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**Grassroots in difficult environments.
Reconsidering the effects of post-socialist transformations on the
Hungarian environmental movement**

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Absztrakt

In Hungary mass environmental mobilization contributed to regime change, but the country was also quick to establish an elaborate legal and institutional framework governing environmental policy, partly driven by a vocal and increasingly professionalized green civil society sector. In the early 2000s, transnationalization and Europeanization have dominated both the political agenda and the scholarly literature, leading to organizational changes (often described as NGOization) and ideational reframing of green activism. Using two case studies of urban environmental protests, the contribution illustrates the post-euphoric development of the Hungarian environmental movement in period that was marked since 2010 through the consolidation of a self-termed 'illiberal' regime. We identify 'localization', i.e. reorientation towards grassroots activism as a new trend driven by the closure of political opportunity structures. This goes together with the alienation of local protests from institutional channels of influence-seeking and the weakening of ties with potential political allies such as political parties or professionalized NGOs.

Kulcsszavak: mozgalmak, környezetvédelem, poszt-szocializmus, illiberalizmus

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