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Árpád János Potápi sends written greetings to Hungarian teachers and students abroad

To mark the beginning of a new school year, State Secretary for Hungarian Communities Abroad Árpád János Potápi wrote a letter to the teachers and students of Hungarian schools abroad. In the letter he wrote that due to the pandemic, this year differed from previous school years, as after a long challenging period, this September teachers, students and parents will meet inside school for the first time. He underlined that the nation is like a family, whose members bond together.



The Democratic Alliance of Hungarians in Romania (RMDSZ) is nominating 8,390 candidates for the local elections in Romania on 27 September. Speaking at a press conference on Thursday, Hunor Kelemen called on the Hungarian community to practice their right to vote in spite of the pandemic, as participating in the elections does not increase the risk of being infected, if certain precautions are taken.

Hungarophobia: Following Rareș Bogdan's comment, RMDSZ's bill on education was rejected

EP member Rareş Bogdan, the famous anti-Hungarian politician and first vice-president of the now ruling National Liberal Party (PNL) has succeeded in turning Romanian MPs against reforms in education. In a Facebook post on Monday, Bogdan, who also has Hungarian family members, accused the Social Democratic Party (PSD) – which is in opposition, but is the largest party in parliament – of "tacitly accepting" the Hungarian interest group's bill on education in return for the latter's support for a motion of no confidence against the Government.

Grezsa: the message of new nursery schools in Slovakia is that one hundred years of solitude is over

Speaking at the inauguration of the new crèche/nursery school in Somorja/Šamorín, Slovakia, ministerial commissioner István Grezsa pointed out that the message sent by this nursery school is that one hundred years of solitude is now over and we are again stepping onto the path of prosperity. Mr. Grezsa reminded those present that nursery schools are built for the future, and our future can only be built if we end the one hundred years of solitude, look forward and move on.

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Online program supporting young entrepreneurs launched

An online program supporting young entrepreneurs was launched as part of the Vojvodina economic development program. At the opening event of the online education program called "Entrepreneurs of Vojvodina" in Szabadka/Subotica, State Secretary for Hungarian Communities Abroad Árpád János Potápi emphasized that the present and the future can be built on the younger generations, and they are the driving force of policies for Hungarian communities abroad. A pioneer in the Carpathian Basin, the program was launched with support of HUF 6 million from the Prosperitati Foundation - which handles the government's Vojvodina economic development program - and the State Secretariat for Hungarian Communities Abroad.

KMKSZ – UMP meeting in Berehove

The Transcarpathian Hungarian Cultural Association (KMKSZ) and the Hungarian Party in Ukraine (UMP) met on 25 August in the grand hall of Ferencz Rákóczi II Transcarpathian Hungarian College of Higher Education. President of KMKSZ László Brenzovics pointed out that the organization has taken part in every local and general election since 1990. As he noted, these are desperate times; in addition to military conflicts and economic recessions, recently there have been some anti-Hungarian comments in Transcarpathia.

The decision of the Croatian government: Róbert Jankovics remains the only Hungarian member of the National Minority Council

On 20 August the Croatian parliament appointed the new members (with one exception) of the National Minority Council. In the upcoming four years Hungarians in Croatia will continue to be represented by president of HDMK Róbert Jankovics. The council's responsibilities include determining the financial support for minority organizations from the state budget.

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