

# Challenges of preserving the intercultural character of City of Pécs



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# FACT SHEET



- **Area: 163 km<sup>2</sup>**
- **Number of inhabitants: 157,000**
- **Population density: 964 person/km<sup>2</sup>**
- **Male/Female: 54-46%**
- **Age groups:**
  - Children (0-14) 14%,**
  - Active (15-65): 69%,**
  - Pensioner 17%**



# THE MULTICULTURAL ROOTS

Sopianae

Kingdom of Hungary

Ottoman Empire

Habsburg Monarchy

Republic of Hungary

European Union

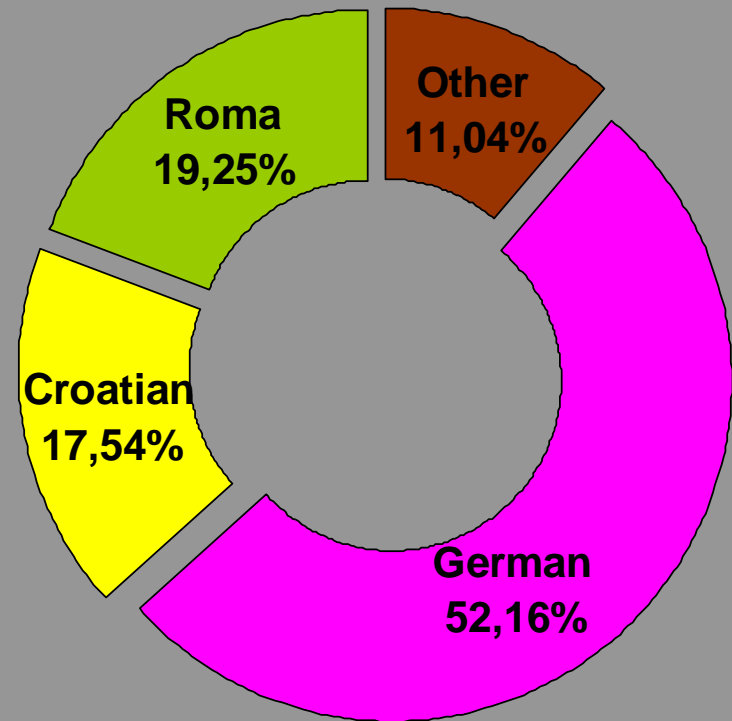
**2000 year old history**

Several different cultural layers have emerged and values of different nationalities became intermixed.



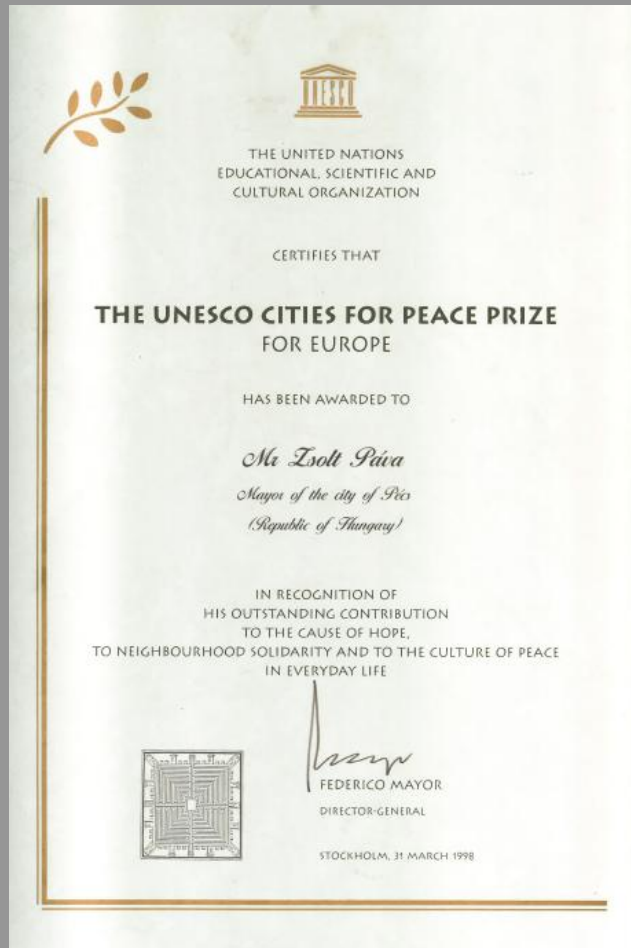
**Distribution  
of people who  
declared to be  
part of an  
ethnical  
minority  
in 2001**

- **City of Pécs**  
9703 out of 157 000  
**(6,1 %)**
- **Hungary**  
314 060 out of 9 627 778  
**(3,3 %)**





# CITY for PEACE



**In 1998 Pécs was given the UNESCO prize *Cities for peace* for maintaining the cultures of the minorities, and also for its tolerant and helping attitude toward refugees of the Balkan Wars**



# PÉCS 2010 EUROPEAN CAPITAL OF CULTURE

## The 5 Pillars of the Pécs2010 ECoC programme

**1. Pécs is the city of lively public spaces**

**2. Pécs is the city of cultural heritage and cultural innovation**



**3. Multicultural city which has developed different cultural layers**

**4. The city of regionalism**

**5. The borderless city**



# UNIVERSITY OF PÉCS

Academic education was started in 1367, when the first university of the country was founded in Pécs. Today's university has been dynamically developing and expanding since the 1920s.

- *10 faculties and 210 majors*
- *More than 30.000 students in Pécs*
- *Education is in Hungarian, but there is English language education at Faculty of Medicine and the Faculty of Economics and there is German language education at the Faculty of Medicine.*

**more than 2200  
foreign students  
from 60 countries like**

**Germany  
Norway  
Iran  
Spain  
Serbia  
Republic of Korea**





# CHALLENGES

To preserve the traditional multicultural values of the city

Sustainability of the European Capital of Culture project

To become a target city for everyone who intend to live in a friendly tolerant and safe place

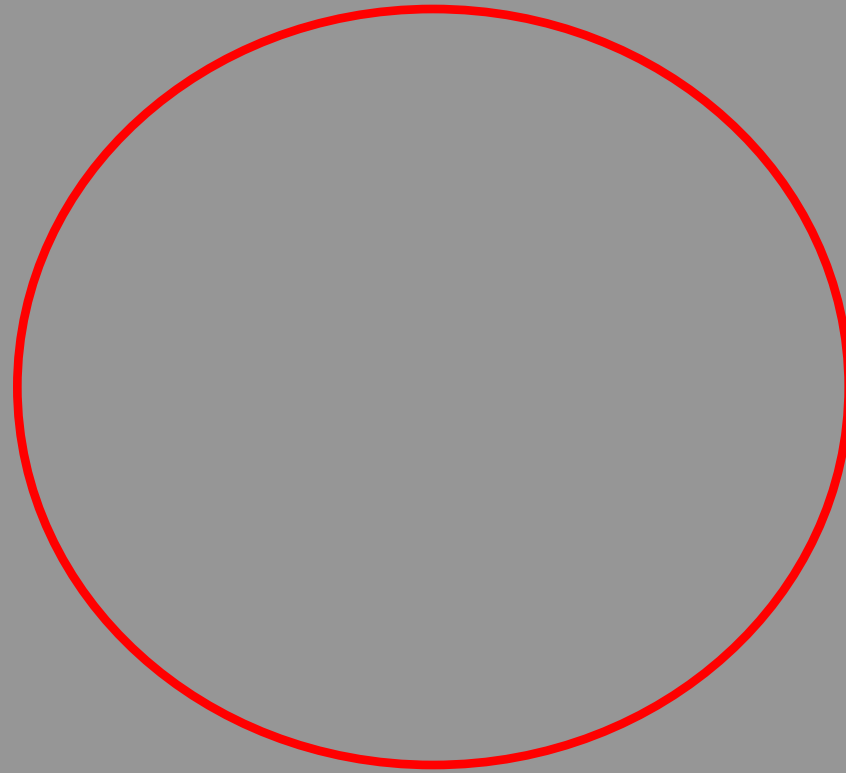
Integrate the foreign students into the everyday life of the city

Remaining intercultural... 😊

Development based on culture in the years of economic crisis



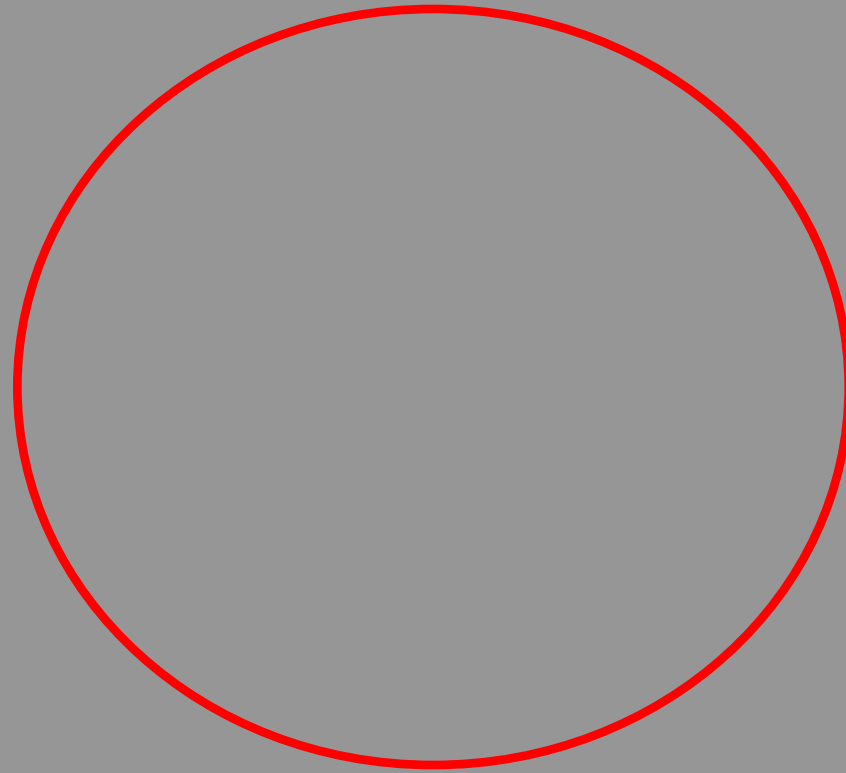
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Source: Phil Wood (ICC Conference, Dublin, 06/02/13)



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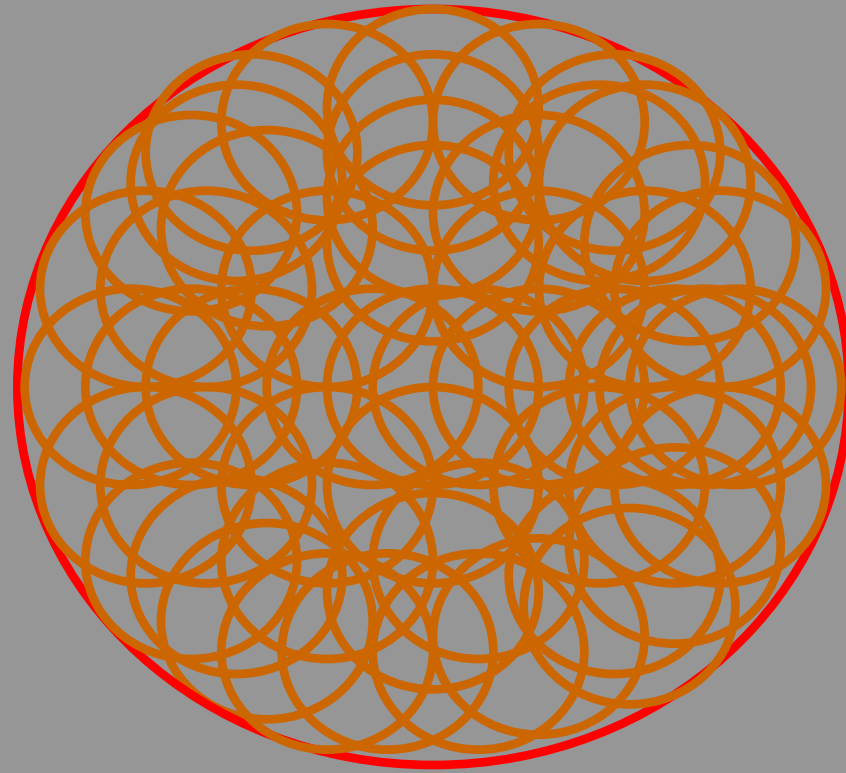


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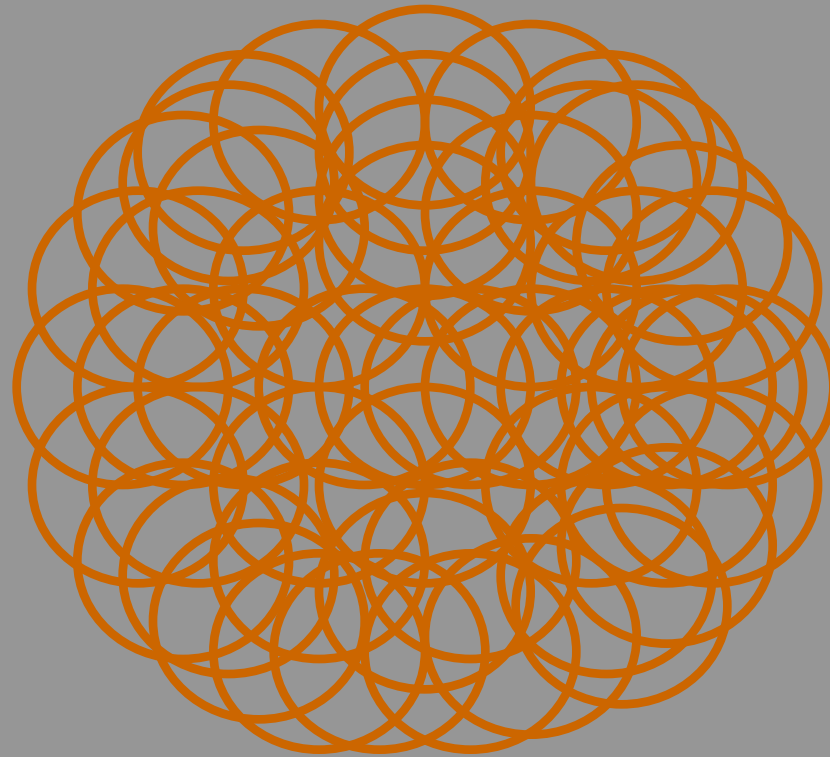
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# INTEGRATION POLICY MATRIX

	Economic rights	Civil & social rights	Cultural rights	Community building & cohesion
Guest worker	✓			
Assimilation	✓	✓		
Multiculturalism	✓	✓	✓	
Interculturalism	✓	✓	✓	✓

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**Official in charge of Roma Affairs**

**Official in charge of Civic and Integration Affairs**

**Council of Ethnic Minority Affairs**

**Councilor of Ethnic Minority Affairs**

**10 ethnical minority governments (2010)**

Local government  
and the  
multiculturalism

Bulgarian Roma  
Greek Croatian  
Polack  
German  
Armenian Rusyn  
Serbian Ukrainian



Intercultural initiatives  
within the decision making procedure

**The city department with leading responsibility for intercultural  
integration:**

**„TEBI” - The Committee for Natural and Human Resources Development  
of the General Assembly is dealing with issues related to intercultural  
integration**

Intercultural initiatives  
within the strategical planning procedure

**2012 – An integration strategy with intercultural  
elements:**

**An integrated urban development strategy is being  
developped, which includes the programme of equal  
opportunities and anti-segregation**

Local government  
and the  
interculturalism





Education system  
and the  
interculturalism







# Cultural activities and the interculturalism



**Thank you for your attention**

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