

PERSONAL INFORMATION Andrea Tönkö



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Sex Female | Date of birth 10/04/1972 | Nationality Hungarian

POSITION Senior Researcher at the Metropolitan Research Institute, Budapest

WORK EXPERIENCE

From 2000 till present Researcher at Metropolitan Research Institute

- Consultancy and research in the areas of municipal governance, municipal finance, public utilities (water and sewage management, solid waste treatment, education, transportation), fiscal decentralization, energy efficiency in housing sector, economic development, project management
- Project leadership and coordination in these fields
- Education and training in these fields (including distance learning courses)

Main projects include:

- 2024-2027 Strengthening metropolitan cooperation and governance in central Europe
- 2022-2022 Project Partner in H2020 project Shared green deal (Sustainable mobility stream)
- 2021-2025 Work package leader in TExTOUR (Social Innovation and Technologies for sustainable growth through participative cultural Tourism) and H2020 project focusing on the development of sustainable cultural tourism. (<https://cordis.europa.eu/project/id/101004687>)
- 2020-2022 Work package leader in Interreg Danube Transnational Program Project AGORA (<http://www.interreg-danube.eu/approved-projects/agora>) on Advanced Cogeneration Options for Reintegrating Local Assets. Focus of the work: Capacity building and transferability.
- 2019 - Facilitating the convergence of disadvantaged social groups and developing related professional knowledge in Hungary through methodological developments and exchange of experience in cooperation with neighbouring countries of the Carpathian Basin, EFOP-1.12.1-17-2017-00008
- 2018 - 2022 Project coordinator for OpenHeritage, EU funded H2020 project focusing on innovative governance, financial and

- social tools for the adaptive re-use of marginalised heritage sites. (www.openheritage.eu).
- 2016-2017 Development of Social Support System in Housing and Utilities Sector in Kazakhstan
- 2016 Preparation of the Integrated Urban Development Plan for District XIII.
- 2014-2015 Senior sociologist-economist in Holcim Foundation financed socially innovative housing and architecture project
- 2014-2015 Consultancy for the Habitat for Humanity International on enabling the energy efficient renewal of the housing stock (case study on Romania)
- 2012-2014 Participation in the Research Group of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences and the University of Debrecen focusing on the "Institutional and financial regulations for public services" (sectors: asset management, water utility, transportation)
- 2010-2012 Secondary Growth Poles and Territorial Development in Europe; Performance, Policies and Prospects. ESPON
- 2010-2012 Effects of Governance Models on Affordability, Sustainability and Efficiency of the Water Services. GDN-OSI. (country study on Hungary and comparative study on three countries: Armenia, Hungary and Romania)
- 2000-2010 Intergovernmental Fiscal Relations and Local Financial Management, CEU, World Bank, LGI-OSI, 2000-2007. (Developing distance learning materials, tutoring the distance-learning courses, coordinating summer courses and part of the faculty)
- 2007-2008 Taking part in the preparation of the Integrative urban development plan of Municipality of Berhida and preparation of the feasibility plan of city centre rehabilitation program
- 2005 Romanian-Hungarian Partnership of Local Financial Officers, OSI. Preparing comparative analysis of the financial management and budgeting system of four Hungarian and four Romanian municipalities.

1995 till 2000

Research fellow

Main projects during this time include:

- 1995–2000 USAID Modernizing Financial Management for Hungarian Local Governments 1995-1999. Worked out training topics and training schedule for the six multi-day seminars. Coordinated Hungarian participants and American presenters. Contributed as trainer.
- 1998–2000 Association of Local Government Financial Officers 1998-2000 One outcome of the "Modernizing Financial Management for Hungarian Local Governments" project was the foundation of the Association of Local Government Financial Officers. Coordinated the

foundation and managed the first years of activity of the association.

1995-2000 USAID Fiscal Decentralization Initiative. Conducted research on the central- local fiscal relations, the national grants to municipalities and on local taxes. Analyzed macro-economic trends and their impact on municipal finance.

2002-2003

Program manager

USAID Regional Infrastructure Program (RIP) for Water and Transport. Assisted the RIP Office Director in the overall preparation and implementation of the 2002-2003 RIP Program. Provided inputs and supported to the strategic planning, design and implementation of RIP's work in the areas of project management and institutional improvement/training in Romania, Serbia, Croatia and Macedonia.

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

2005–2006 Research fellowship OSI Local Government Initiative

1990–1995 M.A. in Sociology and Public Policy at the Budapest University of Economics

PERSONAL SKILLS

Mother tongue(s) Hungarian

Other language(s)

	UNDERSTANDING		SPEAKING		WRITING
	Listening	Reading	Spoken interaction	Spoken production	
English	C1	C1	C1	C1	C1
Hungarian State Language Exam – Proficient Level					
Romanian	C1	C1	B2	B2	B1
Hungarian State Language Exam – Proficient Level					

Levels: A1/2: Basic user - B1/2: Independent user - C1/2 Proficient user
Common European Framework of Reference for Languages

Job-related skills

- ability to integrate different scientific areas
- fast, efficient and accurate problem solving skills
- creativity, openness and positive attitude
- commitment to teamwork
- experience in communicating with a large scale of stakeholders (in academic field, public administration, economy)
- permanent need for professional development
- ability to fast adapt to change
- experience in international research programs

Computer skills

Good command of Microsoft Office™ tools

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Publications

- (together with Heike Oevermann, Levente Polyák, Harald A. Mieg). OpenHeritage. Community driven adaptive reuse in Europe: Best Practices. (2023) Basel: Birkhäuser. <https://birkhauser.com/books/9783035626803>
- Hegedüs, J. és Tönkö, A. 2007. The role of local government companies in local asset management („Az önkormányzati gazdasági társaságok szerepe a helyi önkormányzatok vagyongazdálkodásában).” Vígvári, A. ed. A családi ezüst — Tanulmányok az önkormányzati vagyongazdálkodás témaköréből. 67-94. KszK ROP 3.1.1. Budapest.
- Hegedüs József – Tönkö Andrea: Public service regulatory models in asset management („A területi közszolgáltatások szabályozási modelljei vagyongazdálkodási szempontból) in”: Kilengések. Közszolgáltatási változások. ed. Horváth M. Tamás. 53-79 old. Dialóg Campus. 2012
- Hegedüs József – Tönkö Andrea: Structural models of water and sewage services and the direction of changes („A víz- és csatornaszolgáltatás alternatív strukturális modelljei és ezek változási irányai),”. Külön utak. Közfeladatok megoldásai. ed. Horváth M. Tamás. 11-33 old. Dialóg Campus. 2012
- Tönkö Andrea – Szilágyi János Ede – Hegedüs József (2016) „Egy létfontosságú közszolgáltatás: Víziközmű szolgáltatás (water and Sewage Management – an essential public service) in Horváth M. Tamás – Bartha Ildikó (eds.): Közszolgáltatások megszervezése és politikái. Merre tartanak? Budapest, Dialóg Campus, pp 39–113.
- Tönkö Andrea – Bartha Ildikó – Varjú Márton (2016): Szabályozás piacon: Közösségi közlekedés (Regulation on the market – public transportation). Horváth M. Tamás – Bartha Ildikó (eds.): Közszolgáltatások megszervezése és politikái. Merre tartanak? Budapest, Dialóg Campus, pp 775–841.
- Fülöp Gy. - Gara o. – Horváth V. – Kovács K. – Tönkö A.: „Panelrehabilitáció-változatok. X. kerület Újhegyi lakótelep. REPLAN – Innovatív megoldáspk a városi lakásproblémákra (Innovative solutions for housing problems) pp 81-97. Holcim Hungária Otthon Alapítvány, Budapest, 2015.
- József Hegedüs – Gábor Péteri – Andrea Tönkö: Effects of Governance Models on Affordability, Sustainability and Efficiency of the Water Services in Three Transition Countries (Armenia, Hungary, Romania). GDN Working paper Series. September 2013.
- Szemző Hanna – Andrea Tönkö “Kreatív városok – jó gyakorlatok” (Creative cities – good practices). in Ferenc Mészlivetz (ed.) Kisvárosok reneszánsza – A kőszegi példa (Renaissance of small cities – the example of Kőszeg), Felsőbbfokú Tanulmányok Inézete (2016): 209-274.