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Potápi: young people think in terms of a unified Hungarian nation

State Secretary for Hungarian Communities Abroad Árpád János Potápi has said that more than 100,000 Hungarian students in the kin-state and abroad participated in the first round of the Without Borders Program, which shows that young people think in terms of a unified Hungarian nation. As Mr. Potápi recalled, in 2010 the aim of this program was to provide all Hungarian students with the opportunity to visit a neighboring Hungarian community on at least one occasion. As field trips are now suspended due to the pandemic, Hungarian students in the kin-state and abroad will be connected online. Through the game, students not only gain important knowledge, but also build relationships.

Péter Szilágyi: All Hungarians can rely on the government

Speaking at the Hungarian Folk College's online conference Virtual Unification of Nations, Ministerial Commissioner for Hungarian Communities Abroad Péter Szilágyi pointed out that all Hungarians can rely on the government. Mr. Szilágyi gave a presentation on policies for Hungarian communities abroad over the past 10 years and the programs planned for the Year of New Beginnings. He said that "We don't focus on the borders, but on a unified nation", stressing that their support reaches every community in the Carpathian Basin, and that the 3 most important goals are preservation of identity, economic development and support of families.

Selling Transylvania: Hunor Kelemen says Iohannis's statement was only part of a battle between PNL and PSD

Vice president of Romania and president of RMDSZ Hunor Kelemen has said that President Klaus Iohannis's statement concerning RMDSZ and Transylvania was only part of a battle between the National Liberal Party (PNL) and the Social Democratic Party (PSD), and that the President knew that there were "no secret alliances". Mr. Kelemen added that his party does not wish to participate in a war between Romanian parties, and he trusts that there will be no such developments in the future.

Szijjártó: Hopefully the issue of dual citizenship will be solved in Slovakia

After his visit to Révkomárom/Komárno on Wednesday, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Trade Péter Szijjártó pointed out that unfortunately it does not seem that the issue of dual citizenship will be solved in Slovakia just yet, but hopefully this will happen in the future. Mr. Szijjártó stated that Slovakia is a very important strategic partner of Hungary, and Hungarians in Slovakia are important pillars in the two countries' relations. Mr. Szijjártó regularly consults representatives of Hungarians in Slovakia concerning the most important issues affecting them.



Hungarian ambassador in Bratislava summoned

The Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs of Slovakia summoned the Hungarian ambassador in Bratislava/Pozsony to ask for an explanation for Mr. Péter Szijjártó's visit to Révkomárom/Komárno. After his visit, Mr. Szijjártó pointed out that the issue of dual citizenship has not yet been solved in Slovakia, but hopefully this will happen in the future.



Nándor Kiss in the Parliament: development of the cultural infrastructure is indispensable

The spring session of the Parliament of the Republic of Serbia has begun. Among other things, MEPs agreed on a bill ratifying a loan agreement between Serbia and the Council of Europe Development Bank for the development of cultural infrastructure. Regarding the proposal, Member of Parliament of the Hungarian Alliance of Vojvodina Hungarians (VMSZ) Nándor Kiss said that his party supports the proposal, as the renovation and development of theaters, cinemas and libraries is in the common interest of society.



Kuleba: Ukraine plans to allow dual citizenship, except for Russia

Speaking at a press conference in Kiev on Friday, Ukrainian Minister of Foreign Affairs Dmytro Kuleba stated that Ukraine is planning on accepting a liberal law on dual citizenship, but this would exclude Russia, which was described as "the aggressor". Ukraine would also exclude dual citizens from certain offices. Mr. Kuleba said, "I'm working with the MEPs on the relevant amendments, but there's one exception: the aggressor state, for which we shall not allow dual citizenship under any circumstances. We are planning on allowing dual citizenship for EU Member States and other friendly countries." On Thursday night, however, in a decree the President of Ukraine enacted a decision made by the National Security and Defense Council of Ukraine (RNBO) on 26 February. This requires the government to analyze Ukrainian legislation on dual or multiple citizenship within two months and to determine whether a legal risk to the country is posed by state or political positions being held by people with nationalities other than Ukrainian.



New applications for *Economica Hungarica* have been announced

Based on the rural and economic development strategy of the Democratic Union of Hungarians of Croatia (HMDK), the Hungarian government announced its fourth economic development tender at the end of February. The current application is



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designed to help Hungarians thrive in their homeland and is aimed at wider sections of the community. President of the HMDK Róbert Jankovics is encouraging everyone to take advantage of the application opportunity. As Mr. Jankovics said, "We thank the Hungarian government for its significant help and for allocating even more resources this year to support for Hungarian farmers in Croatia."

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