

## Republic of Kunbábony - Part 2

### Key characters:

- Bernadette the Builder (community organizer)
- Anna the Analyzer (community development worker)
- Siegfried the Civil Servant (local authority)

### Scenario:

- It is one year later in the Republic of Kunbábony. Bernadette, Anna, Siegfried + other local residents & stakeholders have formed a local working group.
- The group has been focussing on a couple key, shared issues:
  - the lack of jobs (urban & rural), and
  - the lack of quality housing in poor neighborhoods, especially with regard to having good heating options in winter.
- A draft plan to tap the government's development funds has been created with some involvement and support from City Hall.
- The plan has been billed as a “win-win-win” solution because it creates jobs, helps weatherize homes, and brings more federal development money into the region.

### Here's the problem:

- Now it's an election year. The center right party, currently in power in city hall is competing with the far right parties by adopting some of their radical discourse stating they want to fight for benefit increases and jobs for “people like us”.
- Even though the mayor is personally on good terms with several of the community leaders within your group, he has quietly voiced concerns about being seen as “doing too much for the Roma community at the exclusion of everyone else.”
- The mayor also seems to be buying into some of the rhetoric in the tabloid media about “foreign agents” stirring up trouble around the country.

At the next city council meeting the mayor has placed the “win-win-win” solution on the agenda, and city government insiders have informed your working group that **the city council plans to delay (and possibly cancel) the plan, until at least after the elections.**

### **Your task:**

As a group prepare an action plan for the upcoming city council meeting.

### **The Rules:**

- Start in **small groups**. Each small group represents one of the key characters. However, each small group has the option to create up to 2 additional characters to bring to the large group planning meeting if they think it will be strategic to do so. Designate someone from your group to play your key character plus people to play any of the additional characters you create.
  - **What** do you want to get out of the planning meeting?
  - **How** do you get what you need out of the planning meeting?
  
- Come together for a **large group** planning session. All the designated characters hold a meeting to develop an action plan for the upcoming council meeting:
  - **What** do you want to get out of this city council meeting?
  - **How** do you get what you want out of the city council meeting?
  - How does your approach to this city council meeting fit with your **long term strategy** to win?

**Note1:** *Think back to the tug-of-war exercise--which "puller(s)" are you trying to bring over to your side of the rope? How?*

**Note2:** *Think about why your plan will be **effective**.*