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## Rákóczi Association: from next week thousands of students and teachers will participate in camps

Addressing the Hungarian News Agency (MTI) on Friday, the Rákóczi Association announced that from Monday several thousands of students and teachers will participate in camps at several locations in Hungary. The 15 thematic events welcome elementary and high school students, university students and teachers from Hungary and abroad. According to the organizers, these gatherings are not only good for recreation and building relations, but they also present a great opportunity to strengthen Hungarian identity.



## Transylvanian economic development program: Romanian Ministry of Foreign Affairs insists on an intergovernmental agreement

In an interview with Agerpres news agency, Romanian Foreign Minister Bogdan Aurescu asked his Hungarian counterpart for a draft agreement on Hungary's economic programs in Romania. In the interview, the head of Romanian diplomacy mentioned his meeting with Hungarian Minister of Foreign Affairs and Trade Péter Sziijártó. He noted that Romania wants to establish a "realistic partnership with Hungary", but also wants the Hungarian side to step out of the "logic of provocation" in its relations with Romania. Mr. Aurescu also mentioned the Hungarian economic development program that is taking place in Romania, and emphasized that he explicitly requested a bilateral agreement on this program.



## An exciting battle is expected for the leadership of MKP

Two weeks before the Party of the Hungarian Communities (MKP) inaugural congress on July 18, the names of several candidates came up as potential leaders. The party's Senec district organization nominated president of the Csemadok Gyula Bárdos, who led the list of the Unity of Hungarian Community (MKÖ) in this year's general election. The party's Dunaszerdahely/Dunajská Streda district conference decided that they would like to see current head the party's National Council Péter Óry as the leader of the MKP. Vice-president of Trnava County József Berényi was nominated to chair the latter body.

## Mr. Sólymos and Mr. Óry on a possible coalition of Most-Híd and MKP

According to SITA news agency, László Sólymos, president of Most-Híd (Bridge) Slovakian-Hungarian mixed party, claims that cooperation with the MKP must end "the era of decades of mistrust between the two parties." In a similar vein, executive chairman of the MKP Péter Óry told the news agency that "logic dictates the creation of a broader coalition." According to SITA, Hungarian Forum, Hungarian Christian



Democratic Association (MKDSZ) and Unity of Hungarian Community (MKÖ) would also be included in the negotiations on the establishment of a “broad coalition.”

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### István Pásztor: Let us keep writing the history of Vojvodina together and believe in the power of cooperation

István Pásztor announced in a Facebook post that after the repeated elections and looking at the final results, it has been confirmed that the Alliance of Vojvodina Hungarians has achieved a historic success. The results of the general election on 21 June were finalized today. On his Facebook page Mr. Pásztor stated that “based on today’s announcements, what we already knew has been confirmed: the Alliance of Vojvodina Hungarians has scored a historic success in the general, local and regional elections.”

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### The Hungarian government's Transcarpathian social program package is expanded with new elements

Aiming to gain a wider range of supporters, on Wednesday the Hungarian government announced this year’s Transcarpathian social program package, with a budget of HUF 2.56 billion. Speaking at a press conference in Budapest on Wednesday State Secretary for Hungarian Communities Abroad Árpád János Potápi claimed that one of the most vulnerable of the Hungarian communities abroad is the Transcarpathian community, but the government is doing everything in its power to enable a prosperous life for them. Mr. Potápi added that there is no social group in Transcarpathia that does not profit in some way from of the support of the Hungarian government: teachers teaching in Hungarian, teachers of art and music, healthcare providers, media workers, librarians working in Hungarian, actors and performers are all supported.

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### Partial results show conservatives won in Croatia, but they have not won an overall majority

According to the Croatian election committee, 90% of the votes cast in the early parliamentary elections have been processed, and the governing conservative party, the Croatian Democratic Union (HDZ), is leading the Social Democratic Party of Croatia (SDP). HDZ announced their victory, but they have not won an overall majority, which means they have to find a partner to form a coalition. In the parliament the Hungarian community will remain represented by president of the Democratic Union of Hungarians of Croatia (HDMK) Róbert Jankovics, who achieved an exceptional result.



### In the diaspora, we stand together in a time of social distancing

According to Péter Szilágyi, Ministerial Commissioner for Hungarian Communities Abroad, the fact that the Hungarian nation has remained in spite of all tragedies of the past century proves the power of cooperation, and it is extremely important to know that we are responsible for our compatriots in the diaspora. Mr. Szilágyi explained that a great success of the past ten years in policy for Hungarian communities abroad was the revival of relations in the diaspora. This has been an even more important success, he said, as Hungarians living outside of the Carpathian Basin were not only geographically distant, but also emotionally distant.

