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## Nineteen Hungarian students abroad win the application “Top of the class, top of the sports field”

On Tuesday afternoon the State Secretariat for Hungarian Communities Abroad announced online the winners of the competition “Top of the class, top of the sports field” for Hungarian students abroad. In his opening speech, broadcast on the YouTube channel of Hungarian Communities Abroad, State Secretary for Hungarian Communities Abroad Árpád János Potápi pointed out that 2020 was the Year of National Cohesion and Strong Hungarian Communities, and the State Secretariat for Hungarian Communities Abroad started a competition for Hungarian students abroad with the title “Top of the class, top of the sports field”. He said that the aim was to find Hungarian students abroad who are not only among the top students in their class, but who are also successful at sport.



## First ski slope with a chairlift inaugurated in Vařşag, Harghita County

On Monday, the first ski slope with a chairlift was inaugurated in Székelyvarság/Vařşag, Harghita County, built with the support of the Hungarian government. At the inauguration ceremony, State Secretary for Hungarian Communities Abroad Árpád János Potápi set the goal of connecting various ski slopes in the Harghita Mountains, creating a unified ski resort. The ski slope is 1050 meters long, has a height difference of 161 meters, and is of intermediate difficulty. It is served by a two-seater chairlift, a snowmobile, five snow cannons and an 8,000-cubic-meter reservoir and pipe system providing water for them.

## Legislative amendment: the post of prefect will have political status

On Wednesday the Government gave the post of prefect political status. The amendment of the administrative code was initiated by Attila Cseke, Minister of Public Works, Development and Administration. Mr. Cseke pointed out that the amendment of the administrative code was both a response to a proposal from RMDSZ – which is included in the Government’s program – and to a request from the European Commission.

## National regions: required number of signatures collected in Slovenia, number of “green countries” reaches eight

On Monday morning the Szekler National Council (SZNT) posted on its Facebook page that in an eighth member state – Slovenia – it has collected the required number of signatures from supporters for the European civic initiative it has launched. According to its announcement, “today, at the start of the 21st century, we can peacefully and constructively preserve and develop the values included in the EU Treaties, such as Europe’s cultural diversity. But in this we continue to count on the support of Slovenia.”



## Loránt Vincze on the Beneš decrees: in Europe in the 21st century, it is unacceptable to confiscate property on the basis of nationality

The question of the Beneš decrees – which are still in force in Slovakia – was on the agenda of the European Parliament’s (EP) Committee on Petitions (PETI) on Tuesday. As MEP Loránt Vincze (RMDSZ) pointed out, “the abolition of the Beneš decrees – which instituted the confiscation of property – is a historical debt owed by Slovakia, but the European Union, which protects fundamental rights and condemns all forms of discrimination, also has a duty to speak out and condemn the deprivation of the rights of Hungarians in Slovakia.”



## The Day of Hungarian Culture – the Hungarian Cultural Association of Vojvodina presents prizes

In Palics/Palić on Friday, the Day of Hungarian Culture, the Hungarian Cultural Association of Vojvodina (VMMSZ) presented prizes for outstanding actors in Hungarian Culture. State Secretary for Hungarian Communities Abroad Árpád János Potápi was awarded a “Golden Plaque” (Aranyplakett). As Mr. Potápi pointed out, “people don’t do their jobs for awards, but because they enjoy doing it and hope that society will profit from it, yet an award always brings joy, as the work and effort become visible.”



## Szijjártó: extreme elements in Hungarian-Ukrainian relations must be eliminated

As Minister of Foreign Affairs and Trade Péter Szijjártó pointed out in Kiev on Wednesday, extreme elements and statements must be eliminated from Hungarian-Ukrainian bilateral relations. Mr. Szijjártó pointed this out in a joint press conference with Ukrainian Minister of Foreign Affairs Dmytro Kuleba. Mr. Szijjártó stated that he had asked Mr. Kuleba to join efforts and start consultations on the education law, which has created a lot of tension in relations between the two countries in recent years.

## Hungary sends the Ukrainian Red Cross vaccines against rabies

In Záhony on the Hungarian-Ukrainian border on Thursday, Ministerial Commissioner István Grezsa gave 2,000 vaccines against rabies to the Transcarpathia organization of the Ukrainian Red Cross. At an event on the Tisza Bridge, the Ministerial Commissioner for the cooperation of Szabolcs-Szatmár-Bereg County and Transcarpathia and the coordination of the Carpathian Basin Nursery School



Development Program pointed out that Hungary answered a request from the leaders of Transcarpathia with a humanitarian vaccine consignment worth almost HUF 23 million. He also noted that he contacted the third Transcarpathian governor in 5 years, but this was the first time that he could not personally hand over the consignment requested by the region. He added that “this only goes to show the absurdity of relations between Hungary and Ukraine.”

