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#### Abstract

Purpose - Beside the examination of electric power from renewables, this study has sought the answer as to what a ratio of vehicles fueled by environmentally sparing technologies represent in the vehicle fleets of Hungarian settlements. It has been to shed light on the self-sufficiency of Hungarian settlements with respect to these two segments of energy consumption.

Design/Methodology/Approach - When looking into self-sufficiency, the focus has been on the ratio of locally available renewable energy sources. Which settlements have the largest numbers of alternative-powered vehicles, and within the vehicle fleets of the settlements where these vehicles represent the most significant shares. The focal point of the studies has fallen on the spatial distribution of electric and hybrid vehicles, as well as vehicles powered with various biofuels. The composition of the vehicle fleet has been examined in the light of the quantities of renewable energies generated in the individual settlements in order to see whether there are settlements in Hungary that are capable of covering the energy needs of their vehicle stocks from local sources.

Findings - Among the Hungarian settlements, there are 30 settlements that are able to generate more green electricity than their annual electric power demands. One of the potential ways to utilize the electricity from overproduction is to charge the electric and hybrid vehicles belonging to the settlement, which can be used to supply energy to local transport, as well.

**Research limitation/implications** - The settlements that are up to self-sufficiency still have not had an electric vehicle fleet that would consume the excess energy locally. On the other hand, the settlements that are in possession of significant quantities of electric, hybrid and biofuel-powered vehicles seem to be unable to satisfy the energy demanded for the operation of these vehicles with renewable energy produced in their own areas. Besides, these vehicle fleets account for only a fraction of all the vehicles registered in the settlements concerned.

**Practical implications** - One of the potential ways to utilize the electricity from overproduction is to charge the electric and hybrid vehicles belonging to the settlement, which can be used to supply energy to local transport, as well. 

Social implications - The results serve as useful feedback in relation to the outcomes of the governmental or municipal measures, allowances and subsidies taken and provided for spreading environmentally friendly technologies until the end of 2017, in the energy transition process of Hungary's system of transportation. 

Originality/value - Determining municipal energy self-sufficiency by examining the settlement stock of an entire country (in the electricity and transport sectors). 

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- 1. Introduction

As opposed to meeting the ever-increasing energy needs of mankind, counteracting global warming poses significant challenges to the energy industry. Energy transition, i.e. the shift to renewable energy carriers with the elimination of the use of fossil fuels, would be an impossible move from one moment to the other, but the increasingly pessimistic climate change forecasts work as drivers behind faster action. Energy transition needs to be implemented in all three consumer sectors: in electricity generation, heating and cooling, as well as transport alike. A significant part of these energy needs together with the associated detrimental effects can be attributed to settlements, and therefore it is evident that efforts have to be taken to produce energy locally, too.

Fossil energy sources still dominate the Hungarian energy balance, and furthermore their majority is imported. Consequently, a priority should be to increase the share of locally produced renewable energy sources in the Hungarian energy mix. In Hungary, the process of energy transition saw a relatively late launch, still it has made significant achievements in the past ten years, principally by making electricity production carbon-neutral (Hungarian Independent Transmission Operator Company Ltd. (MAVIR), 2017). At the European level, however, there is a wide negative gap (Eurostat, 2004-2017).

The technology offers various alternatives for placing the transport sector on renewable grounds. However, the tendencies witnessed so far reflect the expanding use of electric and hybridpowered vehicles, and as a result their market share has been on a steady rise lately. While global sales were at a few thousand units in 2010, this number climbed up to 2 million units in 2018, and forecasts suggest further increase (Bloomberg NEF, 2019).

The target to cover 100% of energy demands from renewable resources at the national level was first worded as early as in 1975, in Denmark (Sørensen, 1975), followed by further theories (Lovins, 1976-1977) and software models worldwide (Lund, 2006). Beyond scientific theories, the first actual steps were taken by Iceland in 1998, where a government decision was adopted on power transition. The earliest aspirations to develop self-sufficient systems for settlements can be traced back to the enactment of the German Renewable Energy Act in 1997, which allowed for predictable returns (Bundesministerium für Wirtschaft und Energie: Erneuerbare-Energie-Gesetz (EEG), 2000-2017). The Stern Review of 2006 brought about another breakthrough in the judgment of renewables, as in addition to environmental and technological arguments it also credibly underpinned the compelling and reasonable necessity of energy transition in the economic field, too (Stern, 2006). In Hungary, the first computer modeling was performed at the Department of Environmental and Landscape Geography of Eötvös Loránd University (ELTE) (Munkácsy et al., 2011).

In the field of conversion to zero emission transport, Norway has been the most successful nation so far. In 2019, the ratio of the environmentally sparing vehicle park reached 17.4% (all-electric 9.3%, plug-in hybrid 4.1%, hybrid 4.0%). The number of purely electric vehicles was 260,692, while the ratio of newly sold electric vehicles was up at 46% in a country where the population counted just a bit over 5 million (Andresen, 2020). By 2019, the selling value of electric and plug-in hybrid vehicles went up to a 50% market share. For the past 25 years, the Norwegian governments have introduced a series of measures to encourage the transition, which have so far produced outstanding results, and pushed full-scaling transition within reach by now. From 2025, only zero-emission, electric or hydrogen-powered vehicles can be distributed in new car sales (Norsk elbilforening, Norwegian EV policy, 2019). With respect to electric vehicles, an important factor is that sustainable operation can be realized only if the electricity utilized comes from renewable energy resources. In Norway, more than 100% of electricity demands is covered from renewables with its vast majority generated by hydropower, which has proved to be a good basis for the Norwegian success (Eurostat, 2017). 

It was Kadurek et al. (2009) to first focus on the connection of the consumer sectors within the energy self-sufficient systems of settlements; they suggest that the electric vehicle fleet of a settlement can be effectively used to compensate for fluctuations in the outputs of renewable energy generation systems, as well as to back electricity consumption in the settlement and implement a zero-emission transport system. Several studies have addressed the system balancing potentials that are inherent in electric vehicles by allowing the storage, use and feeding of the electric power that is hectically generated by renewable electricity systems, through smart grids Dallinger and Wietschel, 2012).

On the level of the settlements, one of the earliest examples was the Bavarian settlement of Wildpoldsried, where after the German Renewable Energy Act (EEG, 2000–2017) the municipality wanted to ground its entire supply of electricity, heat energy and transport energy on renewables with reliance on locally available resources (Rajgor, 2012). After the first successful, primarily German (Aller-Leine-Tal, Effelter, Alzey-Land region, Bruchsmühlbach-Miesau, Dardesheim, Großbardorf), Danish (Samsø Island, Frederikshavn) and Austrian (Güssing) settlements that played a model role, Li Wen Li et al. 2013 dealt with the social and sociological success factors of the implementation of community-owned renewable energy projects through case studies in Germany (Li Wen Li et al, 2013). The first good practices were followed by other settlements ranging from villages to large cities (Energie Region, Aller-Leine-Tal; Bioenergiedorf-Effelter; Alzey-Land region; 100ee Erneuerbare Energie Region; Güssing Renewable Energy; Dardesheim Renewable Energy Projects; FWR Energie Genossenschaft, Großbardorf; Sierra Club - Ready for 100%; Sperling, 2017; Lund, 2009).

# **2.** Aim of the study

The aim of the study is to determine the proportion of vehicles partly or fully operated with clean energy sources in the vehicle fleets of Hungarian settlements, as well as the progress of Hungarian settlements towards the implementation of self-sufficiency in the light of their vehicle stocks. Which settlements have the largest numbers of alternative-powered vehicles, and within the vehicle fleets of the settlements where these vehicles represent the most significant shares. The focal point of the studies has fallen on the spatial distribution of electric and hybrid vehicles, as well as vehicles powered with various biofuels. The composition of the vehicle fleet has been examined in the light of the quantities of renewable energies generated in the individual settlements in order to see whether there are settlements in Hungary that are capable of covering the energy needs of their vehicle stocks from local sources.

# 115 3. Materials and Methods

For these studies, we used the structured database of the Hungarian Central Statistical Office (HCSO); it was compiled by the Office at our request, according to the following parameters. The database includes the details of the Hungarian motor vehicle stock for the years of 2008–2017. The stock is differentiated by fuel types or their combinations as the sources of power, and distinguishes passenger cars from freight vehicles, buses, tractors, slow vehicles, and motorcycles with all these data broken down for the individual settlements. In 2017, there were 3155 local governments operating in Hungary (Hungarian Central Statistical Office (HCSO), 2017), and their scope of powers included the registration of motor vehicles. Therefore, each of these vehicles belonged to a specific Hungarian settlement. Despite the necessary movement of the vehicle stock, this method links the vehicles the most accurately to a given settlement, and in this context their composition with respect to the individual settlements can be examined. The reason for our taking the period from 2008 to 2017 into account is that this time interval offers the most recent information available among the data types used in our comparative analysis. The parallel data used include the number of local governments registered in the territorial database of the HCSO, the respective populations and the above-mentioned figures in relation to vehicles in the respective settlements (Hungarian Central Statistical Office (HCSO), 2008-2017. The Hungarian Energy and Public Utility Regulatory Authority (MEKH) and the universal public utility suppliers are the source of data for the number and capacity of small-scale household power plants (SSHPP) and small-scale power plants with installed capacities under 0.5 MW (not subject to authorization or not belonging to the SSHPP category). From the data of small-scale power plants that utilize local renewable energy sources and can be regarded as the most decentralized form of power generation, the settlement's electricity production capacity can be calculated. 

# 138 3.1. Methods for the calculation of the electricity production capacity

MAVIR Hungarian Transmission System Operator Company (Magyar Villamosenergia-ipari
 Átviteli Rendszerirányító Zrt.) distinguishes the following power plant categories by the capacity of

the power plants in the Hungarian power system. Basically, power plants under 50 MW are categorized as small-scale power plants and power plants of 50 MW and above as large power plants. Small-scale power plants with capacities between 50 and 0.5 MW, between 0.5 MW and 50 kW and below 50 kW are distinguished within the below-50 MW category (Kulcsár, 2020; Act CXVII of 2010). Our studies have considered the capacities of small household-scale power plants at and under 50 kVA (50 kW) not subject to authorization (SSHPP), as well as small-scale power plants with installed electric capacities under 0.5 MW that are not subject to authorization, and do not belong to the SSHPP category (small-scale power plants), the establishment of which has been allowed by the Hungarian Electric Energy Act since 1 January 2008.

SSHPP units are basically installed by the institutional, corporate and household segment to cover their own electricity needs in full or part. Electricity input and consumption is measured with the use of electronic, single phase meters. The generated energy is used locally, whereas any superfluous volume is fed into the grid. When production is suspended, the necessary electric power is available from the grid. The service providers make settlements based on the balance calculated from the total quantities of consumed and input energy as recorded by the consumption meters, as well as the currently valid unit prices. Since 2008, the number of HSPP units has been dynamically growing; they counted 29,685 at the end of 2017 with a total installed capacity of 241.4 MW. 99.41% of the power plants use the power of the sun, while the remaining 0.59% rely on thermal methane gas, diesel, natural gas, biomass, biogas, water and wind energy sources. The volume of electricity fed by SSHPP units into the grid in 2017 was 105,086 MWh (Government Decree 279/2017 (IX. 22)) (Table 1).

 Table 1. Summary data of small-scale household power plants at the end of 2017 (Government Decree 279/2017 (IX. 22))

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		Nom	inal capaci	ties of hous	ehold-scale s	mall power p	olants per	energy sou	arces (kW)	
year	other	diesel	natural	biomass	thermal	biogas	hydro	wind	solar	total
			gas		methane		power	power	energy	
2017	36	11	291	20	206	115	112	619	239,960	241,370
			Quantity of	household-	scale small p	ower plants	per energ	gy sources (	units)	
year	other	diesel	natural	biomass	thermal	biogas	hydro	wind	solar	total
			gas		methane		power	power	energy	
2017	1	1	20	1	26	28	14	84	29,510	29,685
v	olume o	of energy	supplied t	o the netwo	rk by househ	old-scale sm	all powe	r plants per	energy sourc	es (MWh)
year	other	diesel	natural	biomass	thermal	biogas	hydro	wind	solar	total
			gas		methane		power	power	energy	
2017	125	0	258	0	553	32	387	105	103,626	105,086

The number of small-scale power plants under 0.5 MW was up to 238 as of 31 December 2017 with an aggregate installed capacity of 78.2 MW. The energy carriers concerned embrace a broad spectrum, including both renewable and fossil energy sources. In this category, electricity is generated mostly from renewables, such as solar power, wind and water, biogas, landfill gas and sewage gas. Though to a small extent, fossil energy carriers are also among the energy sources of these small-scale power plants, primarily with production from natural gas, thermal methane gas, other gases and petrol (Government Decree 279/2017 (IX. 22)). 71% of the power plants are solar power facilities, followed by biogas and hydropower plants with 14% and 10%, respectively. With respect to capacities, solar power plants are on the top of the ranks with 78% of the installed capacity, and then comes the 14% share of biogas power plants from the aggregate capacity. Hydropower (4%) and natural gas (3%) also have considerable shares in the energy mix.

Unlike SSHPP units, these power plants are mostly constructed by business operators. The establishment of these power plants is mostly driven by the goal of realizing business profits, with connection to the Mandatory Take-Off System (KÁT) effectively operated until 31 December 2016 [29, 32, 33] of the Ministry of National Development), and thereafter, from 1 January 2017 to the Renewable Energy Support Scheme (METÁR) (Directive 98/70/EC; Amendment of Directive 2009/28/EC; Directive 2015/1513; ILUC Directive; Hungarian Energy and Public Utility Regulatory Authority (HEA), SHARES report, 2010–2020); National Utilities, e-Mobi Elektromobility Nonprofit Ltd.).

The settlement-level SSHPP unit and capacity data were made available to us by E.ON Energiaszolgáltató Kft., ELMÜ-ÉMÁSZ Energiaszolgáltató Zrt. and Dél-magyarországi Áramszolgáltató Zrt. (DÉMÁSZ) as universal suppliers operating in the territory of Hungary, whereas information in relation to the number and capacities of small-scale power plants under 0.5 MW was disclosed by the Hungarian Energy and Public Utility Regulatory Authority (MEKH). The detailed, settlement-level electricity production data are handled by MEKH and MAVIR as business secret, and therefore they are not available for studying, and furthermore the production data measured by universal suppliers do not reflect the real electric power generation in the SSHPP units. The underlying reason is that in the course of production the energy used by the consumers that are installed before the meters does not enter the grid, and therefore it is not metered. Universal suppliers are in possession of data of only electricity volumes that are in fact delivered by the production equipment. As a result, the available data are not suitable for determining the volumes of electric power generated in the settlements from renewable energy sources. Therefore, information in relation to the electricity generated locally from renewables and settlement-level data were generated by calculations based on the following principles.

To determine the level of self-sufficiency in settlements that accommodate power plants from the two categories, the annual volume of electricity that can be theoretically generated by the power plants (for solar power), and that can be determined based on the average level of utilization annually (for other renewable energy sources) were compared with the annual electricity consumption of the respective settlements in 2017 (Hungarian Regional-development and Spatial-planning Information System (HRSIS) 2017). Our calculations were made to see as in what proportions the studied power plant categories, and notably the power plants utilizing local energy resources were able to satisfy the electricity demands of the individual settlements. 

For solar panel systems, the settlement-level data for total capacities in 2017 were considered to determine the theoretical quantity of electricity produced annually. The calculations were performed using the Photovoltaic Geographical Information System (PVGIS) operated by the European Commission Joint Research Centre (Ispra, Italy) (Photovoltaic Geographical Information System (PVGIS), 2019). With reliance on the software, the calculations were performed for all the Hungarian settlements where SSHPP and/or small-scale photovoltaic power plants under 0.5 MW capacity were operated. 

In the case of the other renewable energy sources, their average national utilization data for 2017 were used to determine the volume of electricity that could be theoretically generated in the settlements during 2017, for which purpose average utilization figures were provided by MEKH (Table 2). Annual utilization data were also available for solar power, but in the case of this source of energy PVGIS allowed more accurate calculations.

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From among other energy carriers, wherever petrol, diesel, natural gas, gas and thermal methane gas were used in the small-scale power plants, these fossil energy sources as ones that were not relevant to our studies were not taken into consideration. The studies were conducted in relation to the areas of 3155 local governments in Hungary (Hungarian Central Statistical Office (HCSO), 2017).

It allowed the determination the level of self-sufficiency of the settlements with respect to electricity generation. Similarly, the roles of these settlements generating electric power in excess of their actual demands could be defined in regional electricity supply, i.e. the satisfaction of the needs of the neighbouring settlements by means of exporting their overproduction. In this context, the local renewable energy generation capacity of the settlements is known.

3.2. Fuel types taken into consideration in the studies 

In 2017, Hungary's vehicle stock counted 4,342,447 vehicles, resulting from a steady increase since the three-year decline following the 2008 economic crisis. 80% of the vehicles are passenger cars, 11% are freight vehicles, the ratio of buses is 0.5% with 1.5% for tractors, 3% for slow vehicles and nearly 4% for motorcycles.

Half of the fuel types listed in the database come from purely fossil energy sources (10 fuel categories), mainly hydrocarbon derivatives and their combinations, such as petrol, diesel, mixed, liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) and compressed natural gas (CNG), LPG/petrol, CNG/diesel, CNG/petrol, diesel and LPG/diesel. Purely renewable energies and the combinations of renewable and fossil energies make up the other half of fuel types (11 fuel categories), including hybrid, electric, gas/vegetable oil, methanol, vegetable oil, biogas, petrol/ethanol (bioethanol - E85) and various hybrid combinations (Table 3): 

- - HYB/E/P = hybrid/electric/petrol
  - - HYB/E/P/LPG = hybrid/electric/petrol/LPG
- - HYB/E/G = hybrid/electric/gas
  - - HYB/E/G/CNG = hybrid/electric/gas/CNG
- No data were available for vehicles powered with hydrogen (H2) and liquefied natural gas (LNG).
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vehicle units	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Petrol	2,644,209	2,584,932	2,533,936	2,491,458	2,461,538	2,458,558	2,454,682	2,459,602	2,484,902	2,553,33
Diesel	1,152,864	1,168,384	1,186,254	1,213,894	1,260,322	1,330,166	1,419,469	1,520,028	1,582,956	1,490,6
Hybrid	2,595	2,941	3,267	3,841	4,447	5,220	6,446	8,388	10,669	10,3
Electric	261	271	280	316	344	369	459	691	1,225	2,6
Mixed	2,569	2,594	1,220	940	761	647	490	332	206	1
Natural gas/ vegetable oil	0	0	84	140	198	207	211	209	275	2
LPG	0	0	8	10	21	20	26	32	33	
CNG	0	0	27	72	297	573	967	1 178	1 381	15
LPG/petrol	0	0	3,708	9,507	17,792	21,665	23,805	25,014	26,029	26,9
CNG/gas oil	0	0	138	176	219	250	247	230	237	:
Methanol	0	0	3	10	12	17	26	43	56	
Vegetable oil	0	0	2	3	4	6	8	11	11	
Biogas	0	0	1	1	2	1	0	2	3	
Petrol/ethanol	0	0	61	109	362	397	417	437	463	
CNG/petrol	0	0	43	146	545	800	1,025	1,155	1,233	1,
Gas oil	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	40,263	24,4
HIB/E/B	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	119	1,775	9,
HIB/E/B/LPG	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	7	
HIB/E/G	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	46	
HIB/E/G/CNG	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	
LPG/gas oil	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	
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3.2. Proportion of renewable energy sources in fuels (vehicle units) 

Based on the statutory biofuel blending ratio prescribed in Act CXVII of 2010, fossil fuels are required to have some renewable energy content (Act CXVII of 2010; Government Decree 279/2017 (IX. 22)). The given quantity of biofuels needs to be marketed by distributors in pure form or as blended into petrol or diesel fuel. Determined in the Act and its implementation decree, the maximum 5% ratio by volume was applied until 1 January 2020, after which - pursuant to the amendment of Directive 98/70/EC and Directive 2009/28/EC - the European Union's Directive 2015/1513 (9 September 2015) increased it to 10% by volume (Directive 98/70/EC; Amendment of Directive 2009/28/EC). 

Since the effective dates of these legal regulations, the bioethanol content of 95 octane petrol was first set at 4.9%, and then increased to at least 6.1% on 1 January 2020, whereas the share of biodiesel blended with diesel fuel rose from 6.4% to 8.2%.

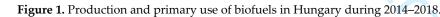
 In Hungary, the E85 fuel containing 85% bioethanol and 15% petrol has been marketed since
267 2007. Its share within all fuels has been steadily declining since the reduction of the excise tax rate in
2012, similarly to the number of fueling stations offering this type of fuels (Figure 1).

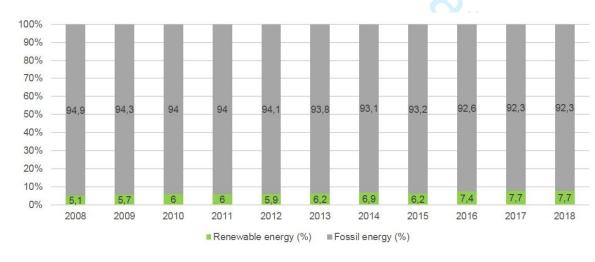
A certain proportion of the electricity consumed by electric road vehicles has to be electric power produced from renewable energy sources, and is calculated with the use of the method determined in the ILUC Directive (ILUC Directive). In this context, according to the latest data from 2016, this ratio in Hungary is 27.46%, which is due to the electricity consumption of trolleybuses, while the associated statistics still have not been extended to cover electric motor vehicles.

The use of biogas in the transport sector is in fact immeasurable, as a part of the biogas capacities operated in Hungary for this purpose is not serviceable. Others use the generated biogas for electric power production, or feed the biogas in the form of purified biomethane into the natural gas network. Due to the biomethane sold abroad, the volume of renewable energies fed into the network can no longer be recognized as domestic renewable energy use.

The volume of energy produced from renewable energy resources and used in transport was 8.3
PJ in 2015. Then, it increased to 8.9 PJ in 2016, which was mainly owing to the growing the use of
electricity from renewable energy sources, as well as bioethanol and biodiesel [36] (Figure 1–2).







**Figure 2.** Share of the use of energy produced from renewable energy resources in transport in Hungary, 2008–2018.

By breaking down the data at the settlement level, the numbers of vehicles in the individual settlements become available by fuel type alongside their ratios among the vehicles registered in the same settlements. Consequently, the level that a settlement concerned has achieved in the shift to environmentally friendly vehicles within the transport sector, i.e. its progress in energy transition can be determined. These data, however, reflect only conditional self-sufficiency, because some fuels and electricity for transport purposes are not necessary produced locally, but are brought to the consumers of the settlement by means of transport. Nevertheless, the results suggest which settlements would be able to supply their vehicle fleet with energy from local renewable sources.

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# 295 3.3. Changes in the number of alternative-powered vehicles from 2008 until 2017

The number of hybrid vehicles increased at a moderate pace from 2008 until 2015, followed by a dynamic growth thereafter. From 2016 to 2017, their number nearly doubled. The stock of purely electric vehicles was almost negligible until 2015, but in the following two years their number doubled, and the trend continued into 2018 (4272 vehicles) and 2019 (7432 vehicles) alike. The reason for the stronger popularity of hybrid vehicles is the longer and more reliable range owing to the internal combustion engine installed in addition to the electric motor, as well as the more moderate purchase prices compared to those of purely electric vehicles. However, this price level can still be considered to be high under the Hungarian circumstances. Arguments in favour of electric vehicles include low operating costs, charging, parking and tax rebates – provided that the vehicle is a purely electric car carrying a green number plate or a hybrid capable of covering 25 km by purely electric means – and a subsidization scheme made available from the end of 2018 to support the purchasing of electric cars. Despite the advantages, the small volume of this vehicle stock is due to the consistently high prices of the vehicles, the short range and the insufficient charging capacities that were available at that time. The increased amount of the subsidy from June 2020, as well as the option to use the subsidy for purchasing lower priced models can be helpful in this situation. Furthermore, the country became fully traversable in the middle of 2019 with the commissioning of approximately 330 charging stations (National Utilities, e-Mobi Elektromobility Nonprofit Ltd.). (Figure 3).

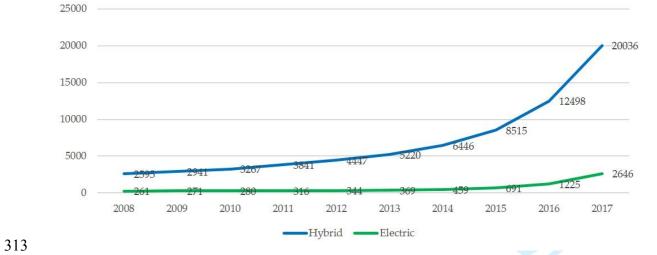
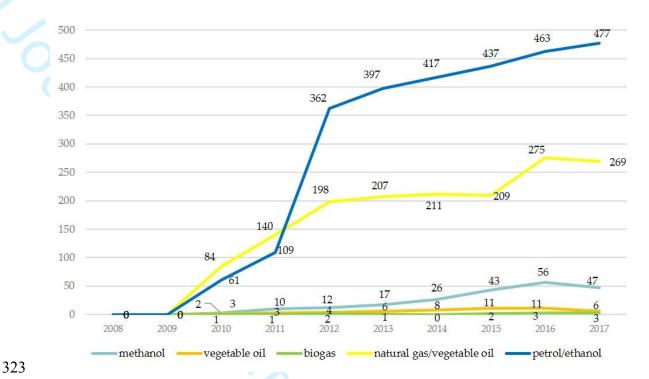


Figure 3. Changes in the number of electric and hybrid vehicles between 2008 and 2017 in Hungary(vehicle units).

The number of vehicles running on gas/vegetable oil, methanol, vegetable oil, biogas and petrol/ethanol fuels is negligible within the Hungarian vehicle stock with their number reaching only 802 by 2017. The great majority of vehicles running on methanol are passenger cars, and are fundamentally vehicles used for competitive sports, while those running on vegetable oil and biogas are so-called experimental vehicles. Concerning the five fuel combinations, significant vehicle numbers belong to the gas/vegetable oil and petrol/ethanol fuels (Figure 4). In general, the combined biofuel category does not and is unlikely to constitute a perceivable vehicle fleet in the future.



**Figure 4.** Changes in the number of vehicles powered by purely or partially renewable fuels in the period of 2008–2017 in Hungary – gas with vegetable oil, methanol, vegetable oil, biogas and petrol/ethanol (vehicle units).

For any settlement, energy self-sufficiency in the transport sector can be realized if the settlement is able to supply the energy that is necessary for its vehicle stock from local renewable energy resources. In broader circles, this goal can be accomplished by serving the electric power demands of electric and hybrid vehicles.

## **4. Results**

During the evaluation of the results, as corresponding to the three environmentally friendly groups of fuels, separate ranks were established based on the numbers of the purely electric, hybrid and biofuel-powered vehicles in the individual settlements and their proportions within the respective vehicle fleets.

43 336 4.1. Number and proportion of electric vehicles

In Hungary, only 2646 purely electric vehicles were operated in 2017. Most of them, i.e. some 1273 vehicles in Budapest with other larger fleets used in the county seats and the smaller town of the Budapest metropolitan area. The number of these vehicles in the individual settlements ranged between 10 to 40. There were two settlements that contradicted the dominance of large cities; one of them was Balatonalmádi, where 180 electric vehicles had been registered until the end of 2017. On the whole, purely electric vehicles make up 3.47% of the vehicle stock of this small-sized town. However, these cars belong to a corporate fleet registered in the settlement. Lying in the middle of the Transdanubian with just over 500 inhabitants, the village of Tüskevár is in a similar situation, as it has a fleet of 21 electric vehicles (Table 4). 

When the number of electric vehicles belonging to the individual settlements is related to the number of vehicles registered in the same settlements, then Balatonalmádi, having a population of 8640 inhabitants, is again on the top of the rank, with 3.47%, which represents the highest proportion of electric vehicles in a single settlement across the country. The vast majority of the top 20 settlements in the ranking are villages with small populations and fleets consisting of just a few vehicles, and therefore one or two electric vehicles represent perceivable proportions, such as in the case of Hernyék in Zala County (Table 4, Figure 5).

Table 4 shows the number and ratio of electric vehicles. Next these figures, the ratio of electricity produced in the settlement in local small-scale power plants from renewable energy sources. It can be seen that the cities and towns in the left-hand side of the table are in possession of the largest numbers of electric vehicles countrywide, but in terms of the proportions the given numbers of vehicles represent they are still not sufficient to bring about noticeable changes in self-sufficiency when transport in the settlements is concerned. Balatonalmádi boasts of the highest ratio, where 2.63% of electricity consumption comes from renewable sources in addition to the 3.47% share of electric vehicles. From among the settlements with the largest vehicle ratios in the country as shown in the right side, beside Balatonalmádi Patca can boast of a 70.55% level of electric power self-sufficiency with a 1% share of electric vehicles. Kővágóörs is similarly outstanding with a 0.5% ratio of electric vehicles accompanied by 41.6% renewable electricity.

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**Table 4.** Number and proportion of electric vehicles in the vehicle fleets of Hungarian settlements,as well as the proportions of electricity produced by SSHPPs and small-scale power plants under 0.5MW in the consumption of the settlements (2017).

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	SETTLEMENT	Number of electric vehicles in total (vehicle units)	Proportion of electric vehicles (%)	Ratio of the annual electricity demand of the settlement covered from renewable energy sources (%)		SETTLEMENT	Number of electric vehicles in total (vehicle units)	Proportion of electric vehicles (%)	Ratio of the annual electricity demand of the settlement covered from renewable energy sources (%)
1	Budapest	1 273	0.16	0.73	1	Balatonalmádi	180	3.47	2.63
2	Balatonalmádi	180	3.47	2.63	2	Hernyék	1	3.44	0
3	Székesfehérvár	41	0.08	0.36	3	Nagyút	3	1.64	0
4	Kecskemét	37	0.06	1.03	4	Újszalonta	1	1.63	0
5	Győr	36	0.05	1.31	5	Borgáta	1	1.61	0
6	Debrecen	35	0.04	1.65	6	Hevesaranyos	2	1.41	0
7	Érd	33	0.09	3.00	7	Bakonykúti	1	1.36	0
8	Vecsés	31	0.25	2.87	8	Hosszúvölgy	1	1.26	0
9	Miskolc	25	0.04	1.68	9	Tésa	5	1.07	0
10	Budaörs	24	0.13	2.07	10	Patca	2	1.00	70.55
11	Szeged	22	0.03	1.67	11	Nadap	7	0.83	7.28
12	Pécs	21	0.03	1.44	12	Zalaszentlőrinc	1	0.82	0
13	Tüskevár	21	0.70	0	13	Tüskevár	21	0.70	0
14	Szombathely	20	0.05	1.49	14	Pilisszentlászló	4	0.66	6.59
15	Dunakeszi	18	0.08	2.78	15	Gic	1	0.62	0.97
16	Szentendre	16	0.11	3.18	16	Vanyola	1	0.53	1.36
17	Szigetszentmiklós	16	0.08	2.09	17	Csénye	2	0.52	1.70
18	Nyíregyháza	15	0.02	1.01	18	Kővágóörs	2	0.51	41.60
19	Zalaegerszeg	14	0.04	1.73	19	Fertőrákos	6	0.51	0.46
20	Siófok	13	0.09	2.11	20	Balatonszepezd	1	0.46	3.46

373 4.2. Number and proportion of hybrid vehicles

Shown in Table 5, hybrid vehicles counted approximately 20,000 vehicle units in 2017. Almost half of these vehicles running on Hungarian roads are registered in Budapest. In each of the county seats, there are 100–500 vehicles. Large cities listed in the left column are again interspersed with the settlements of the Budapest metropolitan area. The underlying reason is the more favourable investment positions of the wealthier population living there, as they can more easily exploit the benefits offered with alternative-powered vehicles, and make use of the economical operating characteristics for commuting within a 50-km range. Out of the 20 settlements with the highest proportions of hybrid vehicles, Keresztéte in Borsod County tops the rank with 6.25%, followed by Libickozma with 5.55%. These high ratios are given by one and two vehicles, respectively. The situation is similar in most of the settlements included in the ranking, as one or two cars represent significant ratios due to the small populations. Six settlements stand out in this list; Halásztelek and Törökbálint boast of 141 and 143 hybrid cars, which make up 2.58% and 2.8% of the local vehicle fleets, respectively. The settlements of Telki and Üröm are also to be specifically mentioned with their

3	387	Fleets of 37 and 65 hybrid cars, respectively, which account for ratios of around 2% (Table 5, Figure
4	388	5).
5	389	In cities with the largest numbers of hybrid vehicles, the share of electric power from renewable
6 7	390	sources tends to be small. In Budaörs, Szentendre and Halásztelek, the 1–3% hybrid shares are
7 8	391	coupled with the 2–3% ratios of electricity, but these figures are far from indicating self-sufficiency.
9	392	From among settlements with higher green electricity production, Telki has a 2% hybrid ratio and
10	393	17% renewable electricity generation. In Csurgónagymarton, the ratio of hybrid vehicles is 2%, and
11	394	26% of electricity comes from renewables. These settlements do produce considerable volumes of
12	395	green electricity, but still cannot hit the watermark of self-sufficiency in spite of the fact that in their
13	396	own areas they generate renewable electric power on the highest level in proportion of local
14	397	consumption. As a result, none of the settlements is capable of supplying their hybrid vehicle stocks
15 16	398	with local renewable energy sources (Table 5).
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Table 5. Number and proportion of hybrid vehicles in the vehicle fleets of Hungarian settlements, as well as the proportions of electricity produced by SSHPPs and small-scale power plants under 0.5 MW in the consumption of the settlements (2017).

	SETTLEMENT	Number of hybrid vehicles in total (vehicle units)	of hybrid vehicles (%)	<ul> <li>Ratio of the annual electricity demand of the settlement covered from renewable energy sources (%)</li> </ul>	50	SETTLEMENT	Total number of hybrid vehicles (vehicle units)	Proportion of hybrid vehicles (%)	Ratio of the annual electricity demand of the settlement covered from renewable energy sources (%)
1	Budapest	8 246	1.09	0.73		Keresztéte	2	6.25	0
2	Debrecen	471	0.55	1.65		Libickozma	1	5.55	0
3	Szeged	352	0.54	1.67	3	Erdősmárok	1	2.70	15
4	Győr	273	0.45	1.31	4	Varbóc	1	2.63	0
5	Pécs	253	0.41	1.44	5	Halásztelek	141	2.58	3.31
6	Érd	246	0.73	3.00	6	Und	7	2.49	0
7	Székesfehérvár	243	0.48	0.36	7	Kozárd	2	2.43	8.08
8	Miskolc	227	0.38	1.68	8	Fenyőfő		2.38	2.56
9	Kecskemét	226	0.41	1.03	9	Tornanádaska	1	2.38	0
.0	Nyíregyháza	103	0.38	1.01	10	Kékkút	1	2.17	0.06
.1	Budaörs	200	1.15	2.07	11	Tésa	10	2.14	0
.2	Dunakeszi	198	0.94	2.78	12	Telki	37	2.01	17.28
.3	Csomád	183	0.93	148.51	13	Csurgónagymarton	1	1.92	26.42
.4	Szentendre	181	1.32	3.18	14		65	1.84	8.63
.5	Szombathely	171	0.45	1.49	15	Zimány	3	1.80	0
16	Veszprém	157	0.57	0.96	16	Törökbálint	143	1.80	2.46
		146			17		1		
	Szigetszentmiklós				18		5		
		143		2.46	19		8		
20	Halásztelek	141	2.58	3.31	20	Somogysimonyi	1	1.69	0
17 18 19 20 .3.	Gödöllő Szigetszentmiklós Törökbálint	143 143 141		3.31	18 19 20	Vöröstó Aszófő Remeteszőlős Somogysimonyi	5 8	1.78 1.71 1.71 1.69	3.9 0.15 10.55 0

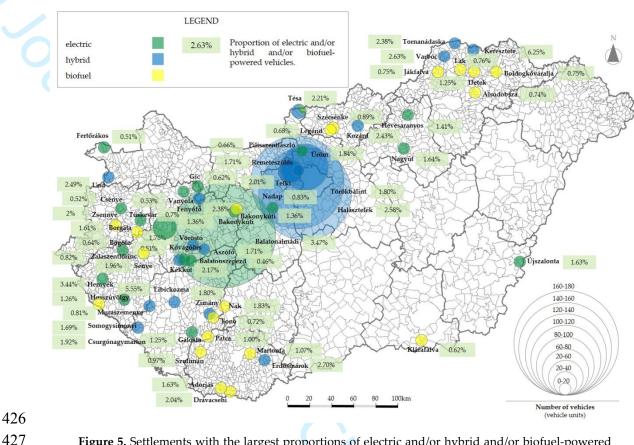
4.3. Number and proportion of biofuel-powered vehicles

In 2017, the total number of vehicles running on biofuels in Hungary remained under 1000. Most of these vehicles, altogether some 133 cars can be found in Budapest, but they represent an invisible number in the city's fleet counting more than 750,000 vehicles. Even in cities where the largest numbers of cars powered by bioenergy are used, the number of cars fueled with methanol, biogas, vegetable oil and petrol/ethanol ranges between 6 and 14. All the first 20 top-ranking settlements with the largest rates of biofuel-powered vehicles are villages with small populations, and therefore the one or two registered vehicles account for 0.5–2% (Table 6, Figure 5). 

Beyond covering the annual electricity demands of the settlements the electric power generated from local renewables has no relevance to the operation of vehicles running on biofuel. Still, in a significant part of these settlements the source of electricity originating from renewable sources is P neta which he of the net of the second biogas, landfill gas and sewage gas, which can potentially serve as local options for the fuel supply of partially or fully gas-powered vehicles. The ranking names settlements such as Győr, Miskolc, Debrecen, Szeged or Hódmezővásárhely, which latter one has the largest share of renewable electricity (Table 6, Figure 7). In Debrecen, for instance, buses serving urban transport run on biomethane that is produced from landfill gas and sewage gas generated in the city's landfill site and wastewater treatment plant by way of purification. Around half of the settlements with the highest proportions of biofuel-powered vehicles are capable of generating renewable electricity in their own areas, but none of them from energy sources that can be used for the vehicles in question. It is the result of the fact that with no exceptions the power plants of the 20 top-ranking settlements are solar power plants. 

 **Table 6.** Number and proportion of biofuel-powered vehicles in the vehicle fleets of Hungariansettlements, as well as the proportions of electricity produced by SSHPPs and small-scale powerplants under 0.5 MW in the consumption of the settlements (2017).

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SETTLEMEN	VT Number of biofuel- powered vehicles in total (vehicle units)	Proportion of biofuel- powered vehicles (%)	Ratio of the annual electricity demand of the settlement covered from renewable energy sources (%)		SETTLEMENT	Number of biofuel- powered vehicles in total (vehicle units)	Proportion of biofuel- powered vehicles (%)	Ratio of the annual electricity demand of the settlement covered from renewable energy sources (%)
Budapest	133	0.01	0.73	1	Drávacsehi	1	2.04	0
Kecskemét	14	0.02	1.03	2	Zsennye	1	2	0
Szeged	14	0.02	1.67	3	Sénye	1	1.96	17.77
Győr	13	0.02	1.31	4	Nak	4	1.83	0
5 Miskolc	13	0.02	1.68	5	Adorjás	1	1.63	0
Debrecen	11	0.01	1.65	6	Bakonykúti	1	1.36	0
/ Nyíregyháza	11	0.02	1.01	7	Detek	1	1.25	5.10
B Eger	9	0.03	1.29	8	Gálosfa	1	1.25	1.53
9 Dunaharaszti	8	0.06	2.07	9	Martonfa	1	1.07	7.13
) Gödöllő	8	0.04	2.74	10	Szulimán	1	0.97	0
1 Hódmezővásár	hely 8	0.04	4.87	11	Szécsénke	1	0.89	0
2 Pécs	8	0.01	1.44	12	Muraszemenye	2	0.81	0.24
8 Veszprém	8	0.02	0.96	13	Lak	1	0.76	0
4 Cegléd	7	0.04	0.28	14	Boldogkőújfalu	1	0.75	10.38
5 Érd	7	0.02	3.00	15	Jákfalva	1	0.75	2.14
Székesfehérvár	7	0.01	0.36	16	Alsódobsza	1	0.74	2.58
7 Vác	7	0.04	0.51	17	Fonó	1	0.72	0
8 Kőszeg	6	0.11	0.96	18	Legénd	1	0.68	0
9 Sopron	6	0.02	1.75	19	Bögöte	1	0.64	0.95
0 Zalaegerszeg	6	0.02	1.73	20	Klárafalva	1	0.62	0



**Figure 5.** Settlements with the largest proportions of electric and/or hybrid and/or biofuel-powered vehicles in their vehicles stocks, in Hungary, 2017 (settlement rank).

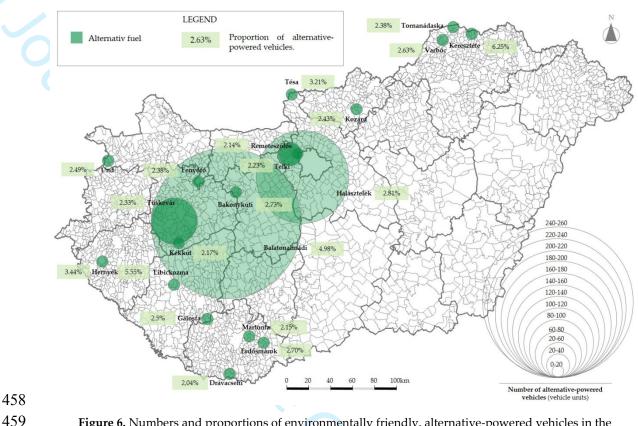
# 429 4.4. Number and proportion of environmentally friendly, alternative-powered vehicles

If electric, hybrid and biofuel-powered vehicles are combined into a single category of environmentally friendly, alternative-powered vehicles, then Budapest can boast of the largest number of such vehicles with the stock counting nearly 10,000. They represent only 1.27% of the city's cars. The capital city is followed by Debrecen with 517 vehicles, which makes up only 0.61% of the vehicle stock of the second most populated settlement. Again, the combined category lists large cities and small cities from the metropolitan area of the capital city. Out of the 20 settlements with the largest number of alternative-powered vehicles, Balatonalmádi on the shores of Lake Balaton stands out with a nearly 5% proportion of alternative-powered vehicles. With the focus shifted to the percentage ratio among all the vehicles registered in the given settlement, then the highest proportion, notably 6.25% belongs to Keresztéte. It is followed by Libickozma with 5.55% and Balatonalmádi with 4.98%. While in the first two settlements the given shares are backed by one or two vehicles, Balatonalmádi needed 258 vehicles for the given ranking (Table 7, Figure 6).

Out of the 20 settlements with the largest number of environmentally friendly, alternative-powered vehicles, there is only one settlement that produces electric power from local renewable resources beyond its own needs. This settlement is the village of Csomád, situated in the Budapest metropolitan area., which has a stock of nearly 20,000 vehicles despite its population counting only 1650 inhabitants. It is owing to the fact that the fleets of several business operators are registered in the settlement as a result of the favourable conditions of taxation offered by the local government. 1% of its vehicle stock is made up of cars operating with alternative, environmentally friendly, mostly hybrid and electric technologies. The renewable electricity generated in the area of the settlement exceeds the needs of the settlement by almost 50%, and this energy can be utilized to supply its hybrid and electric vehicles. This electric power is sufficient for the annual electricity demand of the vehicles belonging to the village, but in case all the vehicles in the settlement were electric or hybrid, it would prove to be inadequate.

**Table 7.** Number and proportion of alternative-powered vehicles in the vehicle fleets of Hungariansettlements, as well as the proportions of electricity produced by SSHPPs and small-scale powerplants under 0.5 MW in the consumption of the settlements (2017).

	SETTLEMENT	Number of	Proportion	Ratio of		SETTLEMENT	(settlement ra Number of		Ratio of	
		alternative- powered vehicles (vehicle units)	of alternative-	the annual electricity	!		alternative- powered vehicles (vehicle units)	of alternative- powered vehicles (%)	the annual electricity demand of the settlement covered from renewable energy sources (%)	
1	Budapest	9,652	1.27	0.73	1	Keresztéte	2	6.25	0	
2	Debrecen	517	0.61	1.65	2	Libickozma	1	5.55	0	
3	Szeged	388	0.60	1.67	3	Balatonalmádi	258	4.98	2.63	
4	Győr	322	0.53	1.31	4	Hernyék	1	3.44	0	
5	Székesfehérvár	291	0.58	0.36	5	Tésa	15	3.21	0	
6	Érd	286	0.85	3.00	6	Halásztelek	154	2.81	3.31	
7	Pécs	282	0.46	1.44	7	Bakonykúti	2	2.73	0	
8	Kecskemét	277	0.50	1.03	8	Erdősmárok	1	2.70	15	
9	Miskolc	265	0.44	1.68	9	Varbóc	1	2.63	0	
10	Balatonalmádi	258	4.98		10	Gálosfa	2	2.5	1.53	
11 12	Nyíregyháza Budaöra	236 229	0.43		11 12	Und	7	2.49	0	
12 13		229 217	1.32				2	2.43 2.38	8.08 2.56	
13 14		217 198	1.04			Fenyőfő Tornanádaska	1	2.38 2.38	2.56 0	
14 15	Szentendre	198 197	1.01 1.43		14 15	Tornanådaska Tüskevár	1 69	2.38 2.33	0 0	
15 16	Szentendre Szombathely	197 195	0.51		15 16	Telki	69 41	2.33	0 17.28	
10 17	Veszprém	193 169	0.51		10	Kékkút	1	2.23	0.06	
17	-	165	1.01		17	Martonfa	2	2.17	7.13	
		163	0.84		10 19	Remeteszőlős	10	2.13	10.55	
	Halásztelek	154	0.04 2.81				1	2.04	0	

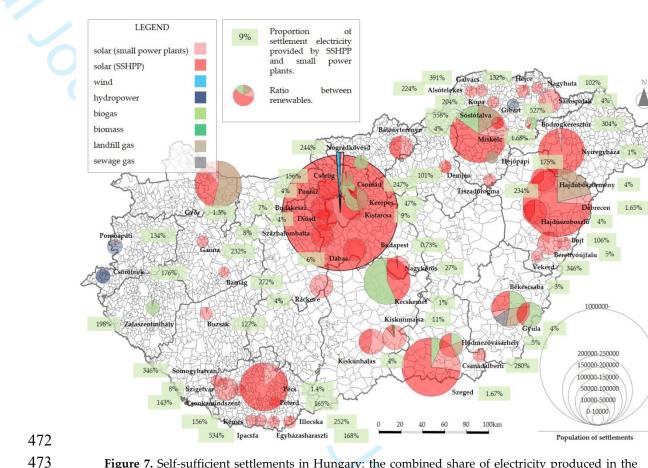


**Figure 6.** Numbers and proportions of environmentally friendly, alternative-powered vehicles in the settlements with the largest ratio of alternative-powered vehicles, in Hungary, 2017 (settlement rank).

# 461 4.5. Link between renewable electricity generation and the environmentally friendly vehicle stock

With respect to the settlements that generate the most local, renewable electric power in comparison to their respective annual consumptions, there are 30 Hungarian settlements that would be capable of ensuring the potential supply of their alternative-fueled motor vehicle stocks with fuels. In their own areas, these settlements annually produce electricity with the use of small-scale power plants utilizing renewable energy in excess of their own needs. Local overproduction is of such an extent that these settlements would be able to satisfy the annual electricity demands of 29 other, neighbouring settlements by transferring their unused electric power. It means that the energy from overproduction could be used for charging electric vehicles, but only three of these settlements have hybrid and/or electric vehicles (Table 8, Figure 7). In addition to the already mentioned Csomád, they are Ganna and Bodrogkeresztúr.

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d sha small-sc. belonging to the to of the settlers Figure 7. Self-sufficient settlements in Hungary: the combined share of electricity produced in the categories of small household-scale power plants (SSHPP) and small-scale power plants with installed capacities under 0.5 MW - not subject to authorization or belonging to the SSHPP category - from local renewable energy sources in the electricity consumption of the settlements (2017).

**Table 8.** Proportion of hybrid and electric vehicles in the vehicle stocks of settlements that are selfsufficient in the field of electric power generation from local renewable energy sources. (Renewable electricity production only as based on the combined electricity production capacity of the categories of small-scale household power plants (SSHPP) and small-scale power plants with installed capacities under 0.5 MW that are not subject to authorization or do not belong to the SSHPP category (2017)).

•	SETTLEMENT Among all settlements in Hungary	Ratio of the annual electricity demand of the settlement covered from renewable energy sources (%)	<b>Populatio</b> <b>n</b> (person)	Total vehicles	of hybrid vehicles	n of	Number of electric vehicles (vehicle units)	Proportion of electric vehicles (%)
1	Sóstófalva	558	262	84	0	0	0	0
2	Ipacsfa	534	200	85	0	0	0	0
3	Gibárt	493	335	142	0	0	0	0
4	Galvács	391	87	91	0	0	0	0
5	Vekerd	346	119	101	0	0	0	0
6	Csanádalberti	280	468	120	0	0	0	0
7	Barnag	272	142	82	0	0	0	0
8	Illocska	252	268	69	0	0	0	0
9	Tiszadorogma	234	377	173	0	0	0	0
10	Ganna	232	269	154	1	0.64	0	0
11	Alsótelekes	224	140	35	0	0	0	0
12	Kupa	204	186	47	0	0	0	0
13	Bodrogkeresztúr	197	1,102	599	1	0.16	0	0
14	Egyházasharaszti	168	334	107	0	0	0	0
15	Somogyhatvan	167	372	109	0	0	0	0
16	Peterd	165	223	88	0	0	0	0
17	Csörötnek	165	862	360	0	0	0	0
18	Kémes	156	475	211	0	0	0	0
19	Csomád	149	1,631	19,533	87	0.44	11	0.05
20	Csonkamindszent	143	176	62	0	0	0	0
21	Nógrádkövesd	142	660	289	0	0	0	0
22	Hejce	132	223	184	0	0	0	0
23	Buzsák	127	1,525	603	0	0	0	0
24	Pornóapáti	125	384	213	0	0	0	0
25	Hejőpapi	125	1,175	345	0	0	0	0
26	Zalaszentmihály	116	1,005	428	0	0	0	0
27	Csörög	112	2,148	780	0	0	0	0
28	Bojt	106	598	143	0	0	0	0
29	Nagyhuta	102	64	28	0	0	0	0
30	Demjén	101	613	300	0	0	0	0

484 Owing to their settlement geographic characteristics, these small settlements are in more 485 favourable positions in terms of energy self-sufficiency, and therefore the associated objectives can 486 be accomplished more easily. They are on the top of the absolute ranking. To assess the situation of 487 larger settlements, studies have been conducted in relation to settlements with populations between 488 10,000 and 100,000 inhabitants, as well as over 100,000 inhabitants. These two categories have been 489 arbitrarily created in view of the typical sizes of Hungarian settlements.

490 Among the small cities with populations between 10,000 and 100,000 inhabitants, Kerepes has
491 the highest electricity self-sufficiency rate, which reaches 47%, followed by Nagykőrös with 27%. In
492 the ranking that lists 20 settlements, none of the places has any electric or hybrid car ratio over 1%.

493 From among the cities with populations over 100,000 inhabitants, Miskolc is in possession of the 494 highest proportion of renewable electricity generation, accounting for 1.68%. Compared to their 495 vehicle stocks, in these large cities the shares of alternative-powered vehicles using electricity are also 496 under 1% (Table 9, Figure 7).

**Table 9.** Proportions of hybrid and electric vehicles in the vehicle stocks of settlements with populations of 10,000–100,000 and over 100,000 inhabitants, accompanied by the largest proportions of electric power generation from local renewable energy resources. (Renewable electricity production only as based on the combined electricity production capacity of the categories of small-scale household power plants (SSHPP) and small-scale power plants with installed capacities under 0.5 MW that are not subject to authorization or do not belong to the SSHPP category (2017)).

	SETTLEMENTS between 10,000 – 100,000 inhabitants	Ratio of the annual electricity demand of the settlement covered from renewable energy sources (%)	<b>Populatio</b> <b>n</b> (person)	Total vehicles	Number of hybrid vehicles (vehicle units)	Proportion of hybrid vehicles (%)	Number of electric vehicles (vehicle units)	Proportion of electric vehicles (%)
1	Kerepes	47	10,473	5,025	15	0.29	5	0,09
2	Nagykőrös	27	23,935	10,115	8	0.07	0	0
3	Kiskunmajsa	11	11,534	5,904	3	0.05	0	0
4	Kistarcsa	9	12,990	5,807	28	0.48	3	0,05
5	Szigetvár	8	10,558	4,346	8	0.18	2	0.04
6	Százhalombatta	8	19,228	9,486	14	0.14	2	0.02
7	Budakeszi	7	14,887	6,721	50	0.74	7	0.10
8	Dabas	6	17,014	9,531	16	0.16	3	0.03
9	Berettyóújfalu	5	14,989	6,383	14	0.21	0	0
10	Hódmezővásárhely	5	45,159	18,094	26	0.14	4	0.02
11	Hajdúböszörmény	4	31,026	12,245	13	0.10	0	0
12	Sárospatak	4	12,375	5,474	6	0.10	4	0.07
13	Gyula	4	30,656	12,709	16	0.12	4	0.03
14	Diósd	4	10,354	5,249	32	0.60	1	0.01
15	Pomáz	4	17,889	7,912	38	0.48	7	0.08
16	Hajdúszoboszló	4	23,987	10,379	16	0.15	3	0.02
17	Bátonyterenye	4	12,525	4,409	4	0.09	1	0.02
18	Kiskunhalas	4	28,532	13,137	25	0.19	5	0.03
19	Ráckeve	4	10,392	4,760	14	0.29	1	0.02
20	Békéscsaba	3	60,137	27,586	60	0.21	12	0.04
		SETTLEME	NTS over 10	0,000 inhab	itants	X		
1	Miskolc	1.68	160,325	59,256	106	0.17	25	0.04
2	Szeged	1.67	163,763	64,436	177	0.27	22	0.03
3	Debrecen	1.65	203,493	84,496	262	0.31	35	0.04
4	Pécs	1.4	149,030	60,725	122	0.20	21	0.03
5	Győr	1.3	124,743	60,189	140	0.23	36	0.05
6	Nyíregyháza	1	120,086	53,948	103	0.19	15	0.02
7	Kecskemét	1	110,974	54,597	122	0.22	37	0.06
8	Budapest	0.73	1,693,051	754,524	4347	0.57	1273	0.16

### 503 5. Conclusions, summary

According to the requirements that we have set, a settlement must be capable of producing the energy it needs within its own area in order to be self-sufficient in electric power and transport energy. Among the Hungarian settlements, there are 30 settlements that are able to generate more green electricity than their annual electric power demands. One of the potential ways to utilize the electricity from overproduction is to charge the electric and hybrid vehicles belonging to the settlement, which can be used to supply energy to local transport, as well. However, the settlements that are up to self-sufficiency still have not had an electric vehicle fleet that would consume the excess energy locally.

On the other hand, the settlements that are in possession of significant quantities of electric, hybrid and biofuel-powered vehicles seem to be unable to satisfy the energy demanded for the operation of these vehicles with renewable energy produced in their own areas. Besides, these vehicle fleets account for only a fraction of all the vehicles registered in the settlements concerned.

The above results serve as useful feedback in relation to the outcomes of the governmental or municipal measures, allowances and subsidies taken and provided for spreading environmentally friendly technologies until the end of 2017, in the energy transition process of Hungary's system of transportation. They indicate that there is still a long way to go until the realization of the self-sufficiency of settlements in the fields of electricity supply and transport. If energy transition is to be implemented in the foreseeable future, in the electricity supply and transport of settlements, the incentives provided so far are not sufficient.

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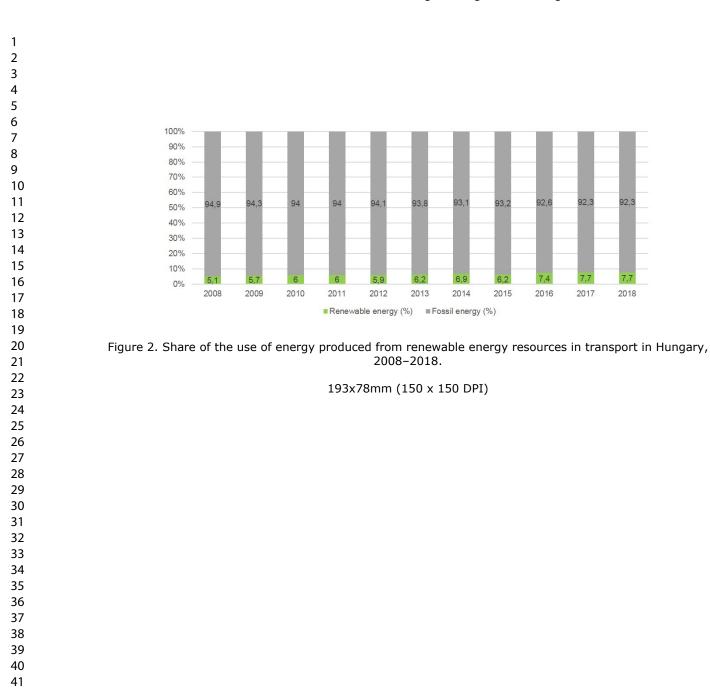
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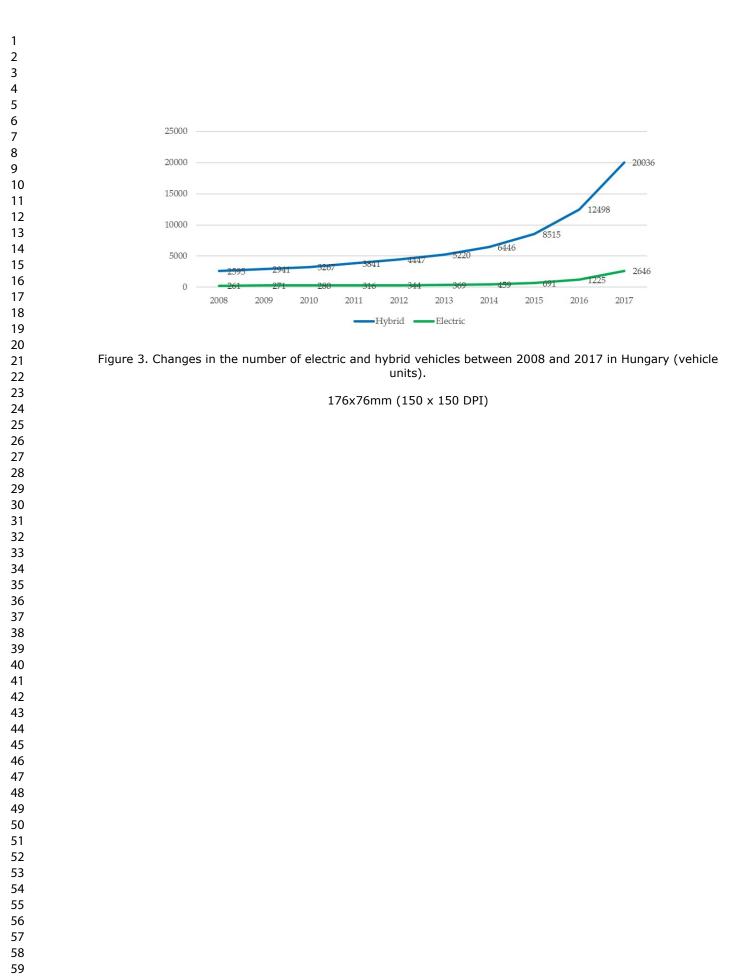
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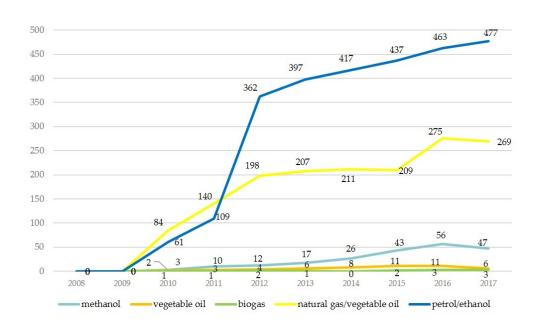


Figure 4. Changes in the number of vehicles powered by purely or partially renewable fuels in the period of 2008–2017 in Hungary – gas with vegetable oil, methanol, vegetable oil, biogas and petrol/ethanol (vehicle units).

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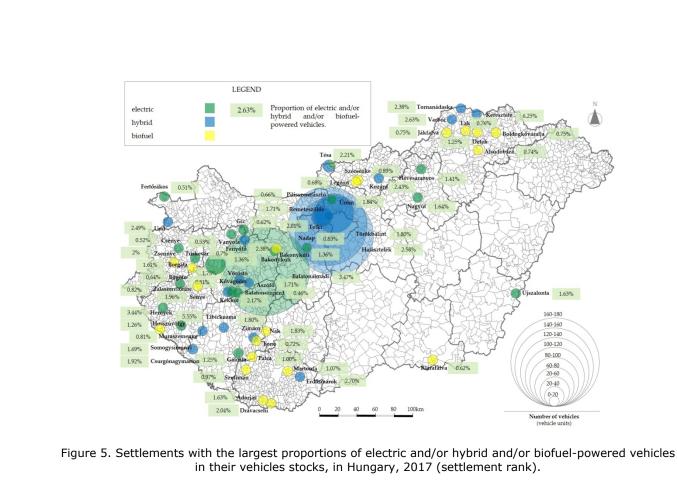
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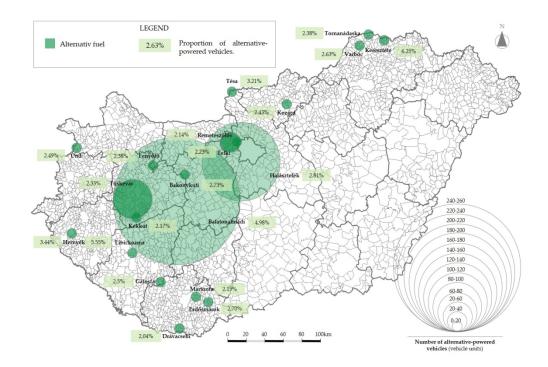


Figure 6. Numbers and proportions of environmentally friendly, alternative-powered vehicles in the settlements with the largest ratio of alternative-powered vehicles, in Hungary, 2017 (settlement rank).

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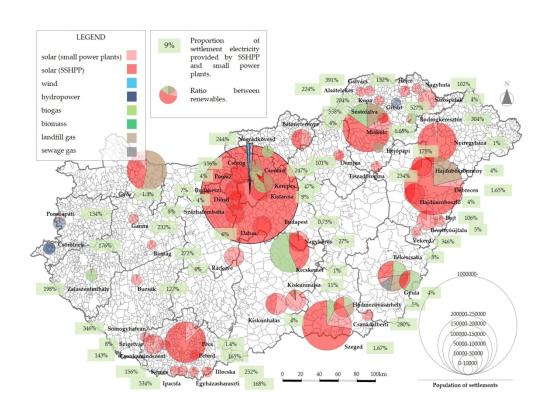


Figure 7. Self-sufficient settlements in Hungary: the combined share of electricity produced in the categories of small household-scale power plants (SSHPP) and small-scale power plants with installed capacities under 0.5 MW – not subject to authorization or belonging to the SSHPP category – from local renewable energy sources in the electricity consumption of the settlements (2017).

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Table 1. Summary data of small-scale household power plants at the end of 2017 (Government Decree
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<b>Table 2.</b> The average utilization rates of SSHPP units using renewable energy resources and small-
scale power plants with installed capacities under 0.5 MW in 2017 (Hungarian Independent
Transmission Operator Company Ltd. (MAVIR), 2017)

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 Table 4. Number and proportion of electric vehicles in the vehicle fleets of Hungarian settlements, as well as the proportions of electricity produced by SSHPPs and small-scale power plants under 0.5 MW in the consumption of the settlements (2017).

<b>Table 5.</b> Number and proportion of hybrid vehicles in the vehicle fleets of Hungarian settlements, as
well as the proportions of electricity produced by SSHPPs and small-scale power plants under 0.5 MW
in the consumption of the settlements (2017).

 Table 6. Number and proportion of biofuel-powered vehicles in the vehicle fleets of Hungarian

 settlements, as well as the proportions of electricity produced by SSHPPs and small-scale power plants

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						(settlement	rank)	
SETTLEMENT	Number of biofuel- powered vehicles in total (vehicle units)	Proportion of biofuel- powered vehicles (%)	Ratio of the annual electricity demand of the settlement covered from renewable energy sources (%)		SETTLEMENT	Number of biofuel- powered vehicles in total (vehicle units)	Proportion of biofuel- powered vehicles (%)	Ratio of the annual electricity demand of the settlement covered from renewable energy sources (%)
Budapest	133	0.01	0.73	1	Drávacsehi	1	2.04	0
Kecskemét	14	0.02	1.03	2	Zsennye	1	2	0
Szeged	14	0.02	1.67	3	Sénye	1	1.96	17.77
Győr	13	0.02	1.31	4	Nak	4	1.83	0
Miskolc	13	0.02	1.68	5	Adorjás	1	1.63	0
Debrecen	11	0.01	1.65	6	Bakonykúti	1	1.36	0
Nyíregyháza	11	0.02	1.01	7	Detek	1	1.25	5.10
Eger	9	0.03	1.29	8	Gálosfa	1	1.25	1.53
Dunaharaszti	8	0.06	2.07	9	Martonfa	1	1.07	7.13
Gödöllő	8	0.04	2.74	10	Szulimán	1	0.97	0
Hódmezővásárhely	8	0.04	4.87	11	Szécsénke	1	0.89	0
Pécs	8	0.01	1.44	12	Muraszemenye	2	0.81	0.24
Veszprém	8	0.02	0.96	13	Lak	1	0.76	0
Cegléd	7	0.04	0.28	14	Boldogkőújfalu	1	0.75	10.38
Érd	7	0.02	3.00	15	Jákfalva	1	0.75	2.14
Székesfehérvár	7	0.01	0.36	16	Alsódobsza	1	0.74	2.58
Vác	7	0.04	0.51	17	Fonó	1	0.72	0
Kőszeg	6	0.11	0.96	18	Legénd	1	0.68	0
Sopron	6	0.02	1.75	19	Bögöte	1	0.64	0.95
Zalaegerszeg	6	0.02	1.73	20	Klárafalva	1	0.62	0

 Table 7. Number and proportion of alternative-powered vehicles in the vehicle fleets of Hungarian settlements, as well as the proportions of electricity produced by SSHPPs and small-scale power plants under 0.5 MW in the consumption of the settlements (2017).

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	SETTLEMENT	Number of alternative- powered vehicles (vehicle units)	Proportion of alternative- powered vehicles (%)	Ratio of the annual electricity demand of the settlement covered from renewable energy sources (%)		SETTLEMENT	Number of alternative- powered vehicles (vehicle units)	Proportion of alternative- powered vehicles (%)	Ratio of the annual electricity demand of the settlement covered from renewable energy sources (%)
1	Budapest	9,652	1.27	0.73	1	Keresztéte	2	6.25	0
	Debrecen	517	0.61	1.65	2	Libickozma	1	5.55	0
	Szeged	388	0.60	1.67	3	Balatonalmádi	258	4.98	2.63
:	Győr	322	0.53	1.31	4	Hernyék	1	3.44	0
5	Székesfehérvár	291	0.58	0.36	5	Tésa	15	3.21	0
5	Érd	286	0.85	3.00	6	Halásztelek	154	2.81	3.31
7	Pécs	282	0.46	1.44	7	Bakonykúti	2	2.73	0
3	Kecskemét	277	0.50	1.03	8	Erdősmárok	1	2.70	15
	Miskolc	265	0.44	1.68	9	Varbóc	1	2.63	0
)	Balatonalmádi	258	4.98	2.63	10	Gálosfa	2	2.5	1.53
L	Nyíregyháza	236	0.43	1.01		Und	7	2.49	0
2	Budaörs	229	1.32	2.07	12	Kozárd	2	2.43	8.08
;	Dunakeszi	217	1.04	2.78	13	Fenyőfő	1	2.38	2.56
	Csomád	198	1.01	148.64	14	Tornanádaska	1	2.38	0
	Szentendre	197	1.43	3.18	15	Tüskevár	69	2.33	0
	Szombathely	195	0.51	1.49	16	Telki	41	2.23	17.28
	Veszprém	169	0.61	0.96	17	Kékkút	1	2.17	0.06
	Gödöllő	166	1.01	2.74	18	Martonfa	2	2.15	7.13
)	Szigetszentmiklós	163	0.84	2.09	19	Remeteszőlős	10	2.14	10.55
)	Halásztelek	154	2.81	3.31	20	Drávacsehi	1	2.04	0

**Table 8.** Proportion of hybrid and electric vehicles in the vehicle stocks of settlements that are selfsufficient in the field of electric power generation from local renewable energy sources. (Renewable electricity production only as based on the combined electricity production capacity of the categories of small-scale household power plants (SSHPP) and small-scale power plants with installed capacities under 0.5 MW that are not subject to authorization or do not belong to the SSHPP category (2017)).

	SETTLEMENT Among all settlements in Hungary	Ratio of the annual electricity demand of the settlement covered from renewable energy sources (%)	<b>Populatio</b> <b>n</b> (person)	Total vehicles	of hybrid vehicles	n of	Number of electric vehicles (vehicle units)	Proportion of electric vehicles (%)
1	Sóstófalva	558	262	84	0	0	0	0
2	Ipacsfa	534	200	85	0	0	0	0
3	Gibárt	493	335	142	0	0	0	0
4	Galvács	391	87	91	0	0	0	0
5	Vekerd	346	119	101	0	0	0	0
6	Csanádalberti	280	468	120	0	0	0	0
7	Barnag	272	142	82	0	0	0	0
8	Illocska	252	268	69	0	0	0	0
9	Tiszadorogma	234	377	173	0	0	0	0
10	Ganna	232	269	154	1	0.64	0	0
11	Alsótelekes	224	140	35	0	0	0	0
12	Kupa	204	186	47	0	0	0	0
13	Bodrogkeresztúr	197	1,102	599	1	0.16	0	0
14 15	Egyházasharaszti	168 167	334 372	107 109	0 0	0 0	0 0	0
15	Somogyhatvan Peterd	165	223	88	0	0	0	0
10	Csörötnek	165	862	360	0	0	0	0
18	Kémes	156	475	211	0	0	0	0
19	Csomád	149	1,631	19,533	87	0.44	11	0.05
20	Csonkamindszent	143	176	62	0	0	0	0
21	Nógrádkövesd	142	660	289	0	0	0	0
22	Hejce	132	223	184	0	0	0	0
23	Buzsák	127	1,525	603	0	0	0	0
24	Pornóapáti	125	384	213	0	<b>o</b>	0	0
25	Hejőpapi	125	1,175	345	0	0	0	0
26	Zalaszentmihály	116	1,005	428	0	0	0	0
27	Csörög	112	2,148	780	0	0	0	0
28	Bojt	106	598	143	0	0	0	0
29	Nagyhuta	102	64	28	0	0	0	0
	Demjén	101	613	300	0		0	

**Table 9.** Proportions of hybrid and electric vehicles in the vehicle stocks of settlements with populations of 10,000–100,000 and over 100,000 inhabitants, accompanied by the largest proportions of electric power generation from local renewable energy resources. (Renewable electricity production only as based on the combined electricity production capacity of the categories of small-scale household power plants (SSHPP) and small-scale power plants with installed capacities under 0.5 MW that are not subject to authorization or do not belong to the SSHPP category (2017)).