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### László Kövér: Hungary wishes the same to itself as its neighboring countries

László Kövér said that Hungary wishes the same to itself as to its neighboring countries: strong national states that are capable of regional collaboration to ensure security, national dignity and economic development to their majority and minority communities as well. Speaker of the Parliament László Kövér was talking about it in the reformed church of Székelyszentistván/Ștefănești. He added that Hungarian people know that progress cannot be achieved by moving the existing borders, the falsification of history or acts of provocation meant to intimidate other groups, but by mutually exploiting the naturally established economic, transport, logistic and cultural relations, and opportunities. He said that disregarding this lesson will lead all countries and nations of the Central European region to end up on the losing side of history. The Speaker is of the opinion that over the past decades Hungary had gone through many battles and events after which its future seemed uncertain but it has always been capable of a rebirth". He said that this can be attributed to King St. Stephen, who laid Hungary's foundations on a solid ground a thousand years ago, and made Hungary a part of Christian Europe. The Speaker of the House added that Hungary's state policy since 2010 has reflected this approach.

### László Kövér: a change in mentality is needed to improve Hungary's demographic situation

Speaking at a podium discussion in the summer camp organized by the Hungarian Youth of Transylvania (EMI) association in Gyergyószentmiklós/ Gheorgheni, house speaker László Kövér stressed that in addition to removing obstacles to having children, a change in mentality is required. The Speaker of the National Assembly said that Hungary is in the forefront in Europe by spending nearly five per cent of its GDP on population policy, but the government's family policy focuses exclusively on eliminating the physical and financial obstacles to having children faced by young couples today. He added that the difficult part of the work is still to come, since switching current unfavorable demographic processes requires a change in mentality. He is of the opinion that the exemplary power of the community has a profound impact on the desire young couples to have children. He noted that people should be made aware that good Hungarians are not those who speak Hungarian but those who have three to four children and nine to sixteen grandchildren who all speak Hungarian and are committed to the matters of the Hungarian nation. He said that they would like to see that Hungary grows to be a country with financial stability, economic prosperity, promising population growth, increasing international authority, strong families and powerful local and church communities, that are tied to the Hungarian communities abroad with a net of mutually beneficial connections.





## The wheat of Transcarpathian Hungarian farmers united in Nagydobrony

As part of the “Bread of Hungarians - 15 million wheat grains” program 100 tons of wheat collected from the Transcarpathian Hungarian farmers were united in Nagydobrony/Velyka Dobron. In his address delivered at the ceremony, President of the Association of Hungarian Farmers’ and Cooperatives (MAGOSZ) and Vice-President of the Hungarian National Assembly István Jakab emphasized that the 100 tons of cereals collected in Transcarpathia as part of the “Bread of Hungarians” program this year indicates that people who have gone through hardships in their lives help other people in need wholeheartedly. He stressed that the quantity of the collected wheat symbolizes the power, will and commitment of the Hungarian farmers in Transcarpathia as well as their faith in the future. The President of MAGOSZ pointed out that the Hungarian farmers in Transcarpathia must be aware that they have the increasing power and sympathy of the nation to support them. He said he was convinced that the future will see an even tighter collaboration between the Hungarians in Transcarpathia and the motherland, since the Hungarian government has done and will do its best to achieve that the Hungarian communities in Transcarpathia prosper in their homeland. This aim is served by the economic development program of the Hungarian government with a key focus on supporting people living in the agricultural sector, as well as establishing a net of village farmers. István Jakab said that all these effort indicate that the Hungarian communities in Transcarpathia are not alone.



## The national identity of the Hungarian community in Sweden must be preserved

In a statement sent to the Hungarian news agency MTI, the Prime Minister’s Office stressed that the national identity of Hungarian communities in Sweden must be preserved. They wrote that Ministerial Commissioner responsible for Hungarian communities abroad Péter Szilágyi visited the Youth Center in Hälleberga, Sweden, that has been purchased and renovated by the Hungarian government. This year the Blue Flower Hungarian language camp has been organized in the city for the 23rd time. The Prime Minister’s Office said in its statement that during its decades-long operation, the camp has reminded hundreds of Hungarian children of their national identity, culture and native language and helped them preserve these values. Addressing the event in Sweden, the Ministerial Commissioner expressed his thanks to the local Hungarian organizations, teachers and parents for the work they have done to set a positive example. In its statement the Prime Minister’s Office pointed out that supporting education is a priority objective of the programs aimed at the communities in the diaspora, since the coming generation represents the future of the Hungarian people.