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### Chess Playground program for kindergarten teachers held online

A skills development program for kindergarten teachers called “Chess Playground” will once again be held online by the State Secretariat for Hungarian Communities Abroad. According to their statement, 156 Hungarian kindergarten teachers from abroad are participating in the program. As they noted, the program was launched last year as an event related to 2019 – The Year of Hungarian Families Abroad.



### Anti-Hungarian Trianon Act is passed for the second time

On Tuesday the Romanian House of Representatives voted the Act declaring June 4, the anniversary of the signing of the Treaty of Trianon, to be a national holiday, without amendment. The House of Representatives voted for the Act by 175 votes to 23, with 85 abstentions. The President now needs to promulgate it.

### Katalin Szili: in the long term the agreement between RMDSZ and EMSZ may bring success for the cause of Hungarians in Romania

According to Prime Ministerial Commissioner Katalin Szili, the agreement between the Democratic Alliance of Hungarians in Romania (RMDSZ) and the Association of Hungarians in Transylvania (EMSZ) on the joint representation of Hungarians in Transylvania and the cooperation in the parliament may in the long term bring success to the cause of Hungarians in Romania. As Katalin Szili told the Hungarian News Agency (MTI), before the December elections this agreement is a great step for the Hungarians in Transylvania, and she congratulated the two organizations.

### National regions: SZNT hopes to continue collection of signatures

The extended deadline for the collection of signatures for the civic initiative for the protection of national regions was last Saturday. They have collected more than 1,000,000 signatures so far and also reached the threshold in Croatia and Lithuania, but they do not have the necessary seven Member States to put the issue of national regions on the agenda of European decision-makers.



### Bálint Pásztor: Not only intimidation, but reconciliation also has its ways

Speaking in Szabadka/Subotica on Monday at a commemoration held for the martyrs of 1944-45, Vice President of VMSZ and Chairman of the Subotica City Council Bálint Pásztor pointed out that we know intimidation has its instruments, but so does reconciliation, justification and looking to the future. Mr. Pásztor stated that memorials like the one in Subotica remind us of irrational killings based on



nationality or ideology, although the only acceptable way is discovery and reconciliation.



### Szijjártó: Hostility between Ukraine and Hungary is not in anyone's interest

On his Facebook page, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Trade Péter Szijjártó stated that hostility between Ukraine and Hungary has increased lately, and this is not in anyone's interest – not that of Ukraine, Hungary and definitely not the Hungarians in Transcarpathia. Mr. Szijjártó stated that in the past few days, however, he received some positive feedback, such as the meeting between the Ukrainian Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs and the Hungarian Ambassador in Kiev, which was “fair and square”, or the conciliatory interview given by Dmytro Kuleba last Thursday. On Friday Mr. Kuleba confirmed that he had an agreement with Mr. Szijjártó on “turning the page” after the local elections and continuing communication between the two countries.



### “It's good to be Hungarian” – millions of forints in support for Hungarian farmers in 2020 also

One of the foundations of the survival of the Hungarian nation is a growing agriculture sector. Keeping this in mind, in 2016 the Hungarian government accepted the Democratic Union of Hungarians of Croatia (HDMK)'s Rural and Agricultural Development Program 2016-2020. Based on their development program, in 2020 Economica Hungarica Foundation (EHA) launched their applications for the fourth time.