# SWOT analysis on partners' regions with regard to the realization of the Four Freedom of the European Union

Free movement of capital and services

### Hévíz:

- quality development programme for private accommodation providers

**Strengths** 

- cheaper, quality medical services (dentist)
- unique spa therapy and unified label
- inflow of foreign capital

# Harghita:

- money for smaller settlements, villages
- job creation

### Lendava:

- preserved nature

# Foster Europe:

- competition → improvement of skills

### BOS:

- new investments

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- red tape of bureaucracy, administrative burdens

### Harghita:

Hévíz:

- foreign companies pull out their profit and don't reinvest it in place

Weaknesses

### Lendava:

- high investment standards

# Foster Europe:

- high standards in many fields, e.g. environment

### BOS:

- limited realization of this freedom in Serbia



# **Opportunities**

### Threats

### Hévíz:

- use of foreign good practices

# Harghita:

- foreign capital and investments

### Lendava:

- mind transition

# Foster Europe:

- better permeability of national borders

# exchange of expertise

- more flexible labour market

### BOS:

development of IT sector

# Hévíz:

- competitors

# Harghita:

- less unique services – same services everywhere

### Lendava:

- grey economy
- "dirty industry" referring to those Hungarian and Austrian companies who come to the country and Slovenian rules cannot oblige them various issues regarding taxation, employment, etc.

# Foster Europe:

- imbalance on service provision at border sites

### BOS:

legal security and corruption



# Free movement of persons

Strengths	Weaknesses	
Hévíz:  - tourism, foreign visitors  Harghita:  - opportunities for colleagues to gather experiences from abroad  - internship programmes for students from abroad	Hévíz: - employment opportunities limited to tourism  Harghita: - migration of education workforce - brain drain  Lendava: - 'stronger' countries around	
<ul> <li>participating in international projects (EU3doms)</li> <li>Lendava:</li> </ul>		
- tourism	Foster Europe:	
Foster Europe: - inflow of Hungarian and Slovak workflow  BOS: - possibilities for:	<ul> <li>imbalance of movement</li> <li>imbalance of quality of jobs</li> <li>BOS:</li> <li>gravitation towards big city centres</li> </ul>	
<ul> <li>travelling</li> <li>education</li> <li>jobs</li> <li>meeting new cultures, people</li> <li>networking</li> </ul>	- unequal use of this freedom by different target groups	
Opportunities	Threats	
Hévíz: - international network - learning more languages to increase competitiveness	Hévíz: - young people leave their homeland - the number of competitors is growing	
Harghita:	Harghita:	

- learning abroad Erasmus +
- tourism Pentecostal pilgrimage, Marie road

### Lendava:

- great strategic location

# Foster Europe:

- rebuilding mixed communities

# BOS:

- youth cooperation
- exchange of knowledge and expertise

# people leave their homeland

- the number of historic minorities is decreasing

# Lendava:

- refugee crisis

# Foster Europe:

- border control and closure at Visegrad borders
- challenge/preasure on house market

### BOS:

- migrant and refugee crisis leading to restrictions of this freedom

# Free movement of goods

	Strengths		Weaknesses	
Hévíz: - Harghit	you can buy everything	Hévíz:	you can buy everything but with lower quality (compared to Western	
_	Sekler brand: bigger markets abroad for our products	Harahi	countries)	
Lendava:		- Trungin	<ul><li>Harghita:</li><li>low awareness of local products</li></ul>	
	better quality of goods	Lendav		
Foster I - - -	, , ,	-	concurrence: higher prices of local products vs. lower prices of mass products  Europe: low awareness of local products	
BOS:	strong potentials for agriculture	- BOS: -	lack of transborder market for regional agro products  limited access to the single market  lower quality of products than in Western countries	
		-	lack of capacities for implementation of standards	
	Opportunities		Threats	
	bigger market opportunities for local, regional products	Hévíz: -	cheap foreign goods displace local, national goods	
Harghit		Harghi		
- bigger markets - decreased quality of mass products				
	- raising opportunities for selling our products abroad  Lendava:			
-	no duty taxes	<u>-</u>	decreasing value of local food	

Lendava:	Foster Europe:
- over border cooperation	- overproduction
Foster Europe:	<ul> <li>increase of freight traffic and pollution</li> </ul>
- expansion towards new markets	BOS:
BOS:	- small producers can't meet the standards
- transit country	