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## Potápi: the mentor program strengthens the economic network in the Carpathian Basin

In an online opening speech at a press conference on Thursday, State Secretary for Hungarian Communities Abroad Árpád János Potápi said that the mentor program strengthens the economic network in the Carpathian Basin and creates an economic space. He added that thanks to the successful first phase of the mentor program, there were even more applicants in the second one: 111 mentees and 59 mentors applied, making 170 participants in total.

## The Smart Box education portal is expanded with Hungarian content from abroad

Speaking in the Art and Elementary School of Dombóvár City Center on Wednesday at a presentation of the development of the program supported by the State Secretariat, State Secretary for Hungarian Communities Abroad Árpád János Potápi announced that the Smart Box education portal has been expanded with Hungarian content from abroad. Mr. Potápi added that thanks to the new exercises, Hungarian students in the Carpathian Basin and the diaspora will be able to learn about the history, literature, environment and values of Transylvania, Slovakia, Vojvodina, Transcarpathia, Croatia and Slovenia.

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## Hunor Kelemen: the RMDSZ will not be a decorative item in the government

On Friday, President of the Democratic Alliance of Hungarians in Romania (RMDSZ) Hunor Kelemen pointed out that if the RMDSZ cannot appoint a minister in the Ministry of Public Works, Development and Administration, they will leave the coalition. Mr. Kelemen confirmed that his party will not give up on the Ministry of Development, as “everything’s possible, except having the RMDSZ as a decorative item in the government.”

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## Jubilee of the Alliance for Common Goals: Pogány Erzsébet Prize presented for the first time

In the ceremonial hall of the Officers’ Pavilion in Komárom/Komárno on 19 November, the Alliance for Common Goals (SZAKC) celebrated their 20th anniversary. At the event, the exemplary work of compatriots who selflessly built and enriched the Hungarian community in Slovakia was recognized for the first time with the Erzsébet Pogány Prize, established in honor of the former director of SZAKC. A message and best wishes from State Secretary Árpád János Potápi was delivered by



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Mrs. Éva Czimbalmosné Molnár, Head of Department for Slovakia at the State Secretariat for Hungarian Communities Abroad.

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### RSD 100 million for local and regional development

On Wednesday, President of the Government of Vojvodina Igor Mirović handed over 96 contracts to co-finance IPA projects through European Union funds. The amount of 100 million dinars, provided through the regional finance secretariat, is intended for municipalities, health and education institutions, regional development agencies, public enterprises, social protection institutions, business incubators, the civil sector and institutions.

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### Application period for the Transcarpathian mentoring program ends

The application period for the Transcarpathian mentoring program ended on 19 November. 17 mentors were invited and 41 mentees applied. The program, which is scheduled to take place between 30 November and 22 February, aims to bring together young entrepreneurs and experienced professionals, to help one another solve profession-related issues and strengthen the economy of Transcarpathia as mentors and mentees.

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### Katalin Szili presents state awards to members of the Hungarian diaspora in Canada

Katalin Szili, Prime Ministerial Commissioner responsible for the coordination of autonomy aspirations in the Carpathian Basin, has presented state awards to members of the Hungarian diaspora in Canada. In a phone interview to Hungarian News Agency MTI, Ms. Szili said that during her visits she met with representatives of the local Hungarian community, members of the Hungarian-based Jewish religious community and presented Hungarian state awards to members of the Hungarian diaspora.

### Szili: the scout movement and the Catholic community are fundamental forces whose preservation is in the national interest

In a telephone interview with Hungarian News Agency MTI after the scout ball of the Hungarian Community in New York City on Sunday, Ministerial Commissioner Katalin Szili said that the scout movement and the Catholic community are fundamental forces whose preservation is in the national interest. Ms. Szili stressed that the scout movement helps young Hungarians to preserve their identity and creates



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communities that are, in addition to the Catholic Church, also one of the strongest cohesive forces overseas.