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INTRODUCTION

The aim of this poster is to present some of the **projects** that have been implemented during and in connection with **the past 10 years of Stipendium Hungaricum Scholarship Programme** which have contributed to the internationalisation of MATE and its immediate social environment as a result of the SH programme.



PROJECT 2 - SENSITISATION

MATE has established and maintains good relations with the city of Gödöllő, including primary and secondary schools, in order to **sensitise** its immediate environment, where our SH scholarship holders periodically present their culture in English language classes, talking to students and expanding their world without crossing borders.

To complement this, a series of Researchers' Night events in the city also offered visitors the opportunity to visit the Global Village where they could also enjoy a diverse cultural experience.



PROJECT 1 - SZIA Agroecological Garden

The most prominent outcome of the past 10 years at MATE is the student-initiated (María Fernanda Ramos Díaz) "**SZIA Agroecological Garden**", an ecological community garden project. In spring 2020, international students who love organic gardening were looking for a useful pastime. Through the intervention of the International Relations Centre (IRC), the university provided them with a small plot of land on a farm in Gödöllő. Here they grew their own vegetables, built a community and gained work experience to complement their agricultural studies.

The gardening activities also helped them overcome the stress of online learning and social distance, and they used the surplus produce to run an honesty market and support their peers in need with fresh vegetables. Thanks to their determination, the project has expanded further with the help of IRC and financial support from the Turkish Cooperation and Coordination Agency (TIKA), they have moved to the campus where they have their own office and a community building.

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/sziagardenmate>



- 6000 m² land
- 100 volunteers
- 900 kg produce/year



PROJECT 3 - emPLANT+

In recent years, MATE has also been the beneficiary of the **emPLANT+ Erasmus Mundus Joint Master Programme** in the field of crop production, coordinated by France and implemented in cooperation with Swedish, Italian, Austrian and Spanish universities. The partnership has been established through our Bosnian and Nigerian SH scholars who graduated from MATE. Thanks to them, we have welcomed new scholars from all over the world for the third academic year.



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