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SDG2: Zero Hunger

University of Pécs – Report on the implementation of the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDG 2)

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1. Introduction

The University of Pécs is committed to contributing to the implementation of the second of the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) – "Zero Hunger".

SDG 2, "*Zero Hunger*", is of particular importance to the university, as it carries out complex educational, research and community activities in the fields of healthy nutrition, food security, sustainable agriculture and social responsibility.

The UP implements initiatives in education, research and community projects that help improve access to food and promote a health-conscious lifestyle.

2. Strategic and institutional background

According to the UP University Strategy 2023–2030 document, the university's primary goal is to integrate sustainable lifestyles and environmental awareness into education, research and operations. The theme of SDG 2 is closely linked to the strategic pillars of health and well-being, sustainable development and green innovation.

The institutional goals include:

- promoting healthy eating habits among students and staff,
- giving preference to local producers,
- promoting sustainable food consumption patterns,
- supporting local, short supply chain procurement,
- reducing food waste and strengthening responsible consumer behaviour,
- promoting social equality in the areas of nutrition, livelihoods and social security.

3. Research and innovation for sustainable food systems

The research units of the University of Pécs – in particular the Faculty of Sciences and the Faculty of Health Sciences – continued to investigate several projects in 2024:

- sustainable agricultural technologies,
- the food security impacts of soil and water use,
- the development of plant-based, healthy diets and functional foods.

4. Nutrition and health promotion programs

In 2024, the University of Pécs continued to pay special attention to healthy and environmentally conscious catering:

- The UP-Affiliated Elementary School and High School No.1 organized the vegetarian recipe competition for the fourth time. Teams of four to five people prepared healthy snacks without any animal-based ingredients.



- As part of Veganuary, the Daily 1 Green Tip drew attention to healthy eating and provided food for thought on meat-free meals.
- The Shoot4Earth 2024 event once again proved that the power of filmmaking can bring people from all over the world together to fight food waste.
- The short-term goal of the "Your Life – Healthy Food Workshops" organised by the Medical School of the UP is to teach participants how to creatively prepare nutritious meals from healthy ingredients, while the longer-term goal is to integrate a health-conscious approach to nutrition and healthy lifestyles (including nutrition) into the life of the university community, education, operations and decision-making processes.

5. Nutrition science research

The Food Biotechnology Research Group at the Szentágotthai János Research Centre of the University of Pécs and Soft Flow Ltd. are working together to ensure that clean and high-quality food reaches consumers' tables.

6. Summary

In 2024, the University of Pécs contributed to SDG 2 in a complex manner:

- through research and innovation for the development of sustainable food systems,
- education and community awareness-raising for conscious nutrition,
- social and partnership programmes to alleviate hunger and deprivation.

The University of Pécs is committed to further strengthening its partnerships with local producers, civil society organisations and international universities to make equitable access to food and sustainable nutrition a reality for all.