



THE SRO HOUSE

Budapest Methodological Centre and Its Institutes (BMSZKI) runs in Kőrakás park object two types of institutes. The first one is the Single Room Occupancy (SRO) House with 6 staircases, the other is Kőrakás Park Hostel with 2 staircases. Hostels are for homeless people who have some kind of income and are self-supplying, but for some reason have lost their residence.

- In Kórákás Park the SRO House provides long term solution for housing problems to 408 lodgers. One can get a place by submitting a public application.
- There are two types of accommodation: single and twin-bedded rooms, on each corridor there is a common sanitary section, but there is a washbasin in each room, too. 6 double rooms and 2 single rooms are located on each corridor.



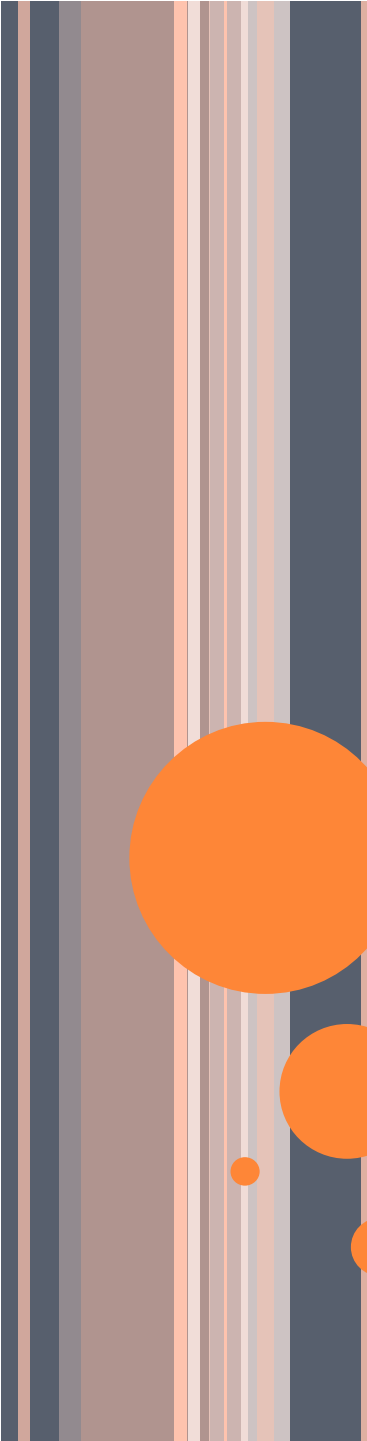


ROOM SIZES:

SINGLE ROOM: 8.8 M²

DOUBLE ROOM: 13.4 M²

The institute provides the following services to the lodgers: separated cleaning possibility for women and men, washing possibility in a laundry room with washing machine, well-equipped kitchens, small lounges. In the rooms there are built-in cupboards, washbasin, beds, table, chairs. The common areas are cleaned by the technical staff of BMSzKI ltd, maintenance works are done by the professionals of BMSZKI ltd.



**OUR AIM IS TO PROVIDE LONG TERM,
CHEAP ACCOMMODATION FOR
CLIENTS WITH INCOME OF THEIR
OWN. THE EMPLOYEES OF THE
INSTITUTE MAINLY PROVIDE
TECHNICAL BACKGROUND TO
HOUSING, BUT IF NECESSARY A
SOCIAL WORKER GIVES HELP, TOO.**

**Offering cheap, basic long-lasting accommodation
to single people or couples/pairs without children.
Social support is available but not obligatory.**

The short history of the SRO House

Újpalota was principally an agricultural area and there was a cemetery then. In the end of the '60-s, a huge council estate was started to build here.

Tibor Tenke, a young architect managed the building operations. He tried turning face to the modern style. The streets did not became as boring as it was usual in that time because there were 9 kind of houses in the area.

SRO House is in the 15th district of Budapest, called Újpalota. This part of the city belongs to Budapest since 1950.





THE STRUCTURE OF THE STREETS ARE UNUSUAL AS WELL. TENKE WENT BACK IN THE MIDDLE AGE AND TRIED TO REPRODUCE A SEPARATE TOWN FROM THAT TIMES. THERE ARE TWO PRIORITY ROAD CROSSING THERE AND THIS CROSSING WAS PLANNED TO BE THE CENTRE OF THE TOWN. THESE TWO CROSSING ROADS DIVIDES THE AREA INTO 4 SECTIONS. TENKE DREAMED QUITE LITTLE HOUSES, LARGE SQUARES AND PARKS IN THE SECTIONS. HE IMAGINED THAT PEOPLE WILL USE THESE PARKS AS REAL PLACES FOR THE COMMUNITY. HE CALLED THESE AREAS “NEIGHBORHOOD UNITS”.

The landscaping started in november 1968, the foundation stone was taken down in march 1969 and the first tenant moved here in 1971. The building operations finished in 1978. 15.400 flats was built for 60.000 people in this 10 years here.

- The SRO House was the first building here. It was planned to be the hostel for the construction workers who were working here during the operations. The house was planned to be demolished when the building operations finished. Luckily this demolition did not happen.
- The building was given an important role quite soon. It was possible to rent a temporal room here for people who have not got their own flat or could not rent a flat from the Municipality. Many young couples stayed here for a while who came to the Capitol from the country. There was a trend for intellectual pairs to live here for some years before they can find a solution for their housing problems.





- In the end of the '80-s when politic changes started in Hungary, the problem of homelessness presented itself too. Social institutions started to work to help homeless people in the Capitol where the problem was the most serious.
- BMSZKI was founded in 1993.
- In these times poor homeless people with serious social problems moved in the SRO House, too.
- BMSZKI has been running the SRO House since 1st of January 2010, earlier it belonged to the Local Government.

