

<i>Fact sheet</i>
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**Title of the process**

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**Hungary:  
Szentgal Regional Landfill**

**Type of procedure**

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 Mediation procedure Procedure including mediation elements **Other procedure**

facilitated negotiation .....

**Topic area**

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 Urban and land use planning Water management/supply and distribution **Waste management** Industry, trade, enterprises Power industry Telecommunications Traffic, transportation General environmental policies (genetic engineering, nuclear policy, etc.) Nature conservation Neighborhood conflict Tourism Other: .....**Initiator(s)**

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- EMLA (Environmental Management and Law Association, Kornyezeti Management es Jog Egyesulet)
- HUMUSZ (Waste Working Group, Hulladek Munkaszovetseg)

**Short description of the case**

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Waste disposal problems faced by Hungary around the date of EU accession necessitated the creation of a renewed solid waste disposal system in the country. As part of this system, new landfills were planned and permitted at numerous locations, including the village of Szentgal. The Northern Lake Balaton Regional Waste Disposal Facility was to be built near Szentgal and was granted an environmental permit by the Regional Environmental Inspectorate in April 2004.

Three neighbouring settlements, the town of Herend and the villages of Csehbanya and Varoslod opposed the siting. Both appealed through the administrative procedure and filed a lawsuit at the county court against the permit of the landfill. EMLA and HUMUSZ initiated a facilitated negotiation among the stakeholders, i.e. the project developer and those interested in the realisation of the landfill, the opposing municipalities, the Ministry of Environment, the Regional Environmental Inspectorate, and the local NGOs. The facilitated negotiation took place in the village of Szentgal on June 17, 2004. No agreement was reached among the stakeholders during the meeting. The landfill has not

