

LL Legumes Hungary

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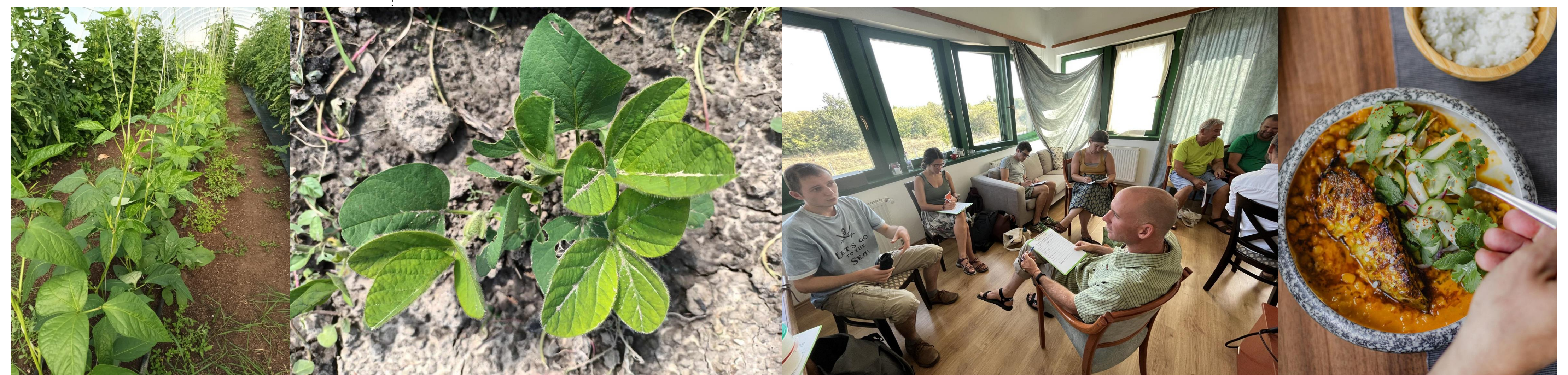
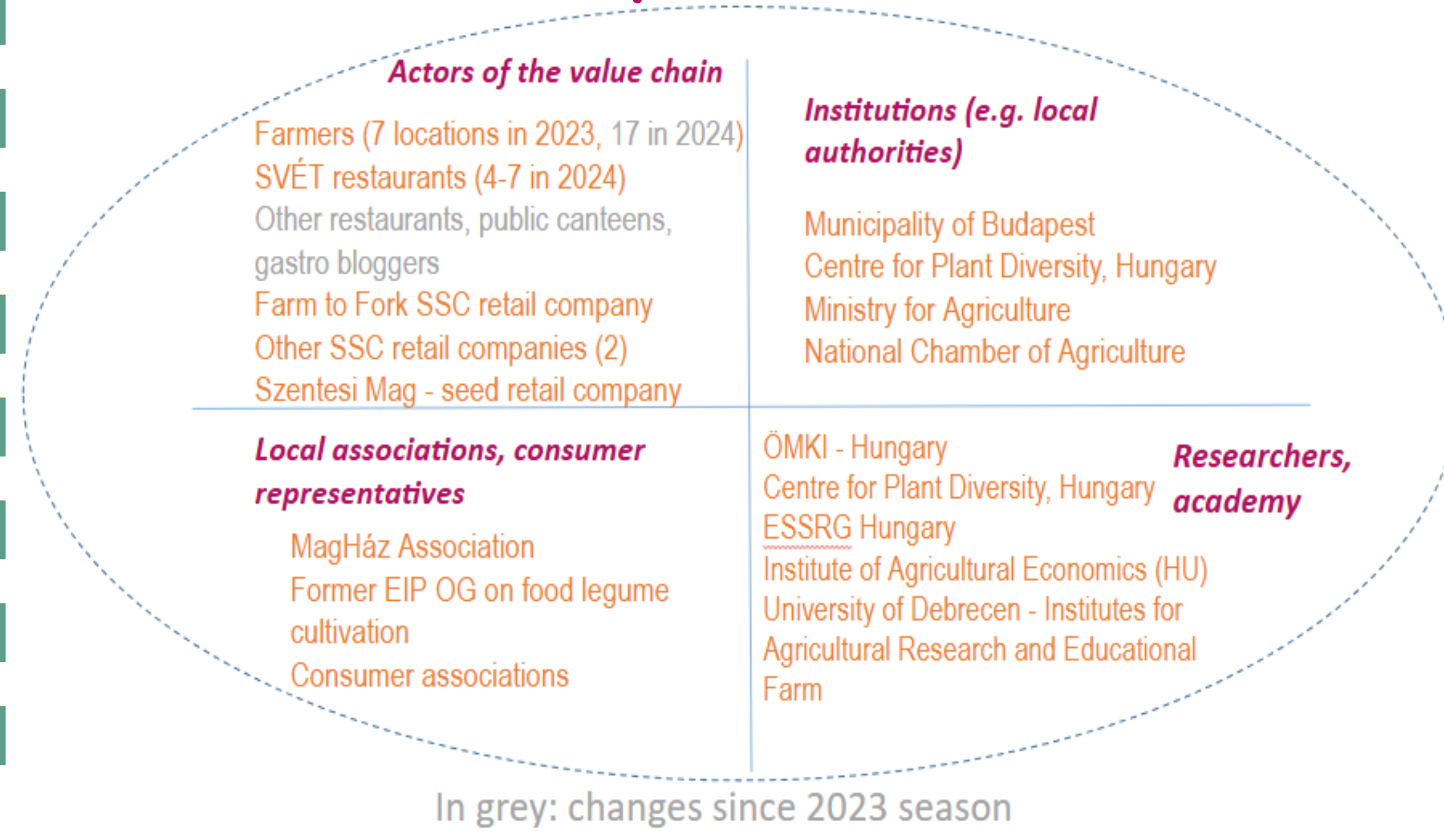
LL's goals

The aim of LL LegHung is to test neglected and underutilized legume species and landraces in low-input/organic cultivation and gastronomy.

Main activities

- On-farm cultivation experiments with 10 legume species at 17 locations, on cca 6 ha. in 2024
- Kitchen tests and development of recipes in 4-7 premium SVÉT-restaurants, public canteens and by other restaurants and gastrobloggers
- Data collection on cultivation, kitchen performance and consumers' feedback
- Assisting farmers with reaching various markets for their products

Current map of actors in LL



Lessons learned

- Effects of climate change (successive years of drought, then very wet 2023)
- Small plot trials can barely provide enough for kitchen trials and consumer evaluation - in 2024, we are aiming for larger quantities
- Seeds can hardly be obtained commercially
+ Seeds obtained from farmers directly usually have very low germination capacity
+ General difficulty of obtaining seeds in required quality and quantity

Challenges and strengths

- Very low level of food legume cultivation and consumption in HU - cultivation and pre-processing techniques are lacking
- Farmers are enthusiastic but local market is unreliable
- Issue of stakeholder fatigue
- Experiences from previous TRUE project
- Co-operation with ÖMKI's small-plot trials
- Synergies with ongoing projects (RADIANT; SchoolFood4Change; FoodClic; LegumES)



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