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Dear Organisation,

On behalf of the leaders and residents of Törökbálint, I would like to thank you for accepting our application to join the Pesticide Free Towns Network.

In recent years, our municipality has begun to explore the possibility of tackling an increasing number of city management problems with environmentally friendly solutions.

We are phasing out chemical treatments in public areas, and working on the continuous information and awareness-raising of the public. We are also working to promote the public acceptance of environmentally friendly mosquito control.

We have already made significant progress in a number of other environmental areas, starting with the widespread introduction of household composting, rainwater retention and alternatives to waste reduction.

We have high hopes of joining a knowledge base that will help us to avoid chemicals as much as possible, using the best practices of others. Experience is of great value in this journey, because failed attempts can discourage both the public and the managers responsible for the smooth running of the city, and make it difficult to get the goals accepted.

In exploring the possibility of joining, we recognised that your international organisation is very active. In recent decades the use of chemicals has become part of our everyday lives, with individuals having virtually no control over the type and level of chemical exposure they suffer. The incidence of many types of disease is increasing, but all segments of the living world are suffering damage alongside humans.

The Organisation's ambitions are very forward-looking, and the social benefits of more and more local communities adopting technologies that lead to a healthier, cleaner environment could be enormous.

I am delighted that our municipality can participate in the work of the network and take steps towards a healthier environment and a more liveable future.

10th of May, 2024

Your sincerely:

Sándor Elek
Mayor of Törökbálint city

