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## Árpád János Potápi: Hungary ensures HUF 830 million for Hungarian entrepreneurs abroad

On Thursday, speaking on Hungary's public media channel M1, State Secretary for Hungarian Communities Abroad at the Prime Minister's Office Árpád János Potápi said that this year the Hungarian Government is ensuring HUF 830 million (EUR 2.7 million) for Hungarian entrepreneurs living in the Carpathian Basin. The state secretary recalled that in accordance with the decision of the Hungarian Standing Conference (MÁÉRT) made on 1 December 2016, 2017 was declared the year of Hungarian family businesses abroad. As part of the thematic year, in the middle of June 2017 the state secretariat launched a call for applications for Hungarian family businesses and young Hungarian entrepreneurs in the Carpathian Basin the deadline of which is 31 July 2017. Successful applicants can win financial assistance between HUF 2 and 6 million (EUR 6,500 – 19,000). Mr. Potápi added that according to recent research carried out in the field – initiated by the State Secretariat for Hungarian Communities Abroad – the number of Hungarian family businesses in the Carpathian Basin is about 40,000. The results of the research also show that 92% of these enterprises employ Hungarian people. Mr. Potápi added the State Secretariat for Hungarian Communities Abroad launched a HUF 600 million (EUR 1.9 million) call for applications for family businesses abroad and a HUF 230 million (EUR 751,000) call for applications for Hungarian start-ups in the Carpathian basin and young Hungarian entrepreneurs. The state secretary added that with regard to the fact that last year – which was the year of young Hungarian entrepreneurs abroad – they received 967 applications, the number of people applying this year might exceed 1000.



## State Secretary Árpád János Potápi inaugurates training workshop in Nyárádszereda

State Secretary for Hungarian Communities Abroad at the Prime Minister's Office has paid a two-day official visit to Transylvania as part of which he opened the so-called Nyárádmenti Napok in Nyárádszereda/Miercurea Nirajului and delivered a speech at the opening event of the Backamadarasi Községi Nap in Szentgerice/Gălățeni. During his stay in Transylvania, Mr. Potápi inaugurated a new training workshop at the Bocskai István High School in Nyárádszereda which was established as part of the "2015 – Year of Hungarian Vocational Education Abroad" launched by the State Secretariat for Hungarian Communities Abroad. The institution received HUF 35 million (EUR 114,000) from the Hungarian Government (as part of the 2015 thematic year) and EUR 30,000 from the local municipality. Speaking at the event, Mr. Potápi said that Hungary's vocational education system was reformed and the most important actors of economic life were involved in this process. Mr. Potápi stressed



that the strengthening of economic life in the Carpathian Basin is an important condition for Hungarians' permanence and prosperity in their homeland.

### Bence Tuzson: Every Hungarian is responsible for every Hungarian

Speaking in Szeklerland's Nyergestető/Piatra Niergeş, State Secretary for government communication at the Cabinet Office of the Prime Minister Bence Tuzson stressed that "the entire Hungarian nation is responsible for every Hungarian, and vice versa: every Hungarian is responsible for the entire Hungarian nation." Mr. Tuzson said that "since 2010, Hungary has become a community of the entire Hungarian nation since every Hungarian regardless where they live in the world can acquire Hungarian citizenship." Speaking in Nyergestető – which was one of the last venues of the 1848/1849 Hungarian Revolution and Freedom Fight in Szeklerland where Szeklers were heavily defeated by the Austrian army – the state secretary stressed that the Hungarian Government is standing up for every Hungarian, regardless of whether they live in Szeklerland, Budapest or Toronto.



### Deputy State Secretary Péter Szilágyi opens the summer camp of Hungarian scouts in Slovakia

On 25 July, the Association of Hungarian Scouts in Slovakia held its summer camp at the Csali valley near Ipolynyék/Vinica . The speakers of the event emphasized the importance of scouts' work in the preservation of Hungarian identity and culture. Addressing the event, Deputy State Secretary for Hungarian Communities Abroad at the Prime Minister's Office Péter Szilágyi said that "scouting has a community building force." He added that Hungarian scouts in Slovakia are "the future of the local Hungarian community", since they preserve our language, culture, national cohesion and the strength of family.

### Hungarians in Slovakia commemorate Saint Ladislaus

As part of the Saint Ladislaus Year, on 29 July – the anniversary of the knight king's death – a commemoration was held in Slovakia's Komárom/Komárno. The Saint Ladislaus year was launched at the beginning of 2017 by the State Secretariat for Hungarian Communities Abroad of the Prime Minister's Office to mark the 825th anniversary of Saint Ladislaus' becoming a king and the 940th anniversary of his canonization. As part of the event, a travelling exhibition presenting the knight king's life and heritage was opened in the town. Speaking at the event, the head of the Advisory Board of the Saint Ladislaus Year Gergely Gaal said that "King Ladislaus calls on us to be brave enough to stand up for the protection of our faith, homeland, family, mother tongue and culture." As part of the memorial year, a commemoration was also held in Nyitra/Nitra, at the venue of the knight king's death. The event began with a holy mass which was followed by the opening of the travelling exhibition which was



presented by the head of the Council for Human Dignity, member of the Saint Ladislaus Year Advisory Board Zoltán Lomnici.

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### Amendment to the law on national councils might be submitted to the Parliament by the end of 2017

Speaking to the Hungarian Television Pannon RTV, the president of the Hungarian National Council (MNT) of Vojvodina Jenő Hajnal said that by the end of 2017 – or the beginning of 2018 at the latest – an amendment to the law on national councils might be submitted to the Serbian Parliament. Mr. Hajnal spoke about this after the representatives of national councils operating in Serbia were received by minister for public administration and local governments Branko Ružić. During the meetings, the parties discussed the financing of national councils and the preservation of the network of Hungarian-language primary and high schools. The minister said that his ministry – together with other concerned ministries and sponsors – will try to increase the amount of financial assistance ensured for national councils in Serbia in order to make their operation easier in 2017.

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### The cohesion of the Hungarian nation is also apparent in uniform education and summer camps

On Friday, speaking in the Parliament Building for Hungarian students and schoolchildren from Transcarpathia who are studying Hungarian within the framework of the Erzsébet Camp program, Deputy Minister of Human Capacities and the Ministry's Parliamentary State Secretary Bence Rétvári that "The cohesion of the Hungarian nation is also apparent within the fields of uniform education and summer camps". Mr. Rétvári stressed that "The organization of summer camps for children from Transcarpathia is a reinforcement of the fact that all Hungarians can count on each other no matter where in the world they live". The state secretary said that Hungary was hosting a total of 100 thousand children in summer camps within the framework of the Erzsébet Camp program, 26 thousand of whom will be able to visit Lake Balaton, with a total of six groups of children arriving from Transcarpathia.