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**Small-scale farming and social integration in Hungary**

Practices, values and motivations of subsistence and semi-subsistence farming

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#### Absztrakt

Our paper aims to explore the role of small-scale and subsistence farming in Central Europe by analysing statistical data, the literature and the results of a representative survey conducted in 2015 in Hungary. According to European and national-level policy analysis, subsistence farming is a cornerstone of European agriculture, and a central element of a rural image, as earlier and recent research shows.

The paper is based on earlier theories on food self-provisioning (Alber and Kohler 2008, Jehlička and Smith 2011, Rose and Tikhomirov 1993), and argues that it is worth analysing the layers of subsistence farming in order to understand its role in social integration. The paper analyses five different layers of small-scale and subsistence farming: the economic, the societal, the policy, the discursive, and the sustainability layers, and argues that although all five layers are important to understand the phenomena, the economic and policy layers are the most important in this type of activity, while the sustainability layer is almost invisible.

#### Kulcsszavak

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