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## Árpád János Potápi: Launch of the photography competition “Through Hungarian Eyes”

On his Facebook page, State Secretary for Hungarian Communities Abroad Árpád János Potápi has said that his state secretariat has launched a photography competition entitled “Through Hungarian Eyes”. The competition is open to Hungarians in the Carpathian Basin, the diaspora and the kin-state. Mr. Potápi stressed that the aim of the competition is to present wonders around us after the difficulties of the past year. As part of the Year of New Beginnings, the competition has two main themes: wondrous places, and what “new beginnings” means to contestants.

## Parliament passes a resolution in favor of the Minority SafePack

Hungarian politicians abroad welcomed the Hungarian parliament’s resolution on Wednesday in favor of the Minority SafePack. Fidesz MP Károly Pánczél, president of the Hungarian National Assembly’s Committee on National Cohesion and initiator of the resolution, pointed out that the resolution states that the Parliament stands by Hungarian communities abroad and autochthonous national minorities, which make up almost 10 per cent of the EU.



## Commuting across the Hungarian-Romanian border made faster, Mixed Committee on Minority Issues relaunched

After signing a bilateral agreement with his Romanian counterpart Bogdan Aurescu in Almásy Mansion in Gyula, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Trade Péter Szijjártó pointed out that restarting the work of the Hungarian-Romanian mixed committee on minority issues will open a new chapter in bilateral ties. Mr. Szijjártó said that the mixed committee last met in 2011, and its relaunch has provided an opportunity to discuss and solve “problems that were earlier thought insurmountable”.

## High Mass on Pentecost Saturday in Șumuleu Ciuc to be held in the “mountain saddle”

The Mayor’s office of Csíkszereda/Miercurea Ciuc has announced that High Mass in the settlement on Pentecost Saturday will be held in the mountain saddle. Mayor of Miercurea Ciuc Attila Korodi made the announcement in the Town Hall on Friday. Mr. Korodi stated that current infection data and relevant legislation will allow the residents of Miercurea Ciuc to attend the Csíksomlyó Pilgrimage in the mountain saddle. There will be attempts at discussions with representatives of the Roman Catholic Church and state authorities on whether it will be possible to receive pilgrims from other settlements. According to the Mayor, it is certain that this year it will not be possible for Hungarians to make the pilgrimage to Șumuleu Ciuc, other than as members of official delegations.

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### Pro Civis civic association initiates signature collection for Minority SafePack

According to President of the Association Péter Őry, the Pro Civis civic association has started collecting signatures in Slovakia in order to petition the European Commission (EC) to review its negative decision on the Minority SafePack initiative for the development of a European legal order for the protection of minorities in Europe. Speaking about the collection of signatures, Mr. Őry stated that “we cannot accept this decision of the European Commission, and we cannot remain silent.”

### Péter Szijjártó: relations between Hungary and Slovakia have never been better

In Gönyű, Győr-Moson-Sopron County, on Thursday, speaking at an inauguration ceremony for a high-voltage transmission line spanning the Danube between Hungary and Slovakia, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Trade Péter Szijjártó pointed out that relations between the two countries have never been better. Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance of Slovakia Igor Matović also attended the inauguration. According to Mr. Szijjártó, the perfect word to describe the relationship is “neighborliness”, as the two countries focus on what connects them rather than what separates them.



### István Pásztor: Further proof of relations based on firm foundations

As István Pásztor posted on his Facebook page on Friday, those who have been vaccinated can freely commute between Serbia and Hungary. As previously reported, there has been an agreement between the two countries that includes free and unrestricted cross-border commuting for people who have been vaccinated and have a vaccination certificate. Such people will not need PCR tests, or be subject to time or other restrictions. Mr. Pásztor added that vaccination certificates are also important because the government is gradually easing restrictions for those in possession of them.





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### Ecumenical wheat blessing ceremony in Choma, Berehove

Speaking at a wheat blessing ceremony in Tiszacsoma/Choma in Berehove Raion on Saturday, István Jakab – president of the National Association of Hungarian Farmers' Circles and Farmers' Cooperatives (MAGOSZ) and Deputy Speaker of the National Assembly – pointed out that the kin-state takes responsibility for every Hungarian. The ceremony was part of the “15 Million Grains: Hungarian Bread Program”, which contributes to the feeding of tens of thousands of children every year, and which supports many farmers in Transcarpathia with grain donations. As Mr. Jakab said, “we are here to revive this once forgotten sacrament.”



### Another boost for Hungarian farmers and entrepreneurs

Based on the HMDK's rural and economic development strategy and with the support of the Hungarian government, Economica Hungarica Foundation will announce its latest asset purchase tender on Monday, May 3. The call for applications will be open for one month, and applications may be submitted electronically or in person.

