**Gas chromatography mass spectrometer (GC-MS):** The equipment is able to measure organic micro-pollutants. This equipment allows components to be measured reliably with high sensitivity in the expected measurement range.