

# Weekly Media Review of Hungarian Communities Abroad

25/2020



PRIME MINISTERS OFFICE  
STATE SECRETARIAT FOR HUNGARIAN  
COMMUNITIES ABROAD

NPKI | RESEARCH INSTITUTE FOR HUNGARIAN  
COMMUNITIES ABROAD



## State Secretariat for Hungarian Communities Abroad: 113 institutions abroad win gift package

State Secretary for Hungarian Communities Abroad Árpád János Potápi has announced in a video shared on his Facebook page that the online competition named “The city is ours” for nursery and elementary school children living abroad came to its end. The state secretary said that as a result of the competition, 113 institutions won valuable gift packages, so-called “wonder corners” which contain valuable books and skill development toys for children. The state secretary added that a record number of participants, 2500 children took part in the game who solved different tasks – altogether 60 thousand tasks – throughout 8 weeks. Mr. Potápi underlined that thanks should go to not only children, but their parents and family as well who helped children during this period.



## Iohannis files a constitutionality challenge against the law on the establishment of a new border crossing point between Romanian and Hungary

The Romanian presidential office said on Friday that Romanian President Klaus Iohannis has filed a constitutionality challenge with the Constitutional Court against the law on the establishment of a new border crossing point between Romanian and Hungary. The law accepted by the Chamber of Deputies in May requires the Romanian government to start diplomatic negotiations with Hungary on the establishment of a new international border crossing at the Hungarian-Romanian-Serbian triple border.

## According to Péter Szijjártó, Iohannis deliberately harms the Hungarian-Romanian cooperation

According to Hungarian Minister of Foreign Affairs and Trade Péter Szijjártó, the Romanian president deliberately harms the Hungarian-Romanian cooperation. As he shared on his Facebook page, “the Romanian president has unfortunately extremely anti-Hungarian views.” He added that “Klaus Iohannis is constantly involving Hungary and the Hungarian government in the Romanian election campaign, with his latest decision, he “deliberately harms Hungarian-Romanian cooperation,” and is preventing a cause that is important to both the Hungarian and Romanian people. Mr. Szijjártó pointed out that vetoing the creation of a new border crossing means nothing other than the deliberate prevention of enabling the two nations to come closer together.



## Construction of the college of the Szeklerland Ice hockey academy begins in Csíkkarcfalva

With the support of the Hungarian government, construction of the college of the Szeklerland Ice Hockey Academy will begin in Csíkkarcfalva/Cârța. The symbolic ground-breaking ceremony was held on Friday in the presence of State Secretary for Hungarian Communities Abroad Árpád János Potápi and president of the Hungarian Democratic Alliance in Romania (RMDSZ) Hunor Kelemen. In his speech, Mr. Potápi pointed out that sports are an essential part of national identity and the investment in Csíkkarcfalva/Cârța serves the goal of raising children and young people playing hockey in Csík County in a Hungarian community and bringing glory to their community. He mentioned that in the past years the Hungarian government has allocated nearly HUF 1.5 billion to the operation of the Mens Sana Foundation, which maintains the Szeklerland Ice Hockey academic system, nearly 3.5 billion forints for investments, and this year further HUF 600 million will be spent on these goals.



## Party of the Hungarian Community (MKP) holds its renewal congress in July

Party of the Hungarian Community (MKP) holds its renewal congress on 18 July. Until then, the party is led by the executive presidency headed by Péter Óry. Following the congress, the new leadership of the party is expected to have the opportunity to start negotiations on the establishment of a unified Hungarian interest representation in Slovakia. The National Council of the MKP also adopted a political statement, which states that they are calling for the establishment of a unified Hungarian political coalition in Slovakia, and based on the results of the 2020 parliamentary elections, they believe that the MKP should provide a framework for this.



## VMSZ achieves a historic result

Speaking at a late night press conference on Sunday held in Szabadka/Subotica, President of the Alliance of Vojvodina Hungarians (VMSZ) István Pásztor announced that the VMSZ achieved a historic result on Sunday at the elections: the parliamentary, the regional and the local elections also brought them higher support than expected. Mr. Pásztor stressed that the VMSZ is one of the winners of the elections, as data show that regardless the number of representatives, it will certainly be more representatives than in the past 27 years.

## Viktor Orbán: Election success of Hungarians of Vojvodina is a message to the entire nation

In a message sent to President of the Alliance of Vojvodina Hungarians István Pásztor, Prime Minister Viktor Orbán praised the election result of the Hungarian community in Serbia, Bertalan Havasi, the Deputy State Secretary heading the Press Office of the



Prime Minister informed the Hungarian news agency MTI. Mr. Orbán wrote he was delighted to learn that in the Sunday parliamentary elections the Hungarians of Vojvodina demonstrated repeatedly that they believe in the strength of unity, and are not afraid to take their fate into their own hands. He added that if the current hopeful projections are confirmed, from now on there could be twice as many Hungarian members in the Serbian Parliament, while on a regional level the Alliance of Vojvodina Hungarians became the third strongest party, and a number of settlements which have special significance for our nation could be headed by Hungarian mayors.

### Potápi: VMSZ achieves historic success

Evaluating the Serbian elections on Monday in Budapest, State Secretary for Hungarian Communities Abroad Árpád János Potápi said the Alliance of Vojvodina Hungarians (VMSZ) achieved historic success in the Serbian elections this weekend. Mr. Potápi congratulated the VMSZ on the achieved results at the conference of the Research Institute for Hungarian Communities Abroad (NPKI). According to Mr. Potápi, the party in Vojvodina has never achieved such a good result. He emphasized: István Pásztor has strengthened the VMSZ in recent years and has shaped it into a political party that unites all Hungarians in Vojvodina, saying that it makes sense to vote for this political formation. President of VMSZ István Pásztor stressed: they could enjoy unprecedented external support during the election campaign, which gave them so much extra energy that they had not yet encountered. According to his assessment, the current vote goes beyond the general elections in Serbia, it also had a national political dimension. Sunday's election was also a test of politics for Hungarian communities abroad, he summed up.



### 3617 signatures for HMDK in 6 days

Last Friday, the candidates of the HMDK handed over multiple of the signatures of supporters needed to run in the parliamentary elections. The Democratic Union of Hungarians in Croatia (HMDK) has decided to nominate President Róbert Jankovics for his term in the parliamentary elections on July 5, and Olivér Matijević will be his deputy. It is of strategic importance for the Hungarians in Croatia to have adequate representation in the legislature in the future as well. The list of signatures required for nomination was handed over by the two candidates to the Croatian camp at noon on 12 June.

