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Water supply reconstruction was successfully implemented at Érd and its region from a nearly two billion HUF budget

The first water network reconstruction project funded by the Swiss-Hungarian Contribution Program has been delivered

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The project implemented within the framework of the Swiss-Hungarian Cooperation Programme has been successfully concluded, during which the quality of drinking water supply for more than 115.000 people living in and around Érd has been improved with a budget of HUF 1.8 billion. The investment, which was launched in 2011, became the first completed water network reconstruction project funded by the Swiss-Hungarian Contribution Program.

The modernization, led by the Érd and Region Waterworks Ltd. (ÉTV), oversaw the introduction of a new, state-of-the-art system operating the lower pressure zone of Érd, and the replacement of around 15 km large diameter water main. As a result of the development, which concerns around 115.000 people, there will be no more pipe bursts on the rebuilt segments, water losses will decrease by 25-30 thousand m³, and the overall quality of ÉTV's operations will improve as well. The project was implemented with the co-funding of the Swiss-Hungarian Cooperation Programme. The total budget of the investment is HUF 1.83 billion, of which HUF 1.55 billion was provided by the non-refundable aid, and the remaining HUF 275 million was contributed by the Municipality.

Further six towns will benefit from the project

„With this development Érd can cut down from its operating and running costs.” – said András T. Mészáros, Mayor of Érd about the project. „The waterworks will also provide water supply for six additional settlements – Diósd, Tárnok, Sóskút, Törökbálint, Pustazámor and Biatorbágy – therefore, we can state that the reconstruction implemented with the co-funding of the Swiss-Hungarian Cooperation Programme has a very positive effect on the life of the whole sub-region.” – concluded András T. Mészáros.

Background information

The water supply of the Municipality of Érd is primarily secured by the Csepel Island water resource of the Budapest Waterworks, and by a lesser extent the city's own drilled wells and water acquisition from the direction of Százhalombatta. The water supply network is divided into four large pressure zones. Drinking water is transported by the supply line from the acquisition point at the bank of the Danube to storage pools located on the borders of the pressure zones. The acquisition point at the bank of the Danube and the Mecsek Street water storage pools, which have a capacity of 5000 m³, are connected with a 600 mm diameter supply line built during the 80s. In Switzerland a referendum held in 2006 decided that the country is going to support the progress of countries that joined the European Union in 2004, and thus decrease inter-Union



economic and social disparities. Hungary successfully engaged the full amount of the Swiss Contribution, more than HUF 30 billion, in June 2012, which contributes to the realization of 37 projects, programmes and funds in total by 2017.

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