



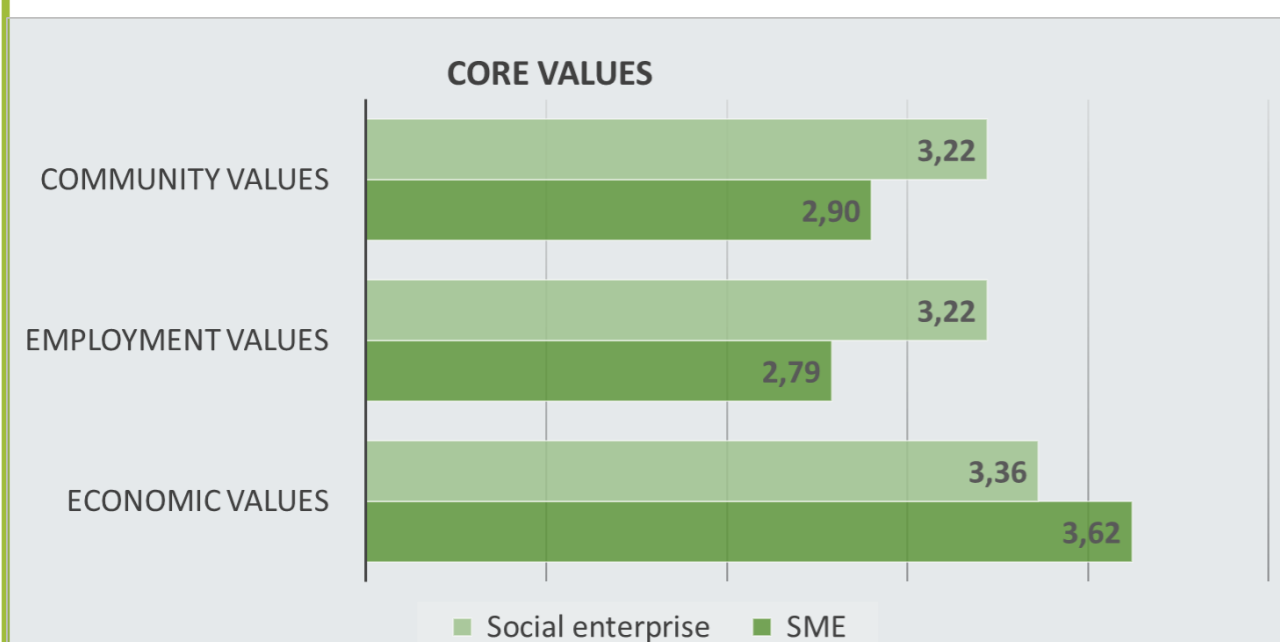
BACKGROUND

- The research was focused on the local effects of the Hungarian social economy organizations on the local economy, employment and society.
- Taking into account the possible foreclosure effect of the social enterprises in the food economy.
- Focusing on food/agriculture and rural areas.



HIGHLIGHTS

- 1-2% of the sector is social enterprise, employing approx. 1500 people,
- more likely to be active on **food processing** than agriculture,
- big diversity of organizations,
- **smaller** in size and income,
- 64% operates in **less developed places**,
- more connection to local producers, markets and community,
- **innovation**, more open to the development of new products,
- **employment focus**, the share of employment cost is six times higher than SMEs', lower work efficiency,
- more likely to employ **workers from vulnerable groups** (ex-unemployed, public workers),



QUESTIONS & METHODS

RESEARCH AREAS:

- **features** of social enterprises in food and agriculture, **comparison** with for-profit SME's,
- experiences of **supporting schemes**,
- **local effects**: employment, economy and community.

RESEARCH METHODS:

- **data analysis**,
- **field research** in 4 micro regions in Hungary,
- **survey** among for-profit and social economy enterprises ,
- **workshop**.



LOCAL EFFECTS

- **creating workplaces** in jobless areas,
- **inclusion** of vulnerable and unemployed
- developing skills,
- creating opportunity for a more active life and to gain more income,
- **handmade**, healthy products,
- **strengthening local markets** and local identity,
- providing lacking services,
- can trigger local **community development**



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