

Dr. Lajos Szűcs

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„Be consistent, transparent and as close to the people as you can.” – dr. Lajos Szűcs, an MP and President of General Assembly of Pest County said giving a reply to the question how he could remain an authentic politician who builds from the bottom-up for more than 20 years. He established his political carrier step-by-step – somewhat unconventional in the years of the Political System Change. „Working in (and with) local communities could teach us a lot - to respect knowledge, diligence and values – more than anything else. The future is in the hand of local communities which are capable to create values and social innovation so at least it is worth listening to them and participating in local affairs.”

Dr. Lajos Szűcs was born in Budapest on 15 September 1964. He finished Puskás Tivadar Secondary Technical School of Telecommunications Engineering with a professional qualification in 1982. He received his degree in public education studies and pedagogy in a distance learning course at Eszterházy Károly Teacher’s Training College in Eger. His second degree is in public administration from the College of Public Administration in Budapest, obtained in 1998. He was graduated from the Faculty of State and Law Sciences of Eötvös Loránd University of Budapest in 2008.

He has been active in several NGOs including the National Civil Guards’ Alliance, the Alliance for the Protection of the Village of Ócsa and the Ócsa Club. During the 1990 local elections, he worked as a campaign manager, and later as an officer in charge for public education and mayoral affairs, in the local mayor’s office. He founded the local branch of FIDESZ with Attila Buza, mayor of Ócsa in November 1993. He was elected to both the party’s county and national board. In the 1998 general elections, he was again head of campaign and became his personal assistant when Mr. Buza had secured a seat in Parliament. In the 1998 local elections, he was elected to the Pest County Assembly. He was elected MP in the by-elections held on 13 April 2001 following Mr. Buza’s death. He was elected incumbent MP in the 2002 elections, representing Constituency 14, Dabas, Pest County. He was elected to the local assembly in Ócsa in the October 2002 local elections. In the general elections held in 2006 and 2010, he was elected MP from the Pest County 14 Constituency. At the constituent sittings of the National Assembly on 16 May 2006 and on 15 May 2010 he was elected as notary of Parliament. Following the local elections in 2006 and 2010 he was elected as President of the General Assembly of Pest County Government. In 2010 he was elected as President of the National Association of County Governments as well as President of the Central-Hungary Regional Development Council. In 2011 he became President of the Hungarian Tennis Association.

Married, with two children. His wife is a teacher.