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March 15 – Rákóczi Association announces a student travel opportunity

On Thursday, at the event of 15 March for secondary school students in the Carpathian Basin, the Rákóczi Association announced a travel opportunity. Since 1994, the program has aimed to allow all secondary school students in the Carpathian Basin to jointly commemorate the Hungarian Civic Revolution and War of Independence of 1848–1849, and help to create personal relations between students, schools and teachers. According to a statement from the Association sent to Hungarian news agency MTI, applications are welcome from any secondary school in the Carpathian Basin. This announcement traditionally provides a chance for secondary schools to cross at least one border in the Carpathian Basin and, together with another school, organize a program related to the national holiday.



Potápi: The Year of the Active Nation includes sport and participation in the general election

According to State Secretary for Hungarian Communities Abroad Árpád János Potápi, the Year of the Active Nation includes sport and participation in the general election. Mr. Potápi pointed this out to Hungarian news agency MTI after the opening of the Consul Cup ski competition organized by Hungary's Consulate General in Csíkszereda/Miercurea Ciuc and partners in Hargitafürdő/Harghita-Bâi. The event is supported every year by the State Secretariat for Hungarian Communities Abroad. Mr. Potápi called sport an integrated part of identity and one of the key instruments of the policy for Hungarian communities abroad. He emphasized that sport forms communities and teaches children the importance of a healthy lifestyle.

Katalin Szili encourages Hungarians in Transylvania to vote in the election and avow their nationality

In a press conference in Kolozsvár/Cluj-Napoca on Wednesday, Prime Ministerial Commissioner Katalin Szili encouraged Hungarians in Transylvania to vote in the election and avow their nationality. Ms. Szili called the census in Romania and the general election in Hungary the two key events of 2022. She pointed out that in the self-completion phase of the census, Hungarians in Transylvania who have been living abroad for less than a year or are considering returning home can also fill in the form. Repeating the census motto of the Democratic Alliance of Hungarians in Romania (RMDSZ), she said "every Hungarian counts."

Sapientia Hungarian University of Transylvania presents international cooperation projects

In a press conference on Tuesday, the faculty in Kolozsvár/Cluj-Napoca of the Sapientia Hungarian University of Transylvania (EMTE) presented three international cooperation projects. The project "foRMAtion" was presented by Dean Dezső



Szenkovics. He pointed out that competition for research and innovation funds has intensified, and universities and research institutes are increasingly looking for well-trained professionals to manage and administer research proposals.



Hungarian settlements in Slovakia in the crosshairs

According to a recently published report for 2020 by the Slovak Land Fund, the Slovak state is still using legislation and regulations based on the supposed collective guilt of the Hungarian and German communities in order to carry out property confiscations. As revealed in Tuesday's edition of Hungarian daily newspaper Magyar Nemzet (Hungarian Nation), to this day the decrees of Eduard Beneš - first president of the Czechoslovak state, who returned from exile when the state was reconstituted after the Second World War - continue to poison Slovak-Hungarian relations. It is now clear that revocation of the decrees would not be a mere gesture, but that there are practical aspects to the decrees and regulations that created a legal framework for post-war deportations, population exchanges and confiscation of property.



Péter Szijjártó: There are four achievements of flourishing Hungarian-Serbian relations

In Belgrade on Monday, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Trade Péter Szijjártó pointed out that Hungarian-Serbian relations, which are at a historic peak, have enabled Hungary and Serbia to cooperate excellently in the fields of the economy, energy security, illegal migration and national minorities. He met in the Serbian capital with Serbian Minister for European Integration Jadranka Joksimović and Foreign Minister Nikola Selaković. After the meetings, he held a joint press conference with his Serbian counterpart to discuss relations between the two countries, and the possibilities for cooperation. As Mr. Szijjártó emphasized, "the former hostility has now been replaced by strategic alliance and friendship."