The relevance of autonomy for Central Europe is evident and this statement is equally true to other sub-regions of the continent. The idea of autonomy is based on the people's strong desire for freedom, inasmuch as the majority of people wish to minimize external influences over their lives. The autonomy aspirations of Hungarian communities in the Carpathian Basin feature this desire for freedom as well, but without the threat of separatism. Autonomy would ensure freedom and democracy together with the possibility of preserving and developing a community whilst not threatening the freedom of others.

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