



## The village with green heart - Sopronkövesd



Sopronkövesd is a 1200 inhabitant village, situated near the Austrian border and is best known by the name of 'green hearted village' in the region. The municipality is famously committed to environmental protection, renewable energy utilization and also to make their citizens engaged to climate and environment related purposes in order to create a liveable environment.

The current mayor, at the start of his mandate, has sought to draw attention to Sopronkövesd's environmental values and to make the inhabitants of the village as committed as possible to climate protection. The 'green hearted village' slogan is not only spread by words in the region, but the municipality has built their complete image around it: by an elaboration of a logo, adaptation of their media platforms and communication products.

The green hearted village is protecting its environment with renewable energy investments such as installation of wind turbines and photovoltaic-systems on their owned buildings. The renewable energy use encourages and demonstrates to residents to adopt a more sustainable lifestyle and to make similar efforts in their own lives.

New plants have also been planted as part of the maintenance of the green spaces. The local administration feels responsible to sustain and take care of its natural resources consciously. In order to shape mindsets they have several citizen engagement initiatives, they set up a farmers' market and organize annual hikes.

The municipality is very much committed to implement further energy saving and climate mitigation projects in the future.