

School streets in Hungary

Theory and practice

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Bringasuli - Who we are?

- Cycling educational program
 - Training for trainers programs
 - Cycling educational programs in primary schools
 - Development of educational materials
 - International partnerships (Erasmus+)



School Street - What is it?

- A School Street is a temporary (,soft' school street) or permanent (,hard' school street) traffic measure that is implemented around a school to increase student safety and reduce traffic in the vicinity of the school to create a safe and healthy public space for the children, their parents and for the local population as well.



- Motorized traffic is not allowed in a school street, while active and micro mobility is preferred there
- School streets are providing safe and liveable places for people to connect each other

History of school streets in Hungary

Play streets in the 1950s

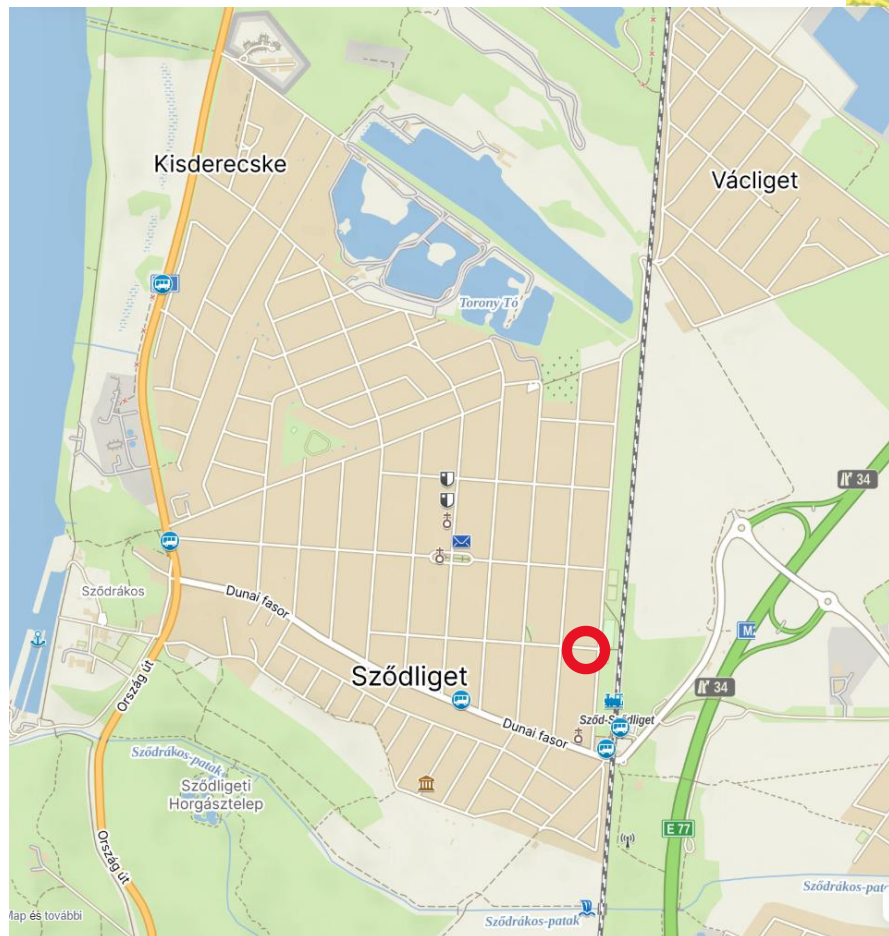
- Play streets are closed for motorized traffic 9 AM - 9 PM
- Exception: loading and unloading (max. 5 km/h)
- Drivers are responsible for any accidents
- Increasing number of cars put an end to play streets in the early 1960s



<https://24.hu/kultura/2019/07/26/jatszo-utca-jatszoutca-budapest-kozlekedes-auto-motor/>

Good practice Sződliget

- 30 km from Budapest
- 30 minutes by train
- App. 4500 inhabitants
- 1 primary school



Good practice

Sződliget

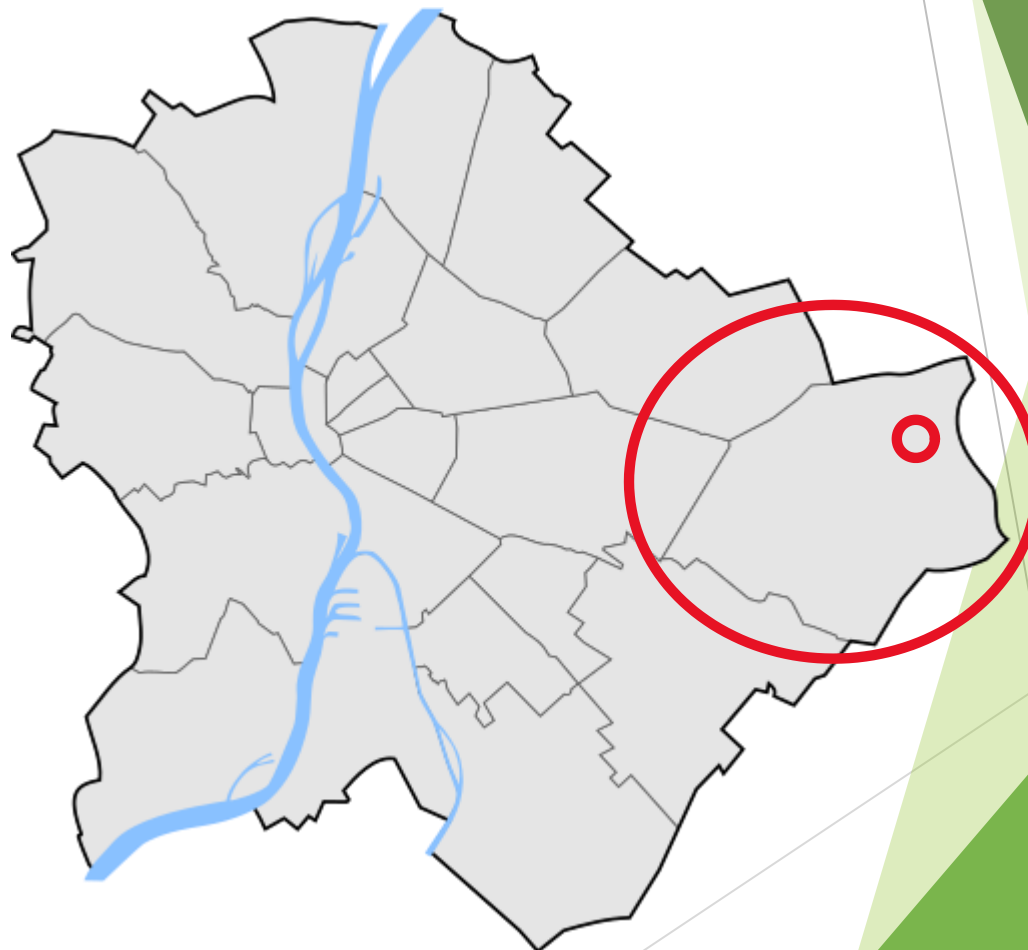
- School street started in 2019 (very first in Hungary)
- Temporary school street (07:40-08:05)
- No traffic signs, just two barriers used for the closure
 - ➡ based on „unwritten law”
 - ➡ easy and cheap to implement
- Pupils are involved as volunteers with the help of the school staff



Good practice

Budapest 17th district

- App. 18 km from city center
- 20 minutes by train
- Green area



Good practice

Budapest 17th district

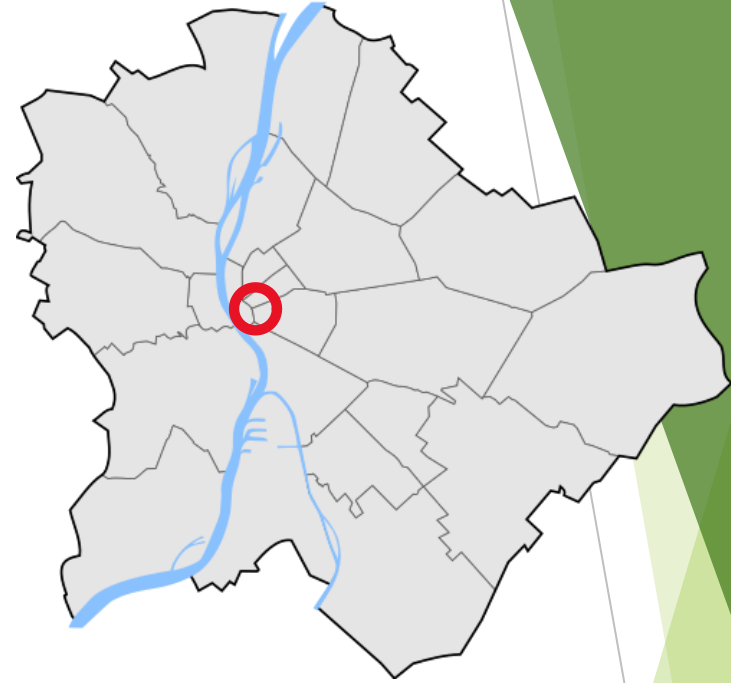
- School street started in September 2025 (very first in Budapest)
- Temporary school street (07:00-08:30)
- Traffic signs added + a mobile barrier used to close the street
- Kiss+Go parking places created
- Traffic reorganised
- In cooperation of Center for Budapest Transport + local municipality + primary school



Good practice

Budapest 8th district

- Trefort street (city center of Budapest)
- Since September 2025
- Permanent school street, initiated by the secondary school
- Pedestrian and cycle zone, created by the local municipality
- Budget: €100.000



School Streets - Enjoy Your Journey to the School

- Erasmus+ project
- Partnership of four partners
 - Hungary (Vuelta Sports Association / Bringasuli)
 - Romania (Fundatia Comunitara Mures)
 - North Macedonia (Velo Schools)
 - Belgium (Voetgangersbeweging vzw)
- Goals of the project:
 - Development of School Street Guidelines for Primary Schools and for Local Municipalities
 - Pilot school street projects in HU, MK, RO
 - Side events to be organised



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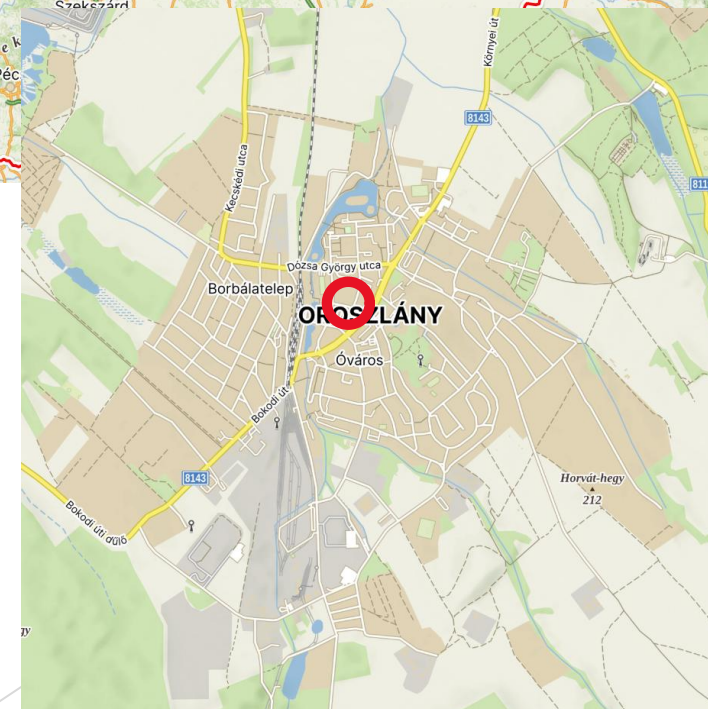
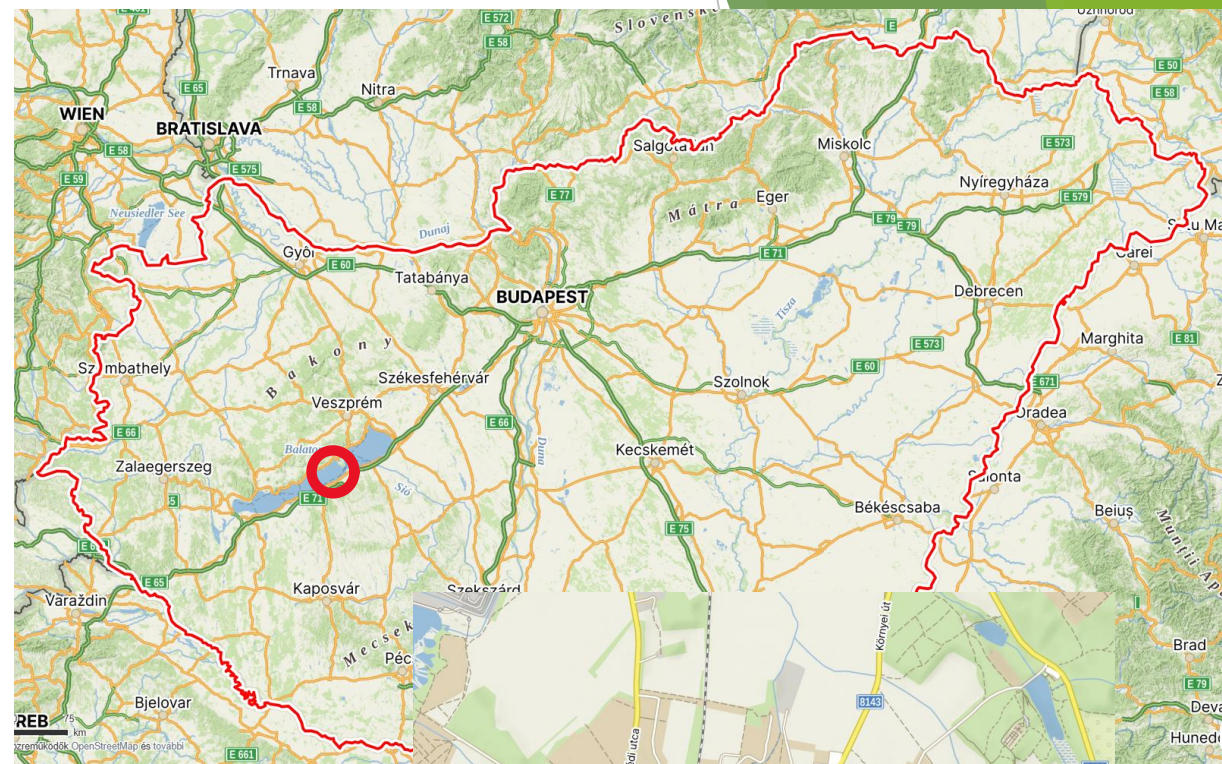
School Streets - Enjoy Your Journey to the School

- Achievements
 - Pilot school streets in Targu Mures and Reghin (RO) - to be continued
 - Pilot school street in Oroszlány (HU) - to be continued
 - Side events were organised in HU, MK, RO
 - Bicibus, pedibus events
 - Car free day events
 - Trainings organised for teachers
 - Practical cycling education in the schools
 - Communication campaigns



Good practice Oroszlány

- Population of 20.000
- School location:
 - center of the town
 - surrounded by four-storey houses
 - streets with low traffic
- App. 400 pupils



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Good practice

Oroszlány

- Test phase: 20th April - 19th June 2026 (07:30-08:00 every school day)
- A mobile barrier is used to close the street ➡ easy and cheap measure
- 5 Kiss+Go parking places created
- Very first school street in the countryside



Good practice

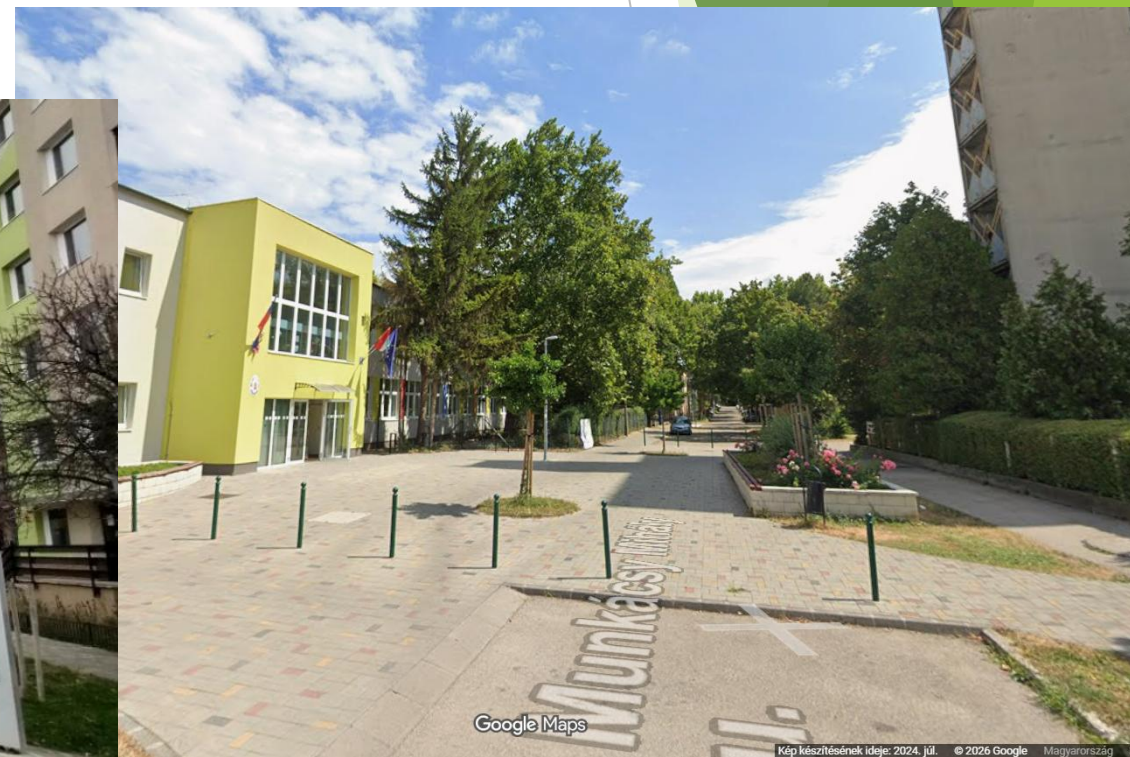
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- Challenges
 - Fears or resistance of local authorities (test period was postponed)
 - Lack of effective communication between stakeholders
 - Lack of volunteers for the road closure (limited interest among parents)
- Success: the school street is going on this schoolyear after the 2-month-long testing period



Good practice

School streets that are not called school streets



Google Street View

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