

INTRODUCTION OF AME AND THE HUNGARIAN NON-PUBLIC EDUCATION SECTOR

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MISSION OF AME

- In Hungary, **about 12%** of the education sector operates **privately** (non-state and non-church). Nearly **15%** of them are already **members** of the Association of Hungarian Independent Schools (**AME**).
- We believe that it is increasingly important for privately run institutions close to education to be represented as a **community**.
- Since 1992, our association has been the **legal and advocacy organization** of foundation and private educational institutions, NGOs operating in the field of education, as well as the maintainers of these institutions, which is based on the principle of democratic self-government and operates as a legal entity.
- The Association of Hungarian Independent Schools has **almost 80 members**, from kindergarten to secondary schools, from private institutions to art schools. Membership can be obtained by any educational institution that is maintained by legal entities, private individuals or non-governmental and non-clerical organizations that **agree with its aims**.

MAIN TASKS OF AME

- The Association creates **opportunity** for the schools to **express opinions** on different processes and decisions concerning them. It also provides a **forum** for discussing and solving their problems. It **advocates** the interests of the institutes, forms, and communicates views and suggestions on laws-in-progress concerning their activities and protects the schools from any kind of distinctive efforts.
- The Association regularly **organises** conferences, forums, meetings, and other professional programmes in accordance with the demands of its members. On these occasions the central topic of discussion can be actual professional problems just as general questions of operations or pedagogy.
- The Association had worked out its own self-evaluation-based system of **quality insurance** containing high standard criteria. Its board of independent experts advances and judges the results of the self-valuation process and awards the prize of “Qualified School/Kindergarten of the Association of Hungarian Independent Schools” for institutions fulfilling the criteria. The Association also assists both operating and newly established schools with **professional** advising, consultation, judicial aid and economical **counsel**.
- We are an active member of the European Council of National Associations of Independent Schools (ECNAIS) and the European Federation of Education Employers (EFEE).

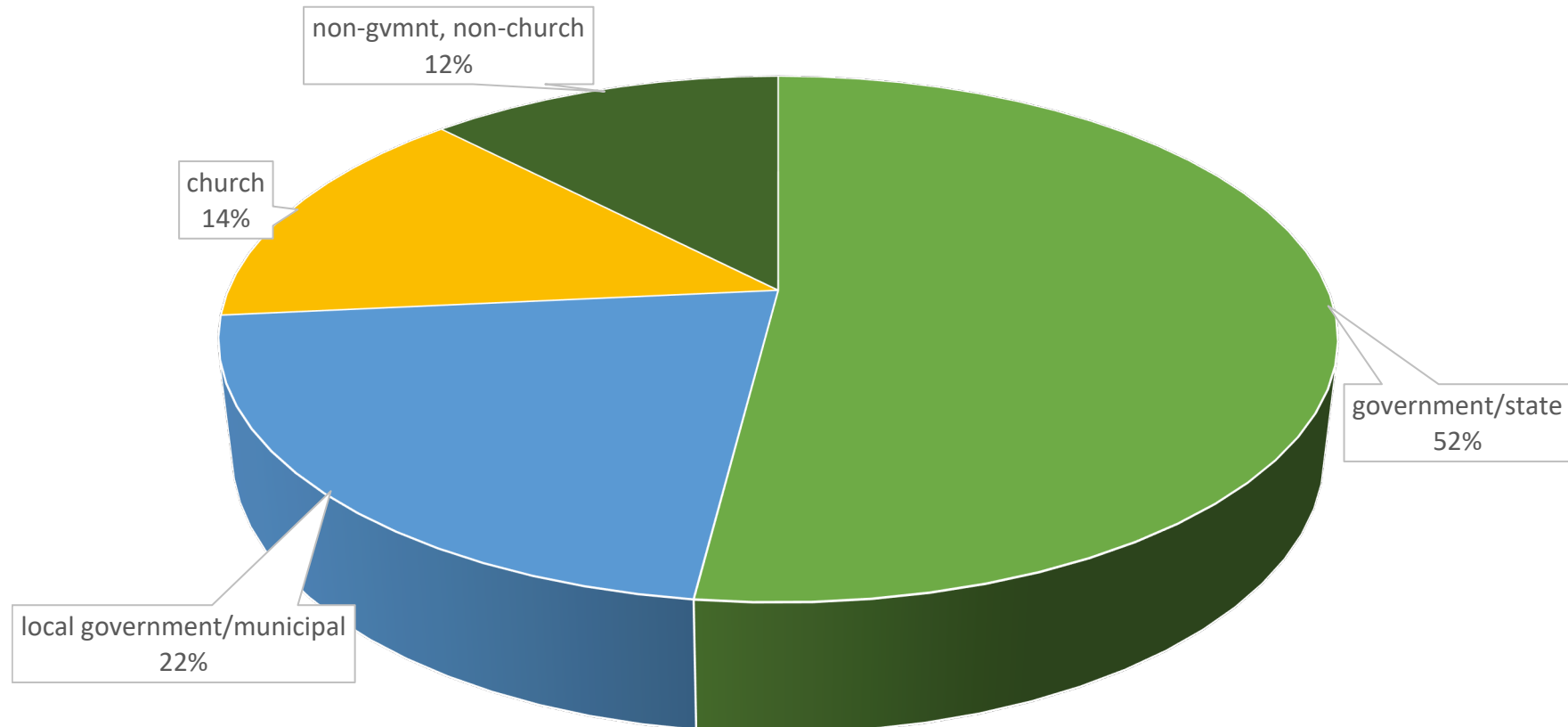
ADVANTAGES FOR MEMBERS

What do we offer to our members?

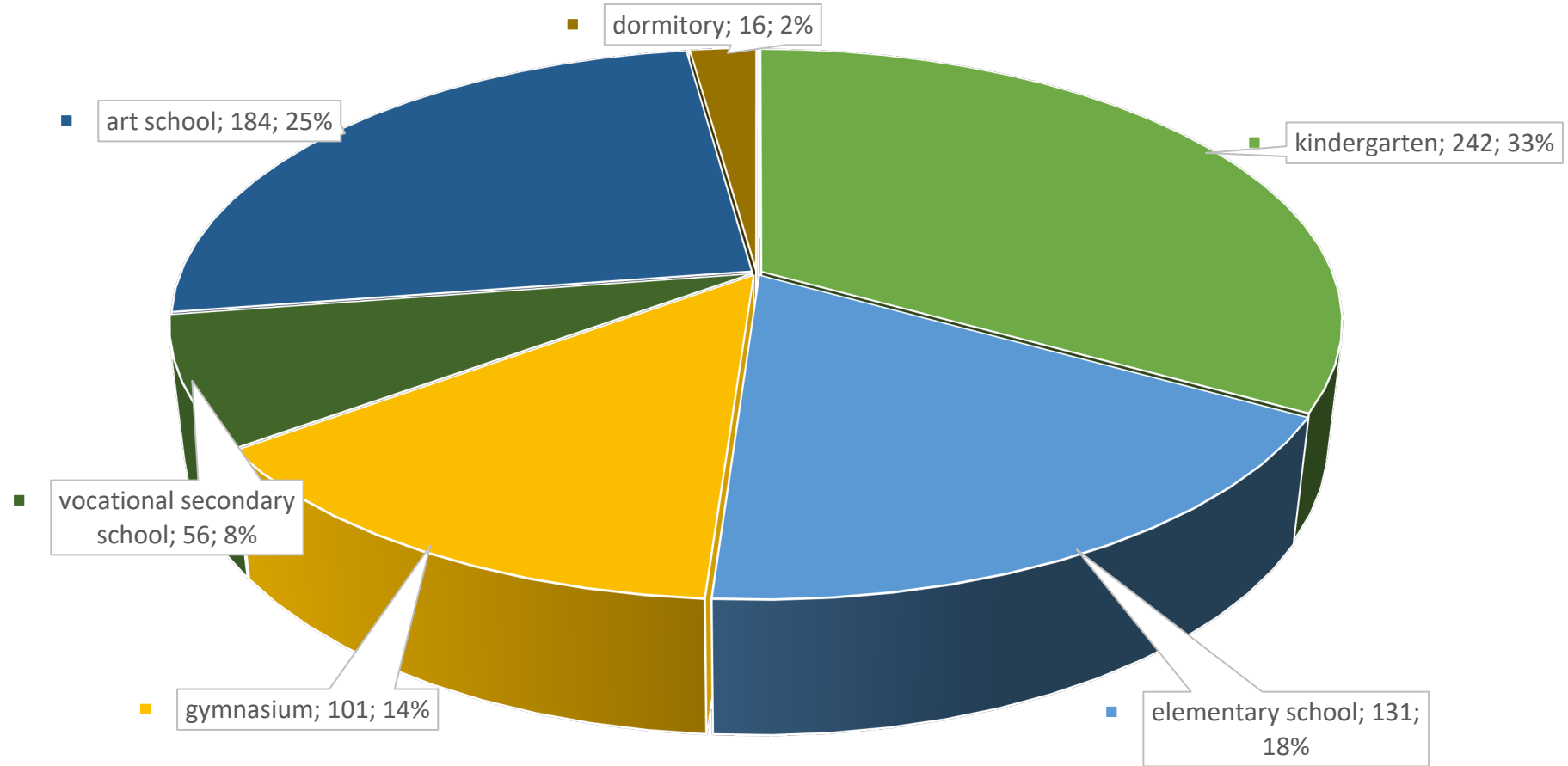
- receive direct information about news affecting the sphere through the association.
- represent their opinion on major issues of public interest related to education, education and vocational training: on behalf of privately maintained educational institutions, we make proposals on the basis of these in connection with draft legislation and the creation of new legislation.
- receive legal, economic and professional support through our association.
- participate in professional experience exchanges and knowledge sharing through our branches.
- join the tenders of our association.
- we provide an opportunity to publish their news on the forums of our association.
- we assist and create opportunities to participate in European educational projects.
- apply for the title of "Certified Kindergarten/School of the TSE".

FACTS ABOUT THE SECTOR

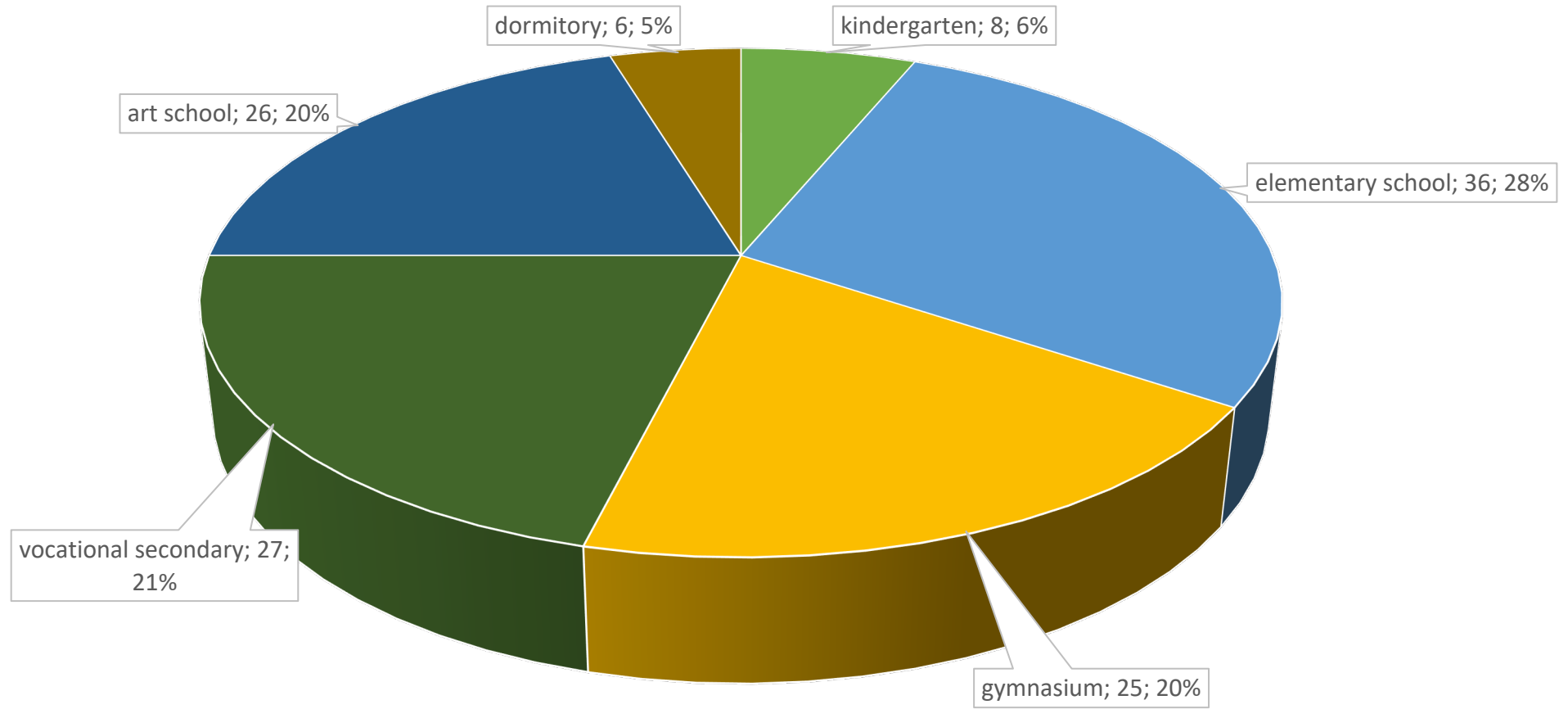
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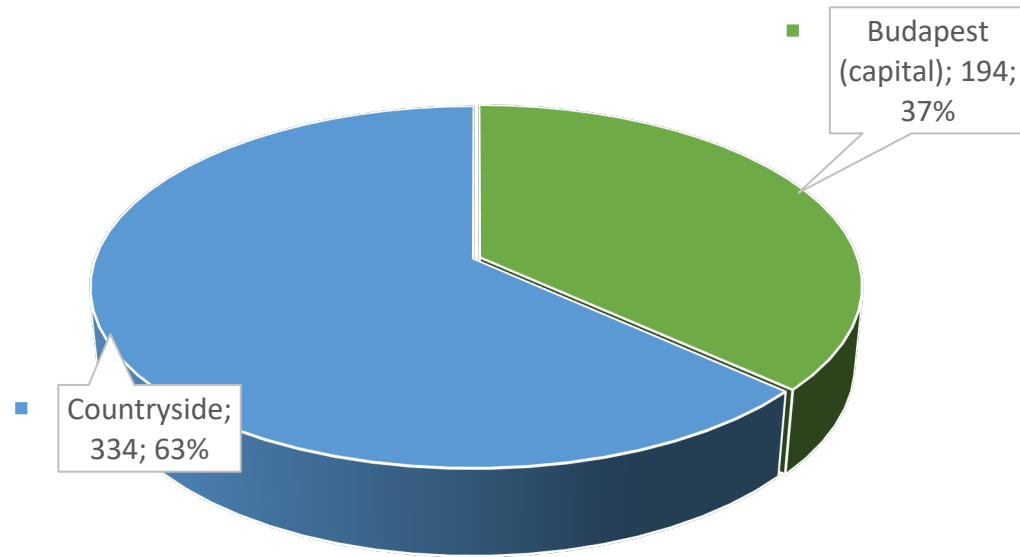
Non-state and non-church educational institutions, Hungary (528)



AME members (78 member)



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Non-state and non church educational institutions, AME (71)

