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Registration for vaccination is open for Hungarian citizens abroad

The Government Information Center has announced that from Tuesday foreign citizens in Hungary and Hungarians abroad with no Hungarian social security number are allowed to register for the COVID-19 vaccination. According to their statement, as the vaccination program proceeds, in order to stop the pandemic people living in Hungary in addition to the above-mentioned groups can register at www.vakcinainfo.gov.hu.



Cîțu: Romania and Hungary accept each other's vaccination certificates

On Thursday Prime Minister Florin Cîțu announced that Hungary and Romania now accept each other's vaccination certificates. During his visit in Konstanca/Constanța, the PM said that "at present we accept Hungary's vaccination certificate and they accept ours."

"We are putting Europe in motion for Szeklerland" – signatures being collected in Belgium, as well

Midnight on Friday saw completion of the collection of signatures for the protection of national regions, initiated by the Szekler National Council (SZNT). The goal was achieved, with signatures from 11 countries rather than the required 7: Hungary, Romania, Slovakia, Croatia, Lithuania, Sweden, Slovenia, Spain, Latvia, Ireland and Belgium. The campaign chief László Pesty told Hungarian TV channel M1 that the aim of the initiative is to draw the attention of the central organization of the EU to the national regions, so that autochthonous minorities and national minorities can directly profit from EU resources in order to protect their languages, cultures and identities. On his Facebook page, State Secretary for Hungarian Communities Abroad Árpád János Potápi congratulated Mr. Pesty. Prime ministerial commissioner Katalin Szili said that this success is a new victory, the next step being verification of signatures' authenticity, which will be conducted by the authorities of the Member States and submitted to the European Commission.



The Alliance welcomes vaccination in Hungary

According to a press statement by the Alliance on Wednesday, vaccination is the solution, so everything that encourages people to get vaccinated or allows them to access safe vaccines is welcome. Therefore they welcome the opportunity for Hungarians in Slovakia to register for vaccination in Hungary as well as in Slovakia. President of the Alliance Szabolcs Mózes emphasized the importance of administrative cooperation between countries in order to be able to accept this opportunity and have positive results.

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Border crossing between Kübekháza and Rabe to open soon

Mayor of Kübekháza Róbert Molnár informed the local media of the possible reopening soon of the border crossing between Kübekháza and Rábé/Rabe, which was closed due to the pandemic. The two countries have agreed on reopening for people who have vaccination certificates. Mr. Molnár added that the Minister of the Interior will soon decide on the date and time of the opening.



Further anti-Hungarian activity in Berehove

On Monday Hungarian- and Ukrainian-language news portals from Transcarpathia reported that intimidating anti-Hungarian wall posters appeared in Beregszász/Berehove in the early hours of Orthodox Easter. The text on the posters read “Stab the Hungarians!” It also warned that Hungarians have one week to leave Ukraine or they will be “poisoned like rats.” On Sunday the Security Service of Ukraine (SZBU) announced that they had found the suspected perpetrators.



Szijjártó: Croatia accepts travelers inoculated with any vaccine available in Hungary

On his Facebook page on Wednesday, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Trade Péter Szijjártó announced that Croatia and Hungary have agreed to accept each other's vaccination certificates and those who have been vaccinated are free to travel between the two countries. He added that there are negotiations with neighboring countries on the unrestricted commuting of Hungarian citizens who have been vaccinated.

One of the smallest but strongest Hungarian communities is the one in Croatia

Speaking at the inauguration of a community house in Kopács/Kopačevo, Drávaszög/Baranjska lesna zaravan, State Secretary for Hungarian Communities Abroad Árpád János Potápi stated that one of the smallest but strongest Hungarian communities is the one in Croatia; yet again its members have proved their will to live. He described the success in the Croatian general election of Róbert Jankovics – president of the Democratic Union of Hungarians of Croatia (HDMK) – as a milestone. He noted that only the power of cooperation can show the majority nation and the Hungarians that the latter are important and a political determiner, and only strong policies can ensure the strength of other institutions.