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## 6th Meeting of Hungarian Entrepreneurs in the Carpathian Basin

On Friday, State Secretary for Hungarian Communities Abroad Árpád János Potápi called it an achievement of the ten-year policy for Hungarian communities abroad that the cooperation in the Carpathian Basin is now an economic one. Speaking at the 6th Meeting of Hungarian Entrepreneurs in the Carpathian Basin in Mezőkövesd, hosted by the State Secretariat for Hungarian Communities Abroad and Design Terminal, Mr. Potápi pointed out that the Hungarian entrepreneurs are key figures of the policy for Hungarian communities abroad. The economic development program first took place in Vojvodina, then in Slovakia, Transcarpathia and the remaining regions. He added that the economic development programs are much more improved now than before, and there's an effort to create a network of enterprises in the Carpathian Basin.

## Potápi: 2021 is the Year of New Beginnings

Speaking at the press conference of the charity running event "We Are of One Blood" on Wednesday in Budapest, State Secretary for Hungarian Communities Abroad Árpád János Potápi commented that 2020 was the Year of National Cohesion and 2021 is that of New Beginnings. Mr. Potápi started his course after the press conference. Mr. Potápi emphasized that we draw attention to the importance of national cohesion by donating blood and participating in the charity running event. Mr. Potápi said that this year, by completing the 600-kilometer, 6-day running distance, we support the residents of the Reformed dormitory in Magyarfülpös/Filpișu Mare, Mureș County.

## Péter Szilágyi: united action is needed in the protection of minority rights

Speaking at the online summer university on Wednesday, Ministerial Commissioner for Hungarian Communities Abroad Péter Szilágyi emphasized the importance of united action in the protection of national minority rights. At the meeting of the Institute for the Protection of Minority Rights (IPMR), Mr. Szilágyi stressed the significance of minority protection knowledge. Since 2010, the Hungarian government has been advocating for Hungarians living abroad in bilateral relations and in international forums, but many countries are experiencing a setback. On the opening day of the event entitled Protection of Minorities in Europe 2021, he pointed out that Hungarians across the border often suffer violations and are deprived of their existing collective rights. He added that the most effected region is Transcarpathia, citing the language law as an example, the legislation on indigenous minorities.





## Mihály Varga: supporting religion and national cohesion are important tasks

According to the announcement of the Ministry of Finance, speaking at the inauguration of the new Reformed church in Mezőpanit/Panet, Hungarian Minister of Finance Mihály Varga pointed out that thanks to the policy for Hungarian communities abroad in the past decade, families, religion and economic development will continue to be supported. The Ministry quoted Mr. Varga in their communication, emphasizing that the government finds national cohesion, the preservation of Europe's Christian roots and culture and the development of Hungarians in the kin-state and abroad crucial.

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## Potápi: Gombasek is the first significant program for Hungarian communities abroad in the Year of New Beginnings

Speaking at the opening ceremony on Thursday in Slovakia, State Secretary for Hungarian Communities Abroad Árpád János Potápi pointed out that the Gombaszög/Gombasek Summer Camp in Slovakia/Felvidék is the first significant program for Hungarian communities abroad in the Year of New Beginnings. Mr. Potápi expressed his joy over the reunion of Hungarians in the kin-state and Slovakia and their participation in cultural sessions. He noted that the online meetings do not replace real life gatherings.

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## My Successor is Ahead of Me – the training series of Prosperitati came to an end

The training series of Prosperitati Foundation entitled "My Successor is Ahead of Me" came to an end. The participants were beneficiaries of the Vojvodina economic development program. The online training was supported by the Hungarian government and the State Secretariat for Hungarian Communities Abroad. The closing ceremony was held in Ludas. Participants were predecessors and successors – i.e. two generations in one enterprise. The aim of the program was to improve communication and cooperation within an enterprise.

## Katalin Szili is Novi Sad: Our answers to the challenges of the 21st century are important

Speaking at the opening of the 21st Apáczai Summer Academy of the Association of Hungarian Pedagogues of Vojvodina (AHPV) in Újvidék/Novi Sad, Prime Ministerial Commissioner and founding president of the National Council for Sustainable Development Katalin Szili said that one of the most important questions at the beginning of the 21<sup>st</sup> century is what answers we can give to the economic, social and



ecological challenges facing the world. Addressing the press after the opening, Katalin Szili said that after the pandemic, it is important to thank the teachers who helped our children during this difficult period, as “they represent the Hungarian future.”

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### Zelensky: There will also be a law on national minorities, but they will be given a new name

Ukrainian news portal Pravda reported that Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky noted on Tuesday that there will also be a law on national minorities living in Ukraine after that of the indigenous minorities, but as he does not like this term, they are expected to be referred to as “indigenous communities” in the proposal. The head of state told reporters about this at a forum on humanitarian issues. According to Mr. Zelensky, the Law on National Communities of Ukraine is currently being actively drafted. Not minorities, but communities, as in Ukraine, no nationality should feel as a minority, less important, less protected or less happy. No one is part of a minority, because we are all citizens of Ukraine. In their statement, the Transcarpathian Hungarian Cultural Association (KMKSZ) welcomed the initiative of the President of Ukraine, which would regulate the situation of the national communities living in the country in another law.

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### Zsolt Semjén and Árpád János Potápi receive newly elected president of HMDK Róbert Jankovics in Budapest

Zsolt Semjén and Árpád János Potápi received newly elected president of HMDK Róbert Jankovics in Budapest. After the friendly meeting, Mr. Jankovics commented that he informed Deputy Prime Minister Zsolt Semjén and State Secretary for Hungarian Communities Abroad Árpád János Potápi about the current issues of the Hungarian minority in Croatia. They discussed current political issues, as well, including the details of the operative program for Hungarians in Croatia. While in Budapest, Mr. Jankovics also presented the Gedeon Ács Lifetime Achievement Award to Mr. Semjén and Mr. Potápi in recognition of their work for Hungarians in Croatia.