Contemporary Architecture Centre is an independent architectural cultural centre operated by young Hungarian architects, artists and civilians. The centre aims to open new perspectives in architectural and urban thinking in Hungary through its fresh, provoking and focused programs, relevant also in international context. This organization is currently the only internationally acknowledged professional platform representing contemporary architecture in Hungary. (www.kek.org.hu, info@kek.org.hu)

**Future Eco-innovations**

The next steps of the project could be the creation of the national-wide network of community gardens and the connection of this network to the already existing international communities. On the other hand, we aim to introduce new, innovative solutions based on the gardens.

Related to this purpose, we aim to elaborate and test the model of community composting in 5 of our show gardens with the collaboration of 5 district governments, urban gardeners and business actors in the next 1-2 years. We aim to collect international best practices, elaborate the local model, design and produce the concrete tools, implement a pilot project accompanied by education and wide spread dissemination of its results and experiences. Introducing the system of community composting could be one of those eco-innovations, which can be planned in the gardens.

On long term we aim to create in the gardens or in their environment educational trails, where technical solutions on energy and waste management, - and in general - on liveable urban environments could be showcased. As a result of initiatives like this and the national and international networking, community gardens could become starting points for the introduction of socially and environmentally sustainable innovation.

**KÉK Community Gardens**

KÉK has been engaged in acclimatization and dissemination of urban gardening in Hungary since 2010. Establishing show-gardens has helped its initiative to become a self-organizing movement. Our foundation has contributed in setting up 12 community- and school gardens as professional partner and operating 5 community gardens in Budapest.

The most important aspects of our Community Garden Project are the following:
- the community organising, community forming power of gardens
- their contribution to the dialogue between various groups of society with different social, cultural background and from different age-cohorts
- active participation and personal involvement during the planning, implementation and operation of the garden;
- self-organisation, self-sustainability
- awareness raising
- wide-range partnership with NGO’s, universities, local governments, enterprises (from local businesses to multinational companies)
- meets the criteria of social innovation and quintuple helix innovation model, gardens operate as ‘living labs’

**Community Gardens – Platform of Innovation**

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