Findings of the Hungarian AHEAD survey on local municipalities Summary by Judit Takács, Institute of Sociology of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences (MTA SzKI) September, 2010

During the Hungarian survey carried out within the framework of the "Against Homophobia. European Local Administration Devices (AHEAD)" project (cofunded by the Directorate of Fundamental Rights and Citizenship of the European Commission) altogether 85 Hungarian municipalities were contacted in two waves (between March 1st and April 20th 2010; and between 2010 April 23rd and May 14th 2010):

- •42 cities with population over 30.000, including Budapest, the capital;
- •23 districts of Budapest; and
- •19 Hungarian counties.

Altogether 27 filled in questionnaires were received from 18 cities, 6 districts of Budapest, and 3 counties – but none of them could report on good practices carried out by a local government in order to reduce discrimination against lesbian, gay, transgender and bisexual citizens.

Most respondents reported not having an Equal Treatment or Equal Opportunities Department or even a smaller work group dedicated to dealing with equality issues in general. However, out of the 27 municipalities 14 reported to have a person responsible for equal treatment issues.

There were only two municipalities where issues related to the equal treatment of LGBT people were said to be included in the tasks to be carried out by the given municipality. Additionally, the Municipality of Budapest (the Hungarian capital) reported on references to LGBT people through introducing the concept of gender mainstreaming in the draft of their new (2010) Equal Treatment Plan.

List of the 27 municipalities that sent back the filled in AHEAD questionnaires:

18 cities:

- Baja
- BUDAPEST (the Hungarian capital)

There are references to LGBT people through introducing the concept of gender mainstreaming in the draft of the new (2010) Equal Treatment Plan.

- Dunakeszi
- Dunaújváros

- ∙Érd
- Győr
- Hajdúböszörmény
- Kaposvár
- Kiskunhalas
- Miskolc
- Mosonmagyaróvár
- Nyíregyháza
- Orosháza
- Pécs
- Szentes
- Szombathely
- Tatabánya

Equal treatment of LGBT people is included in the tasks to be carried out by the municipality.

Zalaegerszeg

6 districts within Budapest (the capital):

- Budapest XV. District
 1153 Budapest, Bocskai u. 1-3.
- Budapest, XVII. District (Rákosmente)
 1173 Bp., Pesti út 165.
- Budapest, XVIII. District (Pestszentlőrinc–Pestszentimre)
 1184 Budapest, Üllői út 400.
- Budapest XXI. District (Csepel)
 1211 Budapest, Szent Imre tér 10.
- Budapest XXII. District (Budafok–Tétény)
 1221 Budapest, Városház tér 11.
- Budapest Főváros XXIII. District (Soroksár)
 1239 Budapest, Grassalkovich út 162.

3 counties:

- Baranya County7621 Pécs Széchenyi tér 9.
- Csongrád County6741 Szeged, Rákóczi tér
- Somogy County7400 Kaposvár, Csokonai u. 3.

There is a specialised Equal Treatment Department (Somogy Megyei Esélyegyenlőségi Iroda). Equal treatment of LGBT people is included in the tasks to be carried out by the municipality. They established contacts with LGBT organisations and other NGOs working for the interest of LGBT people (Indit Közalapítvány, Kaposvári "Tükör" Drogambulancia).

After the Hungarian municipal elections of October 2010 changes can be expected.