

Moving towards a resource efficient circular economy

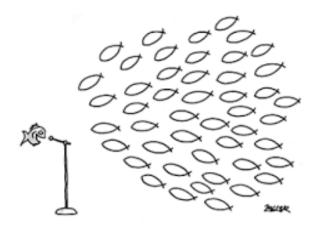
Hungarian examples –

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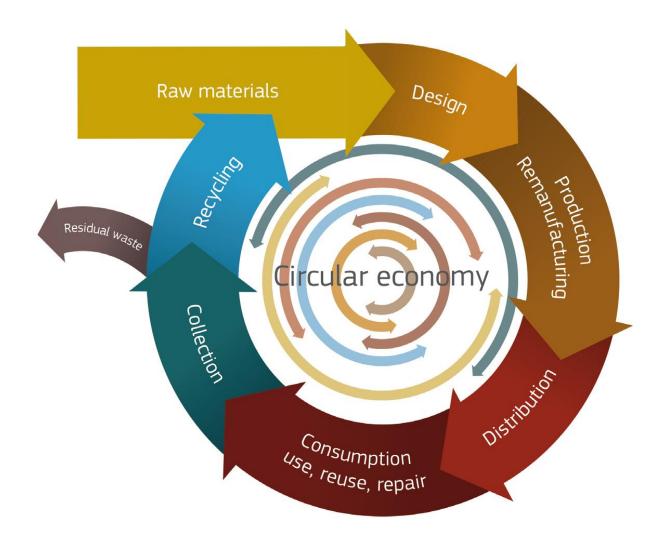
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Starting point

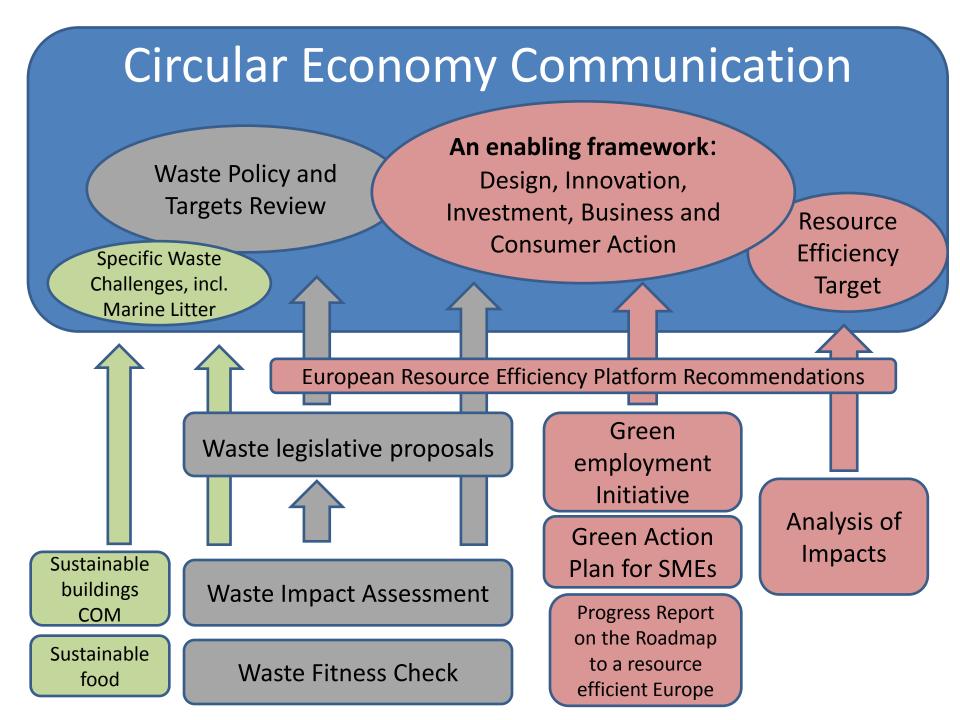
I will share my thoughts based on my own experience working on the field of environment protection for 10 years (consequently it will not certainly reflect the position of the Ministry).



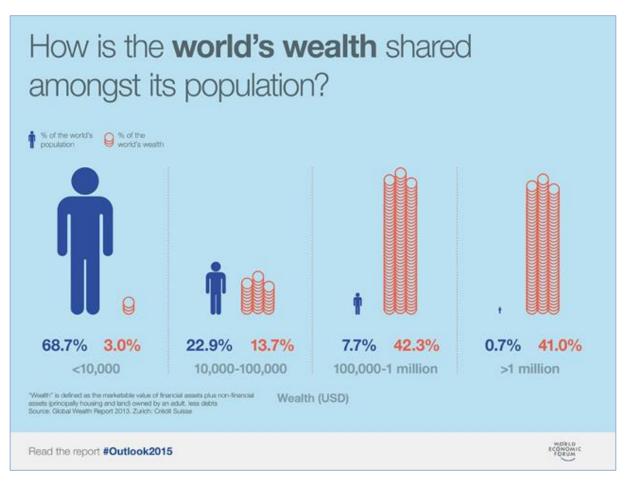
Issue to be addressed



Source: DG Environment (Carina Vopel's presentation)



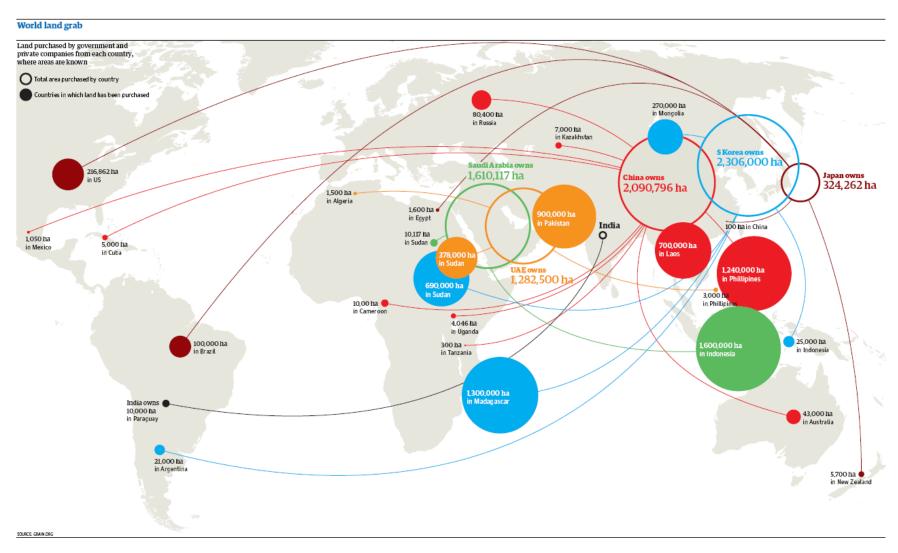
"Surrealistic reality": Global wealth distribution



Source: World Economic Forum (Outlook 2015)

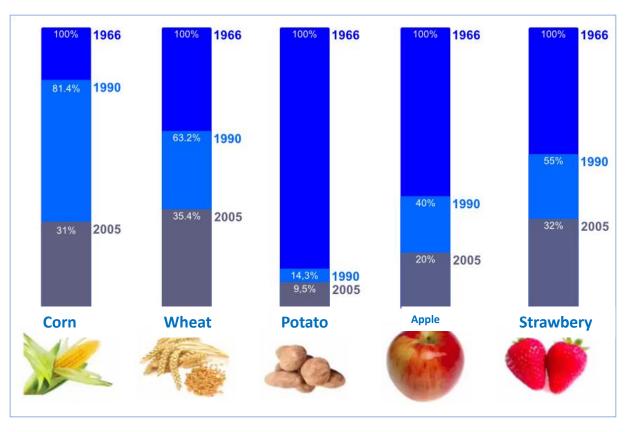
[&]quot;It is not the man who has too little, but the man who craves more, that is poor."

"Surrealistic reality": Land grabbing



Realistic surreality: Decrease of nutrient content

diminishing of mineral and vitamine content of plants between 1966-2005 (1966 = 100%)



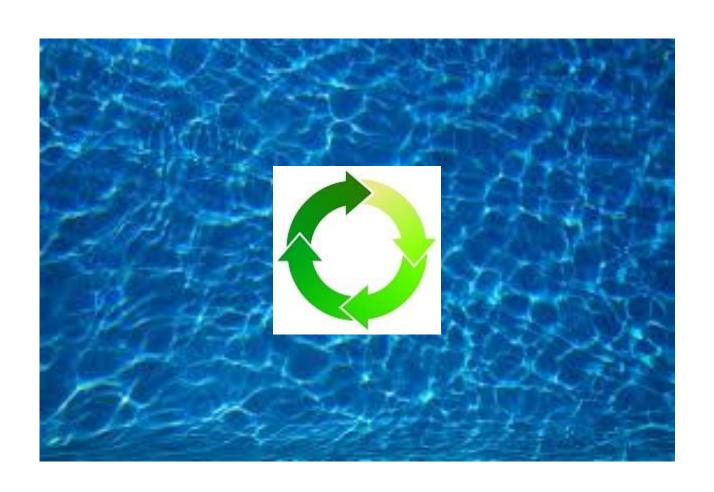
Based on measurements made by Dr. Géza Márai , Szent István University, Gödöllő. Source: http://fittklub.com/valojaban-miert-hizol/)

Realistic surreality: the lamp that continuously provides light for 30 years....



...in my home

Closing the loop of WATER



Hungarian (borned) solutions – aside from the mainstream –

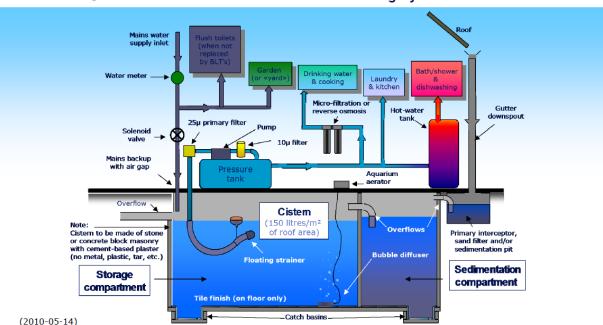
WaterAutarky

autonomous (economic self-sufficient) water systems for homes by Mr. József Országh



PLUVALOR

Rainwater Harvesting System for Whole House Reuse

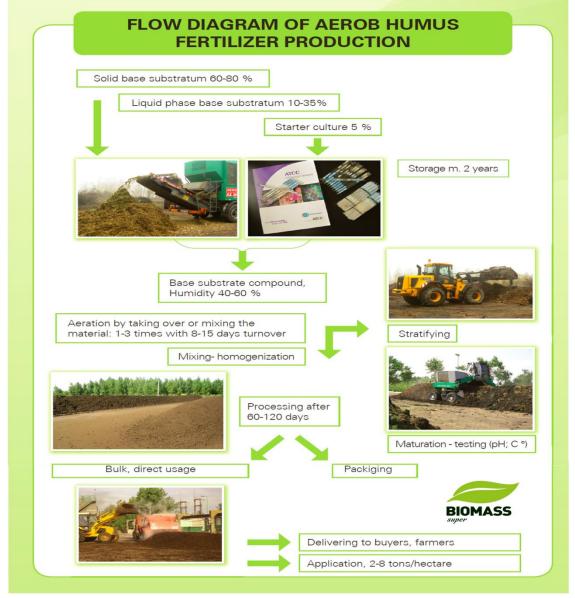


Closing the loop of SOIL(humus)



Source: http://biocycle.atmos.colostate.edu/shiny/soils/soil.jpg

Hungarian solutions – aside from mainstream Micro-biological treatment, utilisation of controlled composting



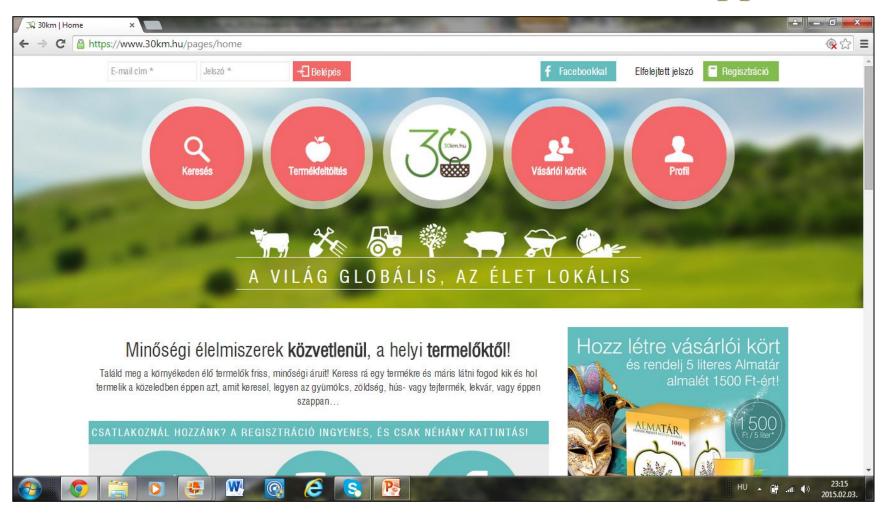
by Mr. Lajos Sáry Elmolight Bt./ /Biopsol Kft.

Closing the loop of MARKET



Hungarian solutions – aside from mainstream Bottom-up "self-organization"

"30km.hu" website and "30km" mobile application



Human beings: rational and/or irrational?

Aristotle held the belief that man is a rational animal. A growing body of research suggests otherwise.

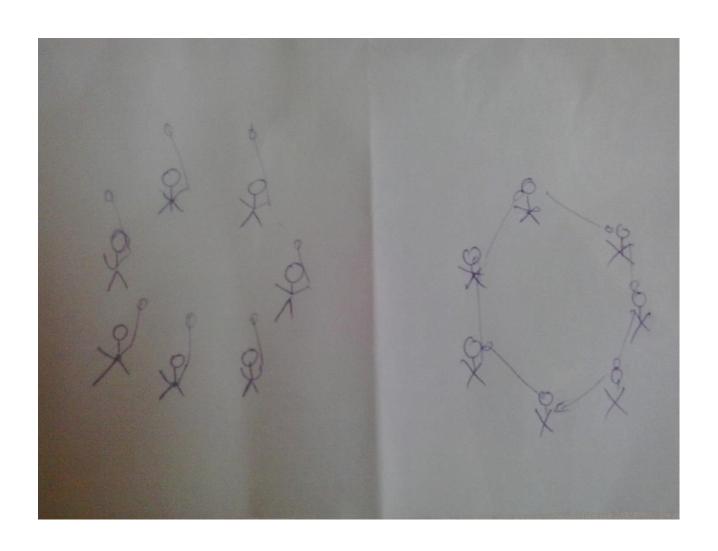
Characteristics of rational thought:

- Adaptive behavioral acts
- Judicious decision-making
- Efficient behavioral regulation
- Realistic goal prioritization
- Proper belief formation
- Reflectivity (taken from Stanovich, 2009)

Examples of human's irrationalities:

- The fact that people smoke although they know that it is not healthy
- The way we associate intelligence to qualification, nationality, color.
- The 1st and 2nd world war

Why and how closing the loops?



How to close the loops...

As Eistein said:

"We can't solve problems by using the same kind of thinking we used when we created them."



"The release of atom power has changed everything except our way of thinking...the solution to this problem lies in the heart of mankind."

Let's close the loops...and move towards circular economy

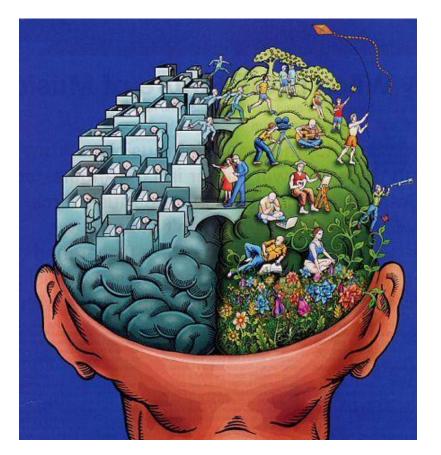
"Not everything that counts can be counted, and not everything that can be counted counts."

GDP

resource efficiency

money (\$)

economic growth



Source: http://4.bp.blogspot.com/-MoBMaxl4tho/UbmqOYl7M-I/AAAAAAABwk/9nCHSX_uCEg/s1600/ration-irration+01.jpg

fairness

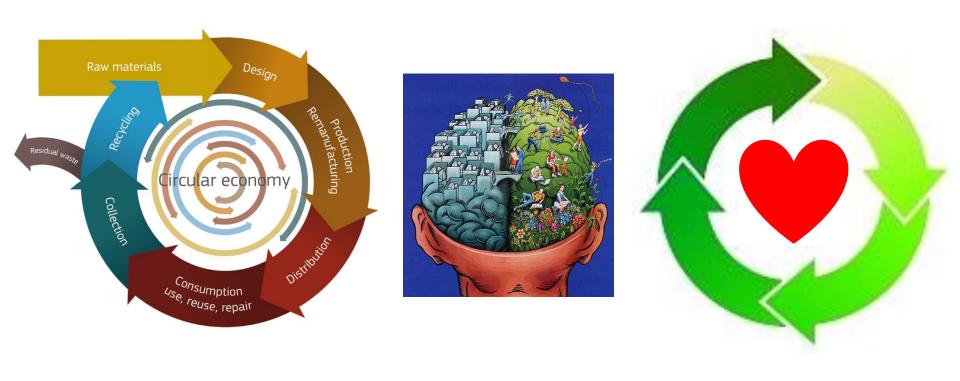
reciprocity

responsibility

sustainability

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Keep in mind: "What you believe exists."



It is not always possible to do everything that is needed but everything should always be done that is possible.