

**Integration of Bulgarian Market-Gardeners into the Local Society.  
Examples from South-Eastern Hungary**

*László Mód*

<http://doi.org/10.7546/BF.1.2024.04>

(Summary)

The immigration of the Bulgarian market-gardeners to Hungary was one of the most important international economic migrations for Bulgaria in the 20th century. The paper does not intend to deal with a contemporary migration phenomenon, but rather tries to interpret the integration of the members of a special social group in the host communities in a historical context. It was not by chance that the author chose Szentes and the surrounding villages as the site of the research. This area is one of Hungary's most important vegetable-growing regions thanks to the activities and influence of the Bulgarian gardeners. The steps of the integration process can be outlined with the help of different types of sources. Its final result was that in the host communities the Bulgarians became land and real estate owners, who, after a while, sought to obtain Hungarian citizenship as well.

**Keywords:** Bulgarian market-gardeners; migration; integration

László Mód

Department of Ethnology and Cultural Anthropology

University of Szeged

2 Egyetem St.

6722 Szeged, HUNGARY

modlaci@gmail.com