



**Welcome to Seklerland!
One of the most unique corners of culture in Europe**

On behalf of Harghita County Council, we are pleased to send you our international newsletter of February 2013

News

Mr. Csaba Borboly expressed his opinion in favour of the rural areas of the European Union

At the Plenary Session of the Committee of the Regions Mr. Csaba Borboly submitted modifying proposals regarding the greater financial collaborations of the European Union as well as regarding financial supports for using renewable energies. The president of Harghita County Council since October of 2012 is a member in the Committee of the Regions.

On 31st of January and 1st of February 2013 in Brussels one of the most important advisory bodies of the European Union, the Committee of the Regions held a meeting for discussing topics like: *'Creating greater synergies between EU, national and subnational budgets'*, as well as *'Renewable Energy: A major player in the European energy market'*. With regard to these topics Mr. Csaba Borboly, president of Harghita County Council submitted modifying proposals that were accepted by the committee. [Read more...](#)



**Closer to the EU decision-making processes
Harghita County Council was elected as member of the SMN**

On 5th February the Committee of the Region accepted the application of Harghita County Council regarding the Subsidiarity Monitoring Network – SMN.

The Subsidiarity Monitoring Network (SMN) was launched in April 2007, and its aim is to facilitate the exchange of information between local and regional authorities in the European Union regarding various documents, legislative and political proposals from the European Commission.

The decisions are debated by the members of the SMN through consultations and various activities for validating the interests on the level of the European Union. The network is thus intended to act as an access point enabling all of its partners not only to obtain information but also to express their views within the EU legislative processes but also ahead of this process. [Read more....](#)

**International collaboration for small villages
Mr. Csaba Borboly proposed the elaboration of a common project at a meeting held
in Kecskemét, Hungary**

Based on the collaboration of Hungarian, Danish, Finland, Italian and Romanian regions a European Grouping for Territorial Cooperation (EGTC) is planned to be established, as it was revealed at the meeting organized in Kecskemét, Hungary on 11th of January 2013. On behalf of Harghita County Council from Romania, Mr. President Csaba Borboly proposed the common project toward improving the life circumstances and well-being of the population of small villages, aiming the creation of jobs too. [Read more....](#)



There are plans to build a sport complex in Harghita Mountain The delegation of Hungarian Olympic Committee visited Harghita County

A delegation of Hungarian Olympic Committee visited Harghita County. The members of this delegation were interested in the plan of Harghita County Council to establish a mountain sport complex based on the entrepreneur's, namely Mr. Róbert Ilyés' idea. The mountain sport complex will be built on 1700 meter above the sea level, on a territory covering 20-25 ha, where the view is gorgeous and the meteorological conditions are not grim and unpredictable, like these are at alpine height (mountains over 2000 meters height). This complex could be a preparatory camp too for athletes in any sport, because – after the specialists' opinion – this height and climate is ideal for trainings. [Read more....](#)



The Sekler product supply is going to be extended in the Auchan supermarket chain Sekler Weeks in 19 Hungarian supermarkets

On 25th of January 35 Sekler producers were presenting their products on the product demonstration organized for the representatives of the Auchan Hungary Ltd. in Miercurea Ciuc, in the marble hall of Harghita County Council. All the more since, in May 2013 the Sekler Weeks will be organized again at the Hungarian supermarkets.

The initiative of Sekler Weeks was started three years ago, in 7 Cora supermarkets from Hungary, offering the opportunity for Hungarian people to get acquainted with Sekler products. Over the past few years a fruitful collaboration has been developed between both parties, the producers obtaining a significant market and also the Sekler products enjoying great popularity among the Hungarian consumers. [Read more....](#)



Western concern on the Sekler Product Movement

Young entrepreneurs were informed about Harghita County Council's initiative
The foreign entrepreneurs were surprised about how a public institution assumes a major role in promoting the local small enterprises' products as Harghita County Council does.



From 4 countries (France, Greece, Italy and Romania) 16 young entrepreneurs participated in the Youth in Action project meeting organized between 9th and 12th of January 2013. In all partner countries similar meetings are organized for the purpose of discussing programmes aimed at successful entrepreneurs. That is how the Sekler Product movement came into discussion. Accordingly

on 11th of January at Harghita County Council the invited young entrepreneurs were given a picture about this particular initiative. [Read more...](#)

In favour of the European culture CreArt project conference was organized in Miercurea Ciuc

Within the framework of the CreArt international project a conference was organized on 7th of February 2013 with the title *Network of Cities for Artistic Creation* in the marble hall of Harghita County Council. At the conference, Mr. Juan Gonzalez-Posada Martinez, the project coordinator and representant of the Municipal Foundation for Culture (Valladolid City Council), Mr. László Botár, painter and specialist of the CreArt project in Harghita County, the moderator of the conference and Mr. Csaba Borboly welcomed the participants. [Read more....](#)



Broadband internet for small settlements!

The project partners of the international project ENGAGE were meeting in Miercurea Ciuc

In the marble hall of Harghita County Council the project partners of ENGAGE reported about the objectives of the project, as well as about the possibilities of implementing these in Harghita County. The main goal of the ENGAGE project is to help rural regions across Europe, and it was initiated for the purpose of providing a better



understanding for specialists and leaders regarding how to build up broadband networks cost-efficiently in rural territories. [Read more....](#)

The importance of the profession in disaster relief

Organizing trainings for volunteer fire-fighters

The European Union's CivPro international project within INTERREG IVC program aims to elaborate regional strategy for disaster prevention. Within its framework trainings for volunteer fire-fighters from Harghita County will be organized.



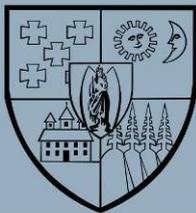
The details were presented by Mr. Csaba Borboly, president of Harghita County Council, Mr. Csaba Albert, president of Harghita County Volunteer Fire-fighter Association, and Mr. István Dobos, project manager of the CivPro project.

Mr. Csaba Borboly said that Harghita County Council treats as a priority the development of the disaster prevention

system, because the county faced many natural disaster cases so far. http://hargitamegye.ro/_user/browser/File/newsletter2013feb/CivproMeeting2012.

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