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On behalf of Harghita County Council, we are pleased to send you the Autumn Issue of our international newsletter

General News

Conference on successful touristic model of La Vienne County in Miercurea Ciuc
Fruitful French tourism without 'Paris or mountains'

On 16th of October an international conference was organized by Harghita County Council in collaboration with La Vienne General Council, with the aim of presenting to local interested people the successful touristic model of La Vienne County, France. Owned to the initiation of Harghita County



Council this best practice was presented by Mr. Dominique Reant, the vice-president of La Vienne General Council and the president of the Committee of Tourism Department of the county, as well as by Mr. Hugues Lallemand, director of the Touristic Agency of La Vienne County. [Read more...](#)

Mr. Csaba Borboly submitted again amendments to the Committee of the Regions A „No” from European People's Party regarding the endeavour of national minorities

On 16th of September, out of 5 amendments 3 were successfully submitted by Mr. Csaba Borboly, the president of Harghita County Council and member of the CoR. These amendments were accepted by the EDUC Commission for Education, Youth, Culture and Research of the Committee of the Regions. Mr. Csaba Borboly is member of the EDUC Commission and his amendments are related to the Draft Opinion entitled *Disability, Sport and Leisure*. [Read more...](#)



Mr. Csaba Borboly's amendments on environment accepted by the Commission for Environment, Climate Change and Energy (ENVE) of the Committee of the Regions



At 2nd of September the ENVE Commission of the Committee of the Regions accepted three of Mr. Csaba Borboly's amendments. The president of Harghita County Council has supplemented with proposals the document entitled *EU Strategy for Adaptation to Climate Change and the Green Infrastructure – Enhancing Europe's Natural Capital*. According to Mr. Csaba Borboly, it's important that local and regional government to take responsibility in the process of environmental education. [Read more...](#)

'Pearls of Seklerland' event in Heves County, Hungary

The event entitled as 'Pearls of Seklerland' was organized for the second time by the Local Government of Heves County in Gyöngyös. The event took place between 27th and 29th of September. The tradition-creating event has been organized last year for the first time in the county seat of Heves, in Eger.



In the light of strengthening cooperation the event is aimed at providing an insight into the cultural and traditional values of Harghita and Covasna counties for the population of Heves County. At the moment Harghita and Heves County plan to become twinned counties also. [Read more...](#)

The Art Camp in Lăzarea is listed in the global catalogue of amazing places
The „KorKép” International Art Camp’s closing exhibition



Lăzarea Cultural and Art Center of Harghita County Council offers unique and creative conditions for fine artists. This institution organized a press conference on the “KorKép” International Art Camp on 21st of August. Subsequently, on 30th of August the closing exhibition of the 39th “KorKép” International Camp was held in the Castle of Lăzarea, where works of artists from 8 countries around the world were exhibited. [Read more...](#)

Hungarian Bread Feast 2013 of Pécs supported by wheat donation from Harghita County

The Hungarian Bread Feast was initiated first in 2011 when the city of Pécs has taken the duty to reach the set goals through the support of Hungarian people and regions from Hungary and across the borders also. Accordingly, Harghita County Council contributed this year also to the successful organization of the festival.

In this year the event was organized with the aim of being the worthy symbol of the community togetherness and being the main attraction of the National Day on 20th of August. [Read more...](#)



Sekler Families’ Day



The Sekler Families’ Day was held in Lăzarea on 7th of September being dedicated to the *Year of the dialogue and compromise* initiated by Mr. Csaba Bőjte, Franciscan monk. In their

speech, Mr. Csaba Borboly, president of Harghita County Council and Mr. Csaba Bőjte underlined the importance of togetherness between people living in Transylvania. Owing to organizers of the event a lot of people were curious about the Sekler Families Day and gathered near the monument of Dâmbul Tătarilor. The Saint Francis Foundation of Deva, Mayor's Office of Lăzarea, Harghita County Council, Lăzarea Cultural and Art Centre were the organizers of the event. [Read more...](#)

Project News

Robinwood Plus international project: final conference organized in Italy ***Forest Management in Europe: Participation and Sustainability***



Between the period of 9-11th of October the final conference of Robinwood Plus project aimed at efficient forest management, was held in Italy. On behalf of the Romanian partner, Harghita County Council, Mrs. Enikő Miklóssy and Mr. Gábor Molnár were participating. On 10th of October they were visiting the Museo del Boscó (the Forest Museum) in Liguria province, which was opened thanks to the subproject of Robinwood Plus entitled

as Elwood project (in this case the partner from Harghita County was the Local Government of Siculeni). [Read more...](#)

The representatives of Harghita County Council attended the CreArt Seminar in Arad, Romania

Research studies on the cultural art policies



A seminar entitled "Case Studies in cities of Europe" was held on 27th of September in Arad, Romania in the framework of CreArt - Network of Cities for Artistic Creation project.

On behalf of Harghita County Council Mrs. Erika Zonda, project manager and Mrs.

Margit Ábrahám, financial manager were participating in the event. The project is financed from the EU Culture 2007-2013 programme. At the event also participated: Mr. Juan Gonzalez Posada, project coordinator of CreArt, Mr. Nicolae Iotcu, president of Arad County Council and the representatives of partner institutions together with eminent cultural experts from Spain, France and Belgium. [Read more...](#)

Way of Mary – Via Mariae conference in Șumuleu Ciuc



On 12th of September, on the name day of Mary, at the Salvator Hotel and Conference Centre in Șumuleu Ciuc, the three-day-long conference was organized in collaboration with the Franciscan order, Harghita County Council, the Catholic Archbishopric of Alba Iulia, the Transylvanian Way of Mary Organization and the Hungarian Way of Mary Organization. The event is the integral part of Recultivatur international project funded by the European Union. It contributes to the

realization of the *Together for a stable future!* framework programme of Harghita County Council and its tourism strategy. [Read more....](#)

Harghita County Council is partner of the SEEMIG international project

The goal is to discourage migration

Within the framework of the SEEMIG EU-funded project, during next year Harghita County Council's duty will be to organize trainings and roundtable discussions on issues related to



migration. Among others, this was the topic of the meeting of the South Eastern Europe – Managing Migration and its Effects in South-East Europe (SEEMIG) project, organised in Belgrade between 19-20th of September. At the meeting the representatives of Harghita County Council were Mrs. Juliánna Bodó, expert and Mrs. Erika Dobos, project manager. [Read more...](#)

Engage Manifesto signed in Finland

High-Speed Broadband Infrastructure in rural and peripheral areas

The political Manifesto for the Engage project was signed at the project conference held on 11th of September in Kauhajoki, Finland. The president of Harghita County Council, Mr. Csaba Borboly has also signed the aforementioned document. The Engage project's main goal is helping specialists of





European regions to learn about the cost-efficient best practices of building high-speed broadband networks in rural and peripheral areas based on sustainable requirements and for strengthening the economic activity of the given region.

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Partners of CCIC project expressed interest toward the Sekler Product Movement *Project conference organized in Italy*



International partners of the CCIC project – Complex Challenges, Innovative Cities – took part in the project meeting held in Genoa (Italy) on 18th of September. Harghita County Council was represented on the conference by Mr. Csaba Borboly, president and Mrs. Emőke Kovács, responsible for communication. They have presented the Sekler Product

Movement as best practice, which caught the attention of specialists from 12 countries from Europe. The project aims to improve regional policies, strengthen innovation in public sphere and to increase cooperation between local and regional authorities, national organizations and other interested parties from partner regions.

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Positive international examples for forest management *The Robinwood Plus' representatives met in Miercurea Ciuc*

Miercurea Ciuc hosted the Robinwood Plus international project's penultimate conference on 27th of August, where results of former meetings and experiences concerning forest management were discussed. The meeting



focused on efficient techniques regarding wood-processing, forest management and other related fields. The project's local participant was Harghita County Council, and on the institution's behalf, Mr. József Birtalan, vice-president and Mr. István Balla Péter, project manager greeted the attendants. 'There is a definite need for

international meetings and presentations such as the present one, since an efficient forest management can be built on the basis of these experiences'. [Read more...](#)

1st Stakeholder Platform meeting in Miercurea Ciuc, Romania



Within the framework of the RESEETies project the first Stakeholder Platform meeting was organized on 24th of July, in which

Harghita County Council's Energy Management Agency participates as partner. The project aims to support resource efficiency at the level of settlements, focusing on waste and energy management. The Energy Agency is associated to Harghita County Council as a strategic partner and to Municipality of Miercurea Ciuc, who will be the primary beneficiary of the project, since the integrated waste and energy management strategy, the project's main output, will be elaborated in Miercurea Ciuc. [Read more...](#)

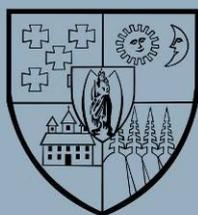
Natural protected areas promoted in Harghita County 'Echoes in tourism' project financed by the European Union



During the last few days a touch-screen information desk has been placed on the ground floor of Harghita County Council's seat in Miercurea Ciuc. It offers information about the nature reserves of the county for those interested. Tourist attractions are presented in detail in three languages through catalogues, flyers, banners and maps, as well as photographs, short movies and other informative sources. The information desk has been placed by the county council with the implementation of the project named as *Echoes in Tourism – equilibrium and safekeeping for the protection of the uniqueness of the protected areas and their integration into tourism*, financed by the European Union. [Read more...](#)

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