

Association of Agrarian and Rural Youth Circles  
of Jász-Nagykun-Szolnok County  
(AGRARIA-APURE)

Our association was established in 1990 as an NGO, to reunite the youth living in rural areas or working in agriculture, to improve their possibilities of training and to share best practices by national and international exchanges. It also helps them realize their viable ideas, learn languages, and preserve, cherish the colorful cultural values and traditions of rural areas. We payed special attention to their preparation and access to information in the period of our accession to the EU, with regards to the Common Agricultural Policy and preserving our agricultural competitiveness. Several international forums and seminars were organised in cooperation with the French organisations FNCIVAM and the network of Community Centers, Greenways between East and West, Walking the agrarian road in Europe, Living and working in Europe as a young farmer, etc.

Our association has been a member of the international network of the Association for European Rural Universities (APURE) since 1998. On the request of this international organisation, in 2006 we organised the European Rural University entitled "Dialogue between East and West, with Regards to the Future of the European Rural World". In 2007 we established the Central-Eastern European center of the APURE in Szolnok, in cooperation with the Folk High School Society of Jász-Nagykun-Szolnok County, the College of Szolnok - Faculty in Mezőtúr, the Europe Direct Info-Point Europe, and Polish, Slovakian, Czech, Romanian partner organisations.

We act in rural regions for rural regions. We believe, that the only real chance for sustainable development, as far as rural development is concerned, lies within intensifying community participation.