



University name: University of Pécs
Country: Hungary

SDG1: No poverty

University of Pécs – Report on the implementation of the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDG 1)

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1. Introduction

The University of Pécs is committed to contributing to social justice, improving opportunities for disadvantaged people and reducing poverty as a knowledge- and community-based institution. Among the UN Sustainable Development Goals, Goal 1 – "No Poverty" – is particularly important from the perspective of the university's social responsibility. During 2024, the University launched or continued a number of programmes and initiatives that contributed to creating opportunities and reducing social exclusion.

2. Strategic and institutional background

The **University of Pécs Strategy 2023–2030** gives priority to equal opportunities in education, social inclusion and regional development. Within this framework, the institution aims to support social mobility, provide mentoring programmes and scholarships for disadvantaged students, and develop community-based services.

As part of the University's equal opportunities and inclusion policy, a Gender Equality Plan (GEP) is in place and the Equal Opportunities Plan document is continuously updated, defining support for those participating in education and strengthening institutional awareness.

3. Programmes and initiatives for the implementation of SDG 1

3.1. Social support and scholarships

In 2024, several scholarship and support schemes were in place at the University of Pécs, targeting students facing social disadvantages, including regular and extraordinary social scholarships, housing support, and participation in the Bursa Hungarica scholarship programme. The UP Student Council and the Study Department regularly announce support opportunities that strengthen the social security of students. The institution provided students from disadvantaged areas with high-quality training conditions, mentoring opportunities and the infrastructure necessary for their studies.

3.2. Support for disadvantaged and Roma students

The Pécs Evangelical Roma College offers personalised mentoring and development programmes to promote academic progress and social integration. In addition, the university actively responds to social inequalities through universal services (e.g. "HELP! Office", Support Service – student learning support).



3.3. Community and social responsibility

As part of the "Teach for Hungary" programme, UP students have taken on a mentoring role for secondary school students, thereby helping to improve access to education and reducing the likelihood of dropouts. The UP participates in numerous charitable and community actions and **fundraising campaigns**, as well as involving university citizens in urban and regional social initiatives. The aim of the programs is to encourage students and staff to play an active role in alleviating poverty and promoting social mobility.

4. Summary

In 2024, the University of Pécs contributed to the promotion of SDG 1 – "**No Poverty**" – through a variety of collaborations and systemic measures. The institution consciously integrates educational, community and social engagement activities in order to make quality higher education and social mobility accessible to all. In the future, it will continue to mobilise its resources and strengthen its partnership networks in order to create knowledge and opportunities that benefit the region and society as a whole.