

**Who are they?**

Magosfa  
Foundation

**Where are they?**

Northern- Hungary

**What do they do?**

A green  
organizations that  
focuses on  
environmental  
protection and  
sustainable  
development of the  
region

**How big are they?**

7 staff, a yearly  
income of  
110020 EURO

**What did they receive?**

2 Windows Vista  
Business Upgrade  
7 Office  
Professional Plus  
2007  
5 Windows XP  
Professional  
1 Windows Server  
2003  
2 Windows Server  
User CAL

[www.magosfa.hu](http://www.magosfa.hu)

**The outcome?**

Upgrade of  
workstations and a  
networked modern  
office

Magosfa Foundation is one of the first green organizations in Hungary that fights for the sustainable development of smaller regions in the country. Operating in the Northern Trans-Danubian region with a small and enthusiastic staff of seven they conduct environmental protection education trainings and camps for primary school students and support local initiatives like local production, farming or tourism.

One of their major programs is focusing on ecotourism, a concept that is just getting more and more widespread in Hungary. The Magosfa Foundation has created a portal that collects and shares information on eco-tourist way of thinking and published a book that gives guidelines for tourists and professionals to think and act more environmentally friendly when traveling or hosting tourists. Moreover, in partnership with other green organizations they established a 'green tourist route' a chain of villages in the Danube-Ipoly region which is promoted to the tourists as a route where one can cycle, hike and buy the delicious and beautiful products of local farmers and artists. Environmental education is focused on two major target groups the potential trainers (mainly teachers) and primary school students. Using the methodology of environmental education students can get access to first hand experience on the effect of global changes to their local environment and also learn about solutions.

'Information technology is inevitable for our work. We use software mainly to support our activities, so it is a kind of background usage of IT' says Zsofia Tomcsanyi an environmental educator of the Magosfa Foundation. 'For our first order in the CivilTech program we concentrated on asking for the basics: Office, Windows XP and Windows Vista for example. We need these programs to be able to write applications, or read the materials that are sent by the governmental offices for us to give our views on them. As most of the offices and state institutions use these applications we need to adopt and switch from free solutions. What's more so far we lacked a real network in our office so it was very difficult to get access to the docs, although as a temporary solution we collected them on one of our PCs that was appointed to be a server. Later on we would like to extend our order to include software that would support our educational activities.'

Szilárd Szabó being the system operator of more organizations in the region said: 'The Magosfa Foundation will make a great step with the Windows Server that they were donated through the CivilTech program. That would make it possible for them to store and get access to their files more easily, furthermore the staff will have the opportunity to work from home.'

