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## Hungarian diaspora communities meet in Budapest next week

Speaking to the Hungarian daily Magyar Nemzet, State Secretary for Hungarian Communities Abroad Árpád János Potápi said that Hungarian-Hungarian questions and the main results of the policy for Hungarian communities abroad will be on the agenda at the plenary session of the Hungarian Diaspora Council (MDT) and the Hungarian Standing Conference (MÁÉRT) scheduled to take place on 14 and 15 November. The state secretary said that the Hungarian Diaspora Council (MDT) – which was formed in 2011 in order to be a forum for Hungarian communities living in different parts of the world – will hold its 9th plenary session this year. Mr. Potápi added that the Hungarian Government's policy towards Hungarian communities abroad has changed a lot since 2010. He added that today Hungarians living abroad are considered by Hungary as partners and “inseparable parts of the Hungarian nation.” Mr. Potápi said that about 2-2.5 million Hungarians live in diaspora who preserve their Hungarian identity, language and traditions. He stressed that the aim of the Hungarian Diaspora Council is to maintain and strengthen relations with these communities.



## Romania has a new government

On Monday, the Parliament of Romania voted the new government led by Ludovic Orban. Ludovic Orban who is also president of the centre-right National Liberal Party (PNL) thus becomes the 16th prime minister of Romania. The 18 members of the new cabinet consist of the politicians of the PNL and independent experts. Speaking in parliament, the head of the Democratic Alliance of Hungarians in Romania (RMDSZ) Hunor Kelemen said that the “RMDSZ does not expect wonders” but hopes that the new government will do its job responsibly and will respect the Hungarian community.

In a message Prime Minister Viktor Orbán congratulated Ludovic Orban on his election as Romania's prime minister. The Hungarian Prime Minister wrote that “I can assure you that Hungary is preparing to cooperate also with Romania's new government on the basis of mutual respect, with a view to serving the interests of the two nations”. He added he sincerely hopes that they can work together in a constructive spirit in the interest of the intensification of Hungarian-Romanian relations and a successful European Union that rests on the foundations of strong nations.

## Hungarian school renovated by the Hungarian Government is inaugurated in Székelyvarság

On Sunday, the Hungarian school of Székelyvarság/Vărşag the renovation of which was supported by the Hungarian Government was inaugurated. Addressing the event, State Secretary for Hungarian Communities Abroad at the Prime Minister's Office



Árpád János Potápi said that the Hungarian Government considers it extremely important to strengthen Hungarian-language education in the Carpathian Basin from kindergartens to universities in order to provide an opportunity for every child – born either in Hungarian or mixed marriage – to study in their mother tongue. He added that the strengthening of Hungarian identity, the supporting of families and Hungarian economy will continue to be in the focus of the policy for Hungarian communities abroad.

### Hunor Kelemen is satisfied with his election results

Speaking at a press conference after the exit polls of the Romanian presidential election, the chairman of the Democratic Alliance of Hungarians in Romania (RMDSZ) and the presidential candidate of the RMDSZ (and the Hungarian community) Hunor Kelemen announced that he is satisfied with his results reached in the first round of the Romanian presidential election. He added that according to preliminary results, he reached better results than at the 2009 and 2014 elections, receiving about 390,000-400,000 votes. Mr. Kelemen added that it is a good result (since presidential elections are held separately from parliamentary elections). The head of the RMDSZ thanked everyone who voted for him and expressed his special thanks to the Hungarian community.



### Potápi: there is only one Hungarian past

Speaking at the inauguration ceremony of new developments at the Oroszka Military Museum in Slovakia supported by the State Secretariat for Hungarian Communities Abroad at the Prime Minister's Office, State Secretary Árpád János Potápi stressed that "we cannot handle Hungary's history and the history of Hungarians abroad separately since there is only one Hungarian past and only one Hungarian history, and we must make it known better." The state secretary praised the role of the Oroszka Military Museum and the role of similar institutions. He added that these institutions contribute to the preservation of the Hungarian past and also help younger generations broaden their knowledge about history. Mr. Potápi added that it would be useful to have at least one Hungarian museum of this kind in every Hungarian-populated region abroad.



### Greza: language courses also serve the strengthening of good neighborhood relations between Hungary and Ukraine

Speaking at the certificate presentation ceremony of the fifth Hungarian language course launched for Ukrainians in Transcarpathia held in Beregszász, Ministerial Commissioner István Greza stressed that the Hungarian Government's measures to help the Hungarian language knowledge of Ukrainians and the Ukrainian language



knowledge of Hungarians in Transcarpathia are also aimed at the improving of good neighborhood relations and friendship between the two nations. Mr. Grezsa expressed his pleasure that more and more Ukrainians are interested in Hungarian-languages courses, adding that so far more than 20,000 people have applied for the courses. The ministerial commissioner stressed that Hungary plays an important role in the everyday life of Transcarpathian Hungarians since Hungary is the gate of the European Union.

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