

# ARTS Project Discovering Transition Initiatives in Budapest

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# Budapest

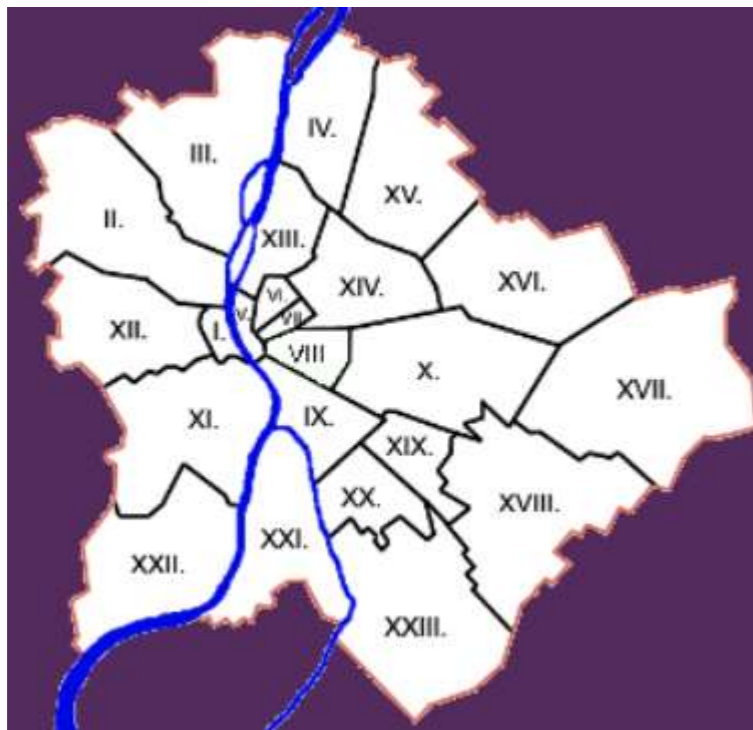
Largest city and the capital city of Hungary

1.74 million inhabitants and a total of more than 3.3 million including its suburban areas

Two -tier self-government System: 23 districts, each with the common authorities of a municipality



# Transition initiatives



23 districts

Local initiatives

Government-driven initiatives

# sustainability transition initiatives in our context:

Locally based activities which drive  
transformative change towards environmental  
sustainability of existing societal systems in  
multiple dimensions

***locally based** we mean: initiative is driven by people that live or work in the city region, and the activities of the initiative directly aim to change (e.g.) services, approaches, routines, practices and/or infrastructure, and so on, within the city region boundaries*

*Initiatives that are driven by people from outside the city region, but which may have an effect on the region (e.g. a national initiative on low carbon cities, or a Greenpeace campaign against nuclear power), are not included!*

***environmental sustainability we mean: The initiatives – by striving for environmental sustainability as a normative objective of their activities – should make a contribution to a situation of “balance, resilience, and interconnectedness that allows human society to satisfy its needs while neither exceeding the capacity of its supporting ecosystems to continue to regenerate the services necessary to meet those needs, nor by our actions diminishing biological diversity.”***

***MORELLI, JOHN (2011)***

***existing societal systems in multiple dimensions we mean: The initiative aims to transform the way that basic services – such as energy, food, mobility or housing (see the Domains defined in the characteristics of initiatives) – are currently provided, through the renewal or replacement of a whole set of interconnected elements (e.g. infrastructures and technologies, rules and norms, routines and practices, and so on).***



# Characteristics of the initiatives

Lead actors: A) Civil society B) Public sector C) Business  
D) Mixed

Domains : A) Energy B) Transport and mobility C) Food D)  
Water E) Resource management F) Build environment G)  
Nature conservation and restoration H) Education and  
knowledge

Scale: A) Below-district B) District C) City D) City-region E)  
Above city-region

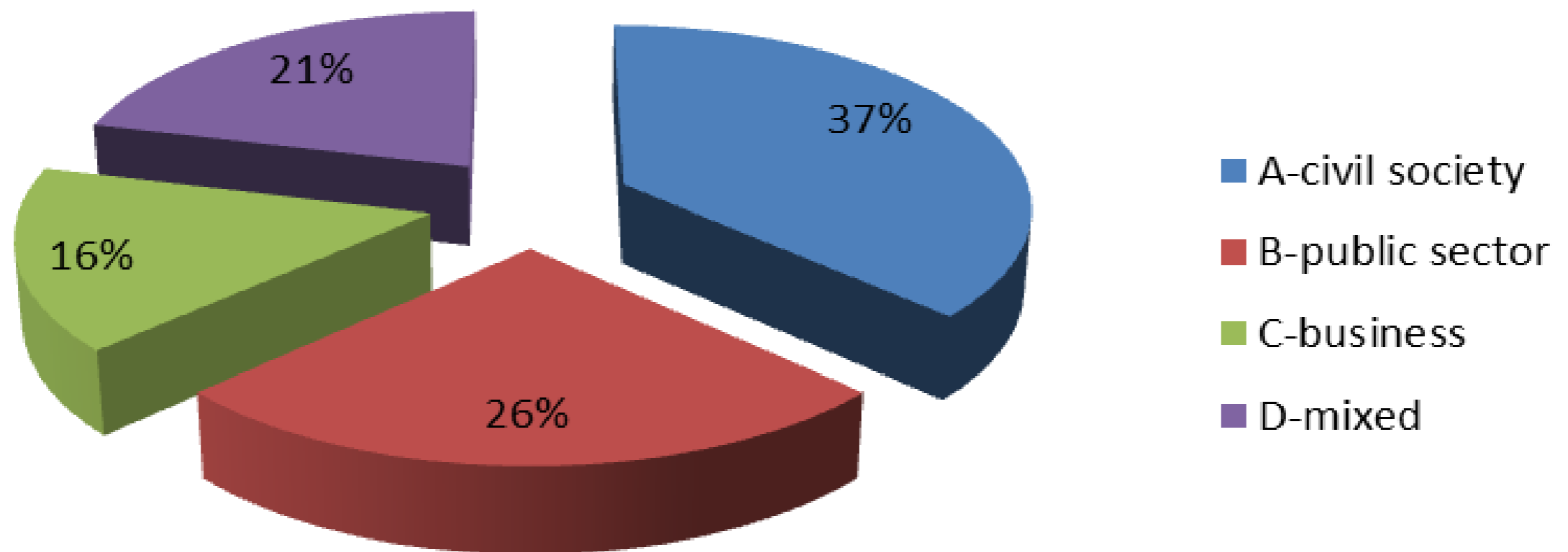
Status: Active/inactive

# First impressions of transition initiatives in Budapest

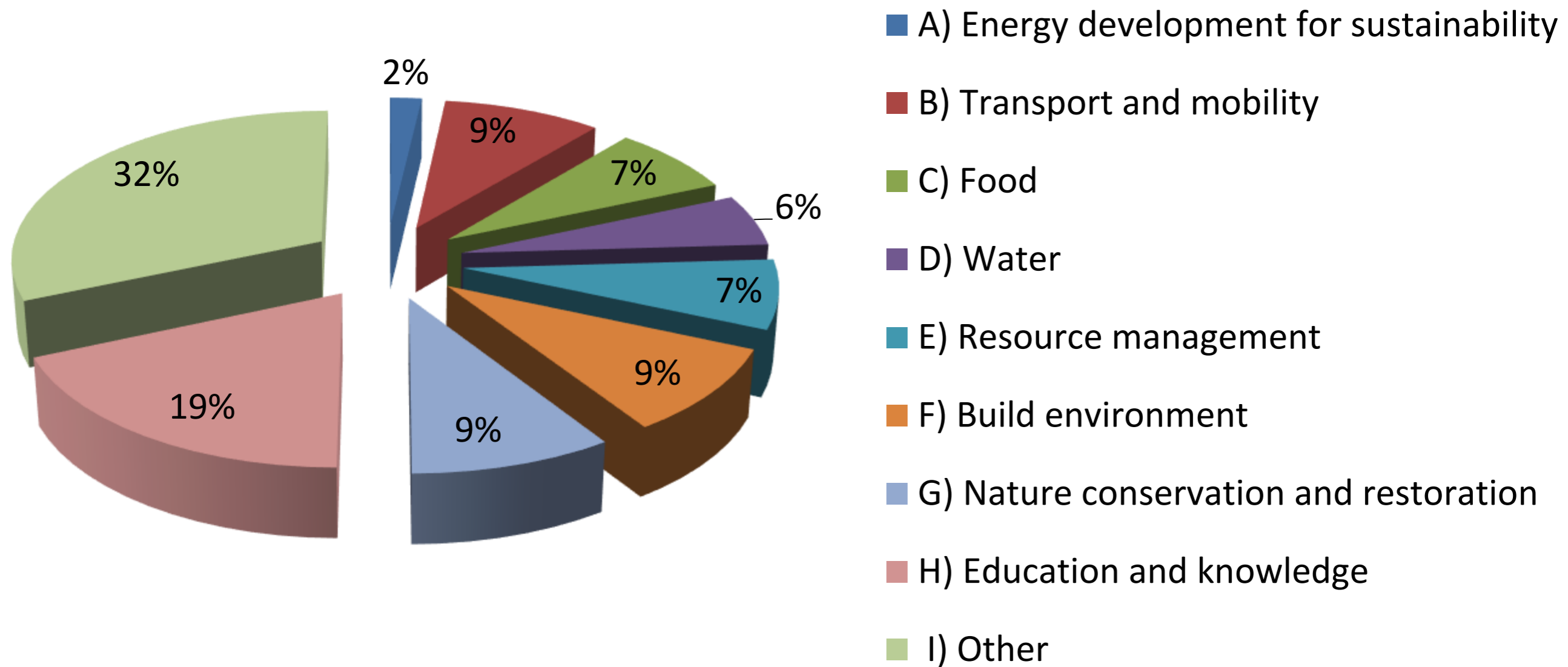
- various types of initiatives
- many initiatives come from the government, and from the civil society
- activity of innovative entrepreneurs (MOL Bubi is one of the biggest)
- most of the initiatives were founded between 2005-2014
- most of the domains are mixed & lot of on environment protection
- all of the initiatives are active
- initiatives of civil society on focal point

# Results of the Inventory

Almost 70 initiatives in the first round of our search



# Domains





# Interesting initiatives







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