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## Potápi: It has been 11 years since the Hungarian nation was united in public law

On his Facebook page on Thursday, State Secretary for Hungarian Communities Abroad Árpád János Potápi posted that the amendment of the law on Hungarian citizenship has been one of the most important milestones of the past decade, and that it marked the beginning of a procedure that is unifying the nation. It has been 11 years since Hungary adopted the law on simplified naturalization. Mr. Potápi spoke about how, on May 26 2010, the newly-elected National Assembly adopted, with a 98 percent majority, the amendment of the law on citizenship, which allows Hungarians abroad to be part of the Hungarian nation in the sense of public law, as well.

## The Benyovszky memorial year has begun

On the 280th anniversary of Count Maurice Benyovszky's birth and the 235th of his death, the program of the Benyovszky memorial year will feature academic publications, conferences, new statues, a memorial stamp issued by Magyar Posta and a premiere of a musical about the Count. At an event on Tuesday marking the issue of the stamp, as main patron of the event Mr. Potápi pointed out in his opening speech that Maurice Benyovszky is claimed by Hungarians, Poles, Slovaks and – to an extent – by Austrians. This year's double anniversary is a chance to commemorate a restless world traveler that set foot on four continents, an explorer, an excellent sailor and a soldier.

## Young Hungarians from the kin-state and abroad featured in the new video clip of the band "Lóci plays"

As part of the program "May – the Month of Young People", HelloWood Junior and the State Secretariat for Hungarian Communities Abroad have launched an online musical instrument making workshop called "HangSzerelő" ("Sound making"). It ended with a video clip made by the band "Lóci Plays", which featured young Hungarians from the kin-state and abroad. The program was launched in March with the aim of using music to strengthen relations between Hungarian communities that live far from one another.



## State Secretary Árpád János Potápi inaugurates nursery schools renovated with the government's support

In Nyárszóc/Nearșova and Kőrösfő/Izvoru Crișului in the Kalotaszeg/Țara Călatei region, Transylvania on Saturday, State Secretary for Hungarian Communities Abroad Árpád János Potápi inaugurated nursery schools renovated with the government's support. In his celebratory speech in Nearșova, Mr. Potápi stressed that, as part of the Carpathian Basin Nursery School Development Program, approximately 1,000 Hungarian-speaking nursery schools abroad are being renovated. He emphasized the



importance of these nursery schools being attractive in regions where different languages are spoken, and that they should meet the demands of the 21st century, offer meals to children and offer afternoon daycare. Over the weekend, three more kindergartens were inaugurated in Déscichegy, Várszék and Szék with the participation of Head of the Transylvanian department Réka Brendus.



### “Lullaby sessions” relaunched in Slovakia

After a long absence, the “Lullaby sessions” can be relaunched in Slovakia. Hungarian families have welcomed the news. This year 65 venues in Slovakia are hosting the musical sessions based on the Kodály method. Unlike in previous years, there will be no summer vacation this year, and families will also be welcome during the summer months. The motto is “hold, rock, sing a lullaby.”



### Nine Hungarian Golden Crosses of Merit in Vojvodina

In recognition of their work and public activities, on our national holidays President of Hungary János Áder awarded decorations to several people living or working in Vojvodina. Due to the pandemic, however, the awards could only be presented later, with the assistance of the Consulate General of Hungary in Szabadka/Subotica. The awards were presented at an informal reception on Thursday afternoon at the Zvonko Bogdan Wine Mansion in Palics/Palić.



### Rákóczi plaque inaugurated in Pidpolozzya

At the initiation of the Consulate General of Hungary in Uzhhorod, a bilingual plaque (in Hungarian and Ukrainian) commemorating Prince Francis II Rákóczi was unveiled on 25 May. The plaque is in the chapel of the military cemetery next to the highway, which has been renovated with Hungarian support. It is well known that Prince Francis II Rákóczi is honored not only by local Hungarians, but also by Rusyns. His memory is treasured in Vezérszállás/Pidpolozzya, because in June 1703 the Prince spent a night with the Duzsár family in Romanóc (now in Pidpolozzya).

