

Equal Opportunity Funding Policy

Recent developments Hungary

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Segregation

- One of the most important barrier in Roma integration
- Education
 - 178 homogenous Roma schools
 - Cca 3000 homogenous Roma classes
- Housing
 - Cca. 500 Roma settlements
 - Growing territorial ghettoisation

New approach – anti-segregation policy

- Desegregation criteria in accessing EU funds (urban-rehabilitation)
- All applicants (municipalities) should attach anti-segregation plan in the proposal
 - Eradication of segregation
 - Avoiding strengthening the segregation
 - Independent experts approve the plan

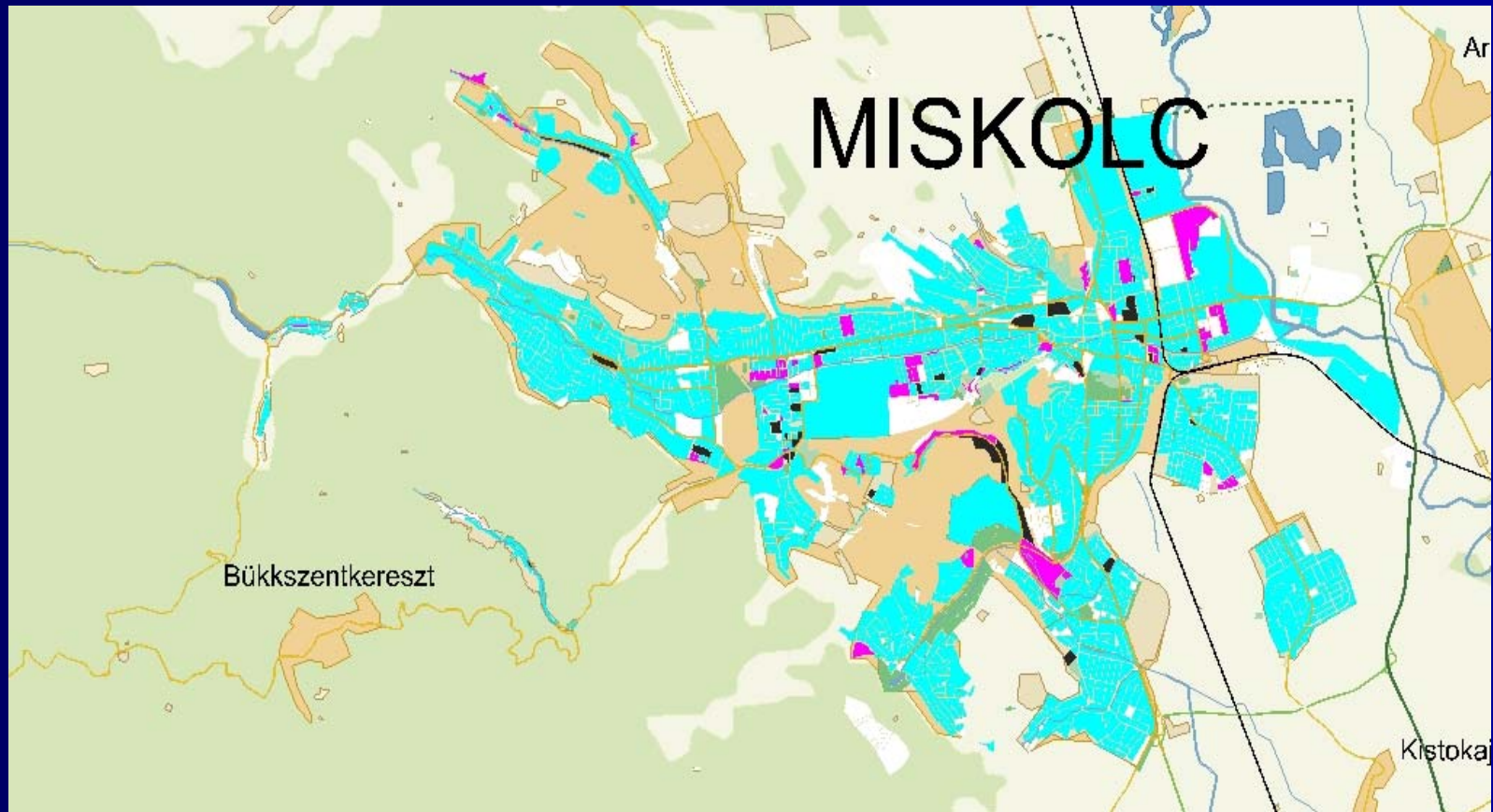
Equal Opportunity Funding Policy Public Education

- All developments of public education facilities should focus on equal opportunity aspects and desegregation of disadvantaged, Roma children
- Equal opportunity plan of public education – attachment to all national and EU funds
- Support and approval by independent experts
- Legal background – special paragraph of Public Education Act (105. §)

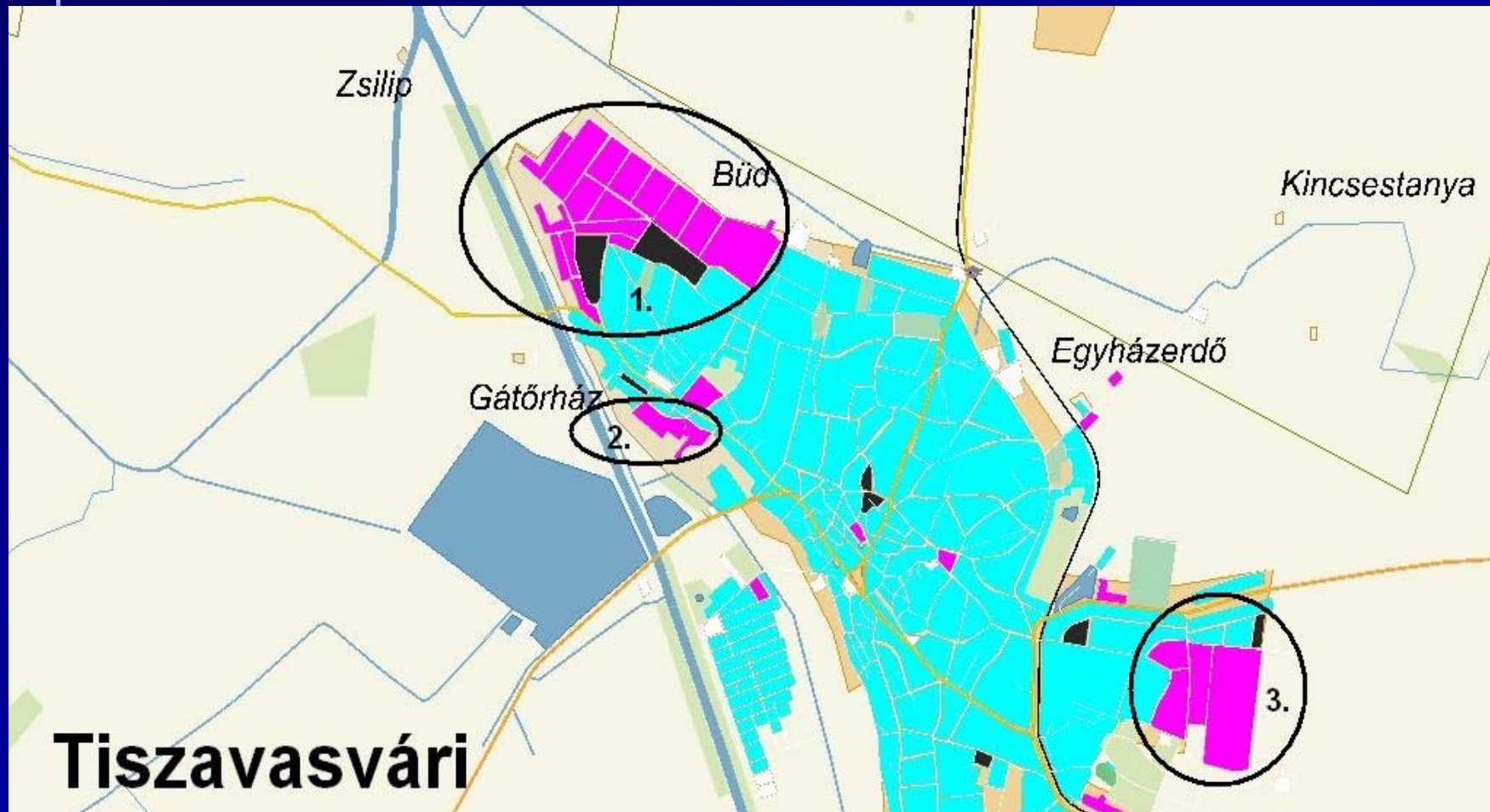
Urban-rehabilitation (Regional Operational Program)

- Priority to prestige investment (i.e. new municipal house, new cultural center)
- Underutilised resources for de-segregation
 - 250% overutilisation of the budget of Functional Urban-rehabilitation in 2008 (i.e. renovation of the municipal house, reconstruction of the city center, etc.)
 - 60% underutilisation of the budget of Social Urban-rehabilitation in 2008 (i.e. rehabilitation of the Roma settlement, or any other deteriorated areas)
- 157 anti-segregation plans have been prepared in 2008 (by large and medium-size cities)
 - Mobility program – providing housing in integrated areas (social housing, rent, etc.)
 - Complex projects (housing, employment, education, etc.)
 - Merged with educational anti-segregation policy

Segregated neighborhoods by census data

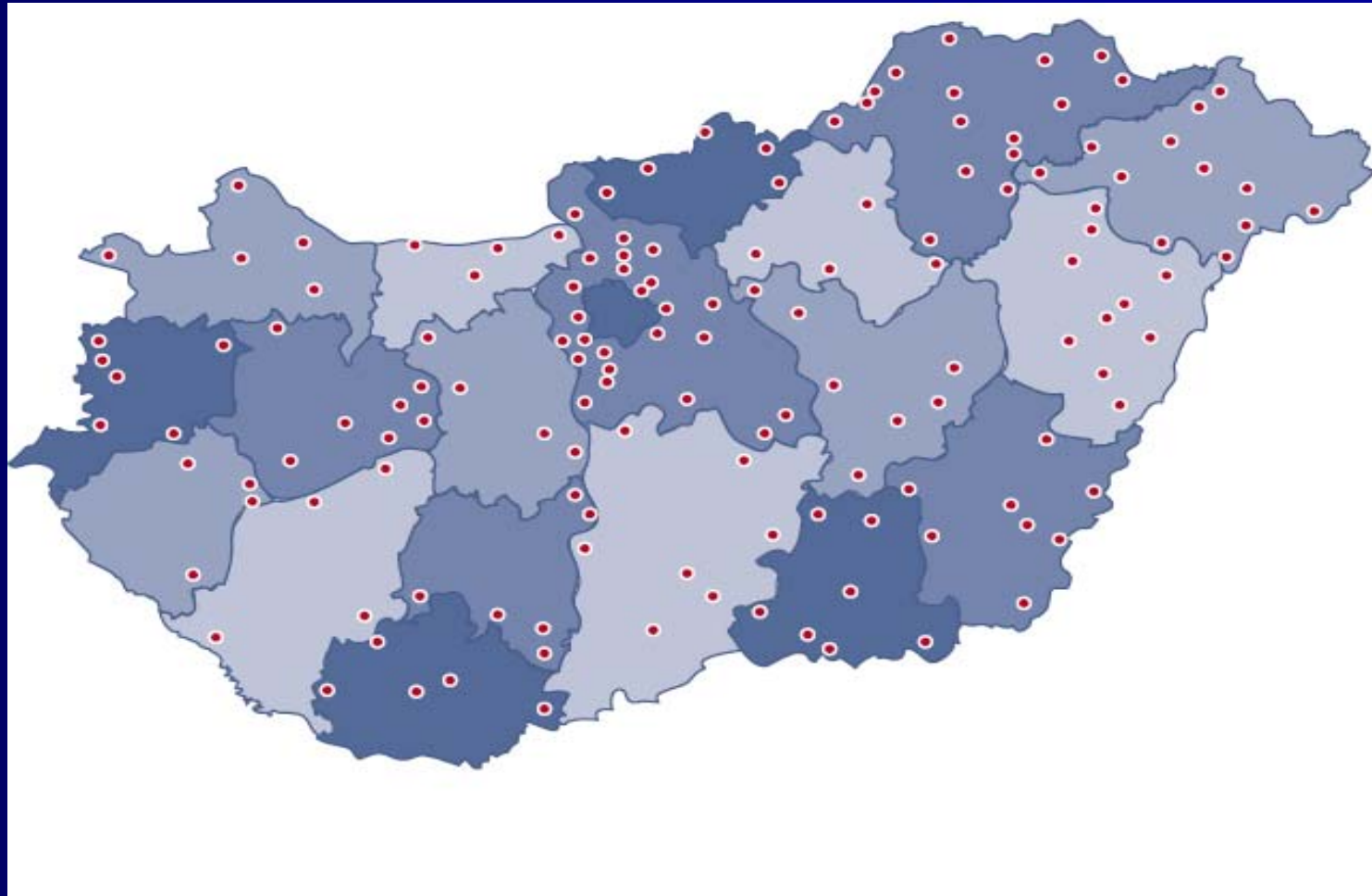


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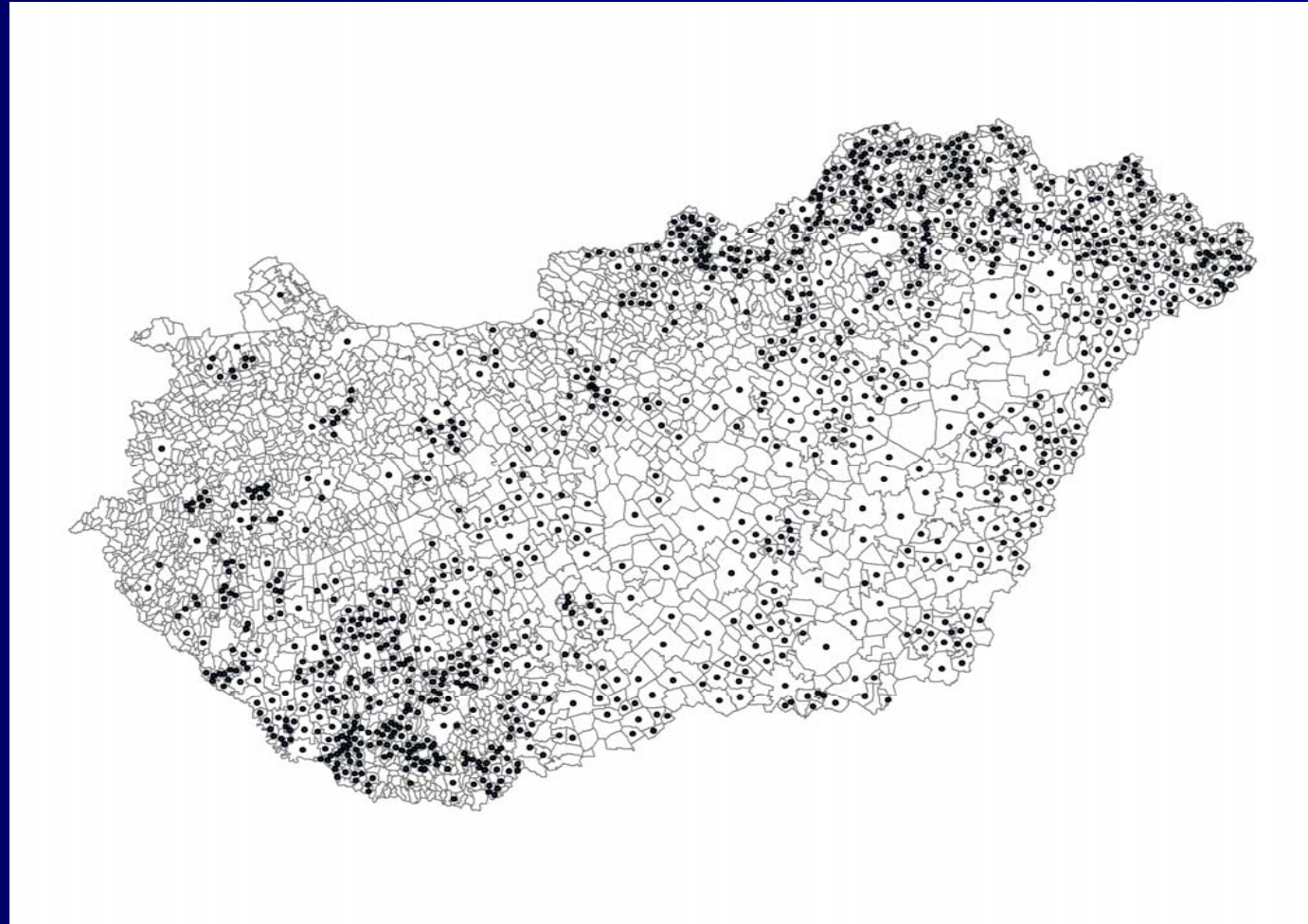


Anti-segregation plan 2008

157 plans



Equal opportunity plan of public education 2008 1235 plans



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Future steps

- Legal environment!
 - Amandement of Law on Equal Treatment and Equal Opportunities – 1st of January 2010
- Complex equal opportunity plan (education, urban.rehabilitation, employment, healthcare, etc.) – obligatory attachement for all programs, supported by national and EU funds
- Approval by the independent expert
- Best practice - Hungarian contribution to EU policies

Thank you for your attention!