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## Application for the New Beginnings Program

State Secretary for Hungarian Communities Abroad Árpád János Potápi has announced that the new application called “New Beginnings Program” launched by the State Secretariat for Hungarian Communities Abroad is supporting Hungarian organizations abroad in 6 fields. Mr. Potápi said that the Hungarian government has been launching programs for Hungarian organizations abroad since 2011 in order to support their operation, development, procurement of supplies, and their events and programs. He highlighted that the support and applications will now be unified under the name “New Beginnings Program”. This features six subprograms: education, culture, religion, sport, youth, scouting, community and diaspora. He emphasized that in the first major tender announced on Tuesday, tenders can be submitted for operation, development and supplies procurement from April 15 to May 14. The grant amount is HUF 1.5 billion, of which organizations can claim between HUF 300,000 and HUF 5 million as a non-refundable grant.



## The program for Hungarian economic development abroad strengthens the Hungarian economy

Speaking at the first online training session of the Transylvanian mentor program, State Secretary for Hungarian Communities Abroad Árpád János Potápi pointed out that the program for Hungarian economic development abroad strengthens the Hungarian economy and is also profitable for Hungarian taxpayers. He noted that the creation of a network of mentors is part of the program for Hungarian economic development abroad and that it strengthens Hungarian society and the economy. After the program’s launch in Vojvodina it’s now being launched in Transylvania as well. The program aims to support startups by enterprises that have been successful for several years or decades, to accelerate learning periods and to create a network among entrepreneurs from different regions.

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## VM4K celebrates its anniversary

The Hungarian Center of Education, Research and Culture of Vojvodina, the center of which is in Szabadka/Subotica, is celebrating its third anniversary. The Donáth Mór House, which provides the center with its home, was renovated with the Government's support. The Center hosted its first event on April 11 2018, attracting attention to itself with a flash mob.



## Development Program

After having spread to Croatia, Transylvania, Slovenia and Vojvodina, the Chess Palace Complex Skill Development Program has also reached Transcarpathia. The training session was held online on April 12, with the participation of 12 institutes and 36 teachers, and was hosted by the State Secretariat for Hungarian Communities Abroad. Head of Department Virág Hajnal pointed out that this year's topic is the Year of New Beginnings and this month's topic is education. She noted that Hungarian teachers abroad are crucial, especially now when we are all trying to adapt.





## Minority Council of Zagreb decides – a new record of support for Hungarians in Croatia

At its online meeting on April 14, the Minority Council of Zagreb (KT) decided to distribute the amount approved in this year's state budget among the programs of national minority associations. Another record amount of support was awarded to the programs of the Hungarian minority. This year several Hungarian organizations received support; the KT is supporting the programs and operations of 48 associations from 9 counties. Since the beginning of his mandate, Representative Róbert Jankovics has worked to increase the funds allocated to Hungarian associations and to support as many Hungarian organizations, cultural associations and institutions as possible.

