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## Potápi: 1464 Hungarian organizations abroad supported in the first phase of the New beginnings Program

Speaking at a press conference in Budapest on Wednesday, State Secretary for Hungarian Communities Abroad Árpád János Potápi announced that almost 1500 Hungarian organizations abroad were supported in the first phase of the New beginnings Program. Mr. Potápi recalled that the State Secretariat for Hungarian Communities Abroad have supported Hungarian organizations through calls for application since 2011. This year the different calls for applications have been unified under the name of New Beginnings Program. As part of the program, Hungarian organizations abroad could apply for financial support in 6 different fields, including culture, education, sports and several other fields.

## Péter Szilágyi: Székelys of Bukovina are home in Bátaszék

Speaking at the inauguration of the House of Székelys in Bátaszék, Tolna County, Ministerial Commissioner for Hungarian Communities Abroad Péter Szilágyi pointed out that after leaving Bukovina 80 years ago and wandering ever since, the Székelys have found their home in Bátaszék. If after 80 years, a community still remains, they know how to settle – how to organize themselves, conserve their community, preserve family values and bring up generations accordingly.



## Potápi: The Kolozsvár Hungarian Days are crucial for the whole nation

Speaking at the opening ceremony in the Hungarian Opera in Kolozsvár/Cluj-Napoca on Tuesday, State Secretary for Hungarian Communities Abroad Árpád János Potápi pointed out that the Kolozsvár Hungarian Days are crucial for the whole nation, Kolozsvár is undoubtedly a milestone in Hungarian culture and history. Mr. Potápi believes the festival shows that we can control the pandemic. Speaking at the event, Romanian Deputy Prime Minister and head of the RMDSZ Hunor Kelemen said it took community solidarity and the sacrifice of the organizers in order for the Hungarians of Kolozsvár to celebrate together during the epidemic.

## Memorial Centre for Szekler Border Guards inaugurated

Speaking at the inauguration of the Memorial Centre for Szekler Border Guards built with Hungarian support in Csíkszépvíz/Frumoasa on Saturday, State Secretary for Hungarian Communities Abroad Árpád János Potápi called the facility a “beacon”, a point of orientation besides a military exhibition. Mr. Potápi was awarded with the title of honorary citizen of Csíkszépvíz by the local council. Mayor of Csíkszépvíz Tibor Ferencz, who initiated the creation of the memorial center, called it a tribute to their ancestors, as Csíkszépvíz was a border settlement, where they protected the borders for centuries. Furthermore, the facility is a touristic investment, which can



provide several touristic services and thus could be an economic opportunity for Frumoasa.

### [Hunor Kelemen claims Ludovic Orban adapted Ceaușescu's rhetoric](#)

According to president of the Democratic Alliance of Hungarians in Romania (RMDSZ) Hunor Kelemen, leader of the National Liberal Party (PNL) and president of the Chamber of Deputies of Romania Ludovic Orban adapted Ceaușescu's rhetoric when explaining at the delegate meeting of the Harghita County organization on Sunday that the investments could significantly change the ethnic composition of Szeklerland. Mr. Kelemen replied to the questions concerning Mr. Orban's commentary of Romanian news portal Maszol.ro.

### [EMNT files complaint to the Council of Europe against Romania over the speech of PNL President Ludovic Orban in Szeklerland](#)

As they pointed out in a statement sent to Hungarian news agency MTI on Thursday, the Hungarian National Council of Transylvania (EMNT) considers the declaration of Liberal Party President Ludovic Orban on the change of ethnic composition in Szeklerland to be an anti-Hungarian program speech, a call for the Romanization of Szeklerland, and raises a complaint against Romania for violating the Framework Convention for Minority Protection.



### [Interview with László Kövér: we are standing with our back against the wall: we can no longer back off](#)

During his last visit to Slovakia, Speaker of the Hungarian National Assembly László Kövér gave an interview to only one medium; the Hungarian weekly newspaper Magyar7 (Hungarian 7). Mr. Kövér discussed role models, bullet holes, personal mistakes and the future of European states if they can't change the EU's directives. As he commented, "national engagement, national solidarity make people loyal to their countries even under critical circumstances, as they see their states as protectors of the national communities regarded as their own."



### [Katalin Novák: the next decade will be that of Hungarian pride](#)

Speaking at the Saint Stephen celebration of the Alliance of Vojvodina Hungarians in Palics/Palić on Saturday, Minister without portfolio for Family Affairs Katalin Novák emphasized that the decade of national reunification will be followed by that of national pride, and we have to do our best to make national cohesion a fact in Hungary and abroad. What is more, we have to do our best to make Hungarians, wherever they are, pride of their nationality, and make outsiders respect us.



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### The 25<sup>th</sup> Summer Academy of Teachers in Subotica has been launched

The 25<sup>th</sup> Summer Academy of Teachers in Szabadka/Subotica, organized by the Hungarian Pedagogues in North Bačka (ÉMPE), entitled “the heroes of education” has been launched with 160 participants. Explaining the choice of title in her opening speech at the City Hall in Subotica, president of ÉMPE Ibolya De Negri said that teachers are seen as heroes of everyday life, as they teach, educate and lead the way for future generations. Speaking about the jubilee event, president of MNT Jenő Hajnal highlighted that 25 years ago, in the most difficult period, an idea started, which grew bigger afterwards, and now there is a significant academic training in the Carpathian Basin.



### The 20<sup>th</sup> Hungarian Kölcsey Summer Teacher’s Academy is a success

The 20<sup>th</sup> Hungarian Kölcsey Summer Teacher’s Academy, hosted by the Ferencz Rákóczi II Transcarpathian Hungarian College of Higher Education, was launched on 9 August. The program series was organized by the Transcarpathian Hungarian Pedagogical Association (KMPSZ) between 9 and 13 August. Its aim was to provide up-to-date knowledge to educators and prepare them to be able to make educational materials and presentations and have an insight in student testing opportunities provided by digital platforms.

