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

News

**Sekler products at Committee of the Regions
Seklerland promotion in Brussels**

Harghita County Council promoted Seklerland with traditional Sekler products at the Committee of the Regions within the framework of this year's edition of Inter-institutional Open Doors Day held on 4th of May 2013. Harghita County Council, along with Covasna County Council promoted Seklerland through



the presentation of traditional Sekler Products. Previous to the European Day, the EU institutions organized the Open Doors Day offering the possibility for EU citizens to have an insight into the cultural diversity of Europe.

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Sekler Products at the Hungarian Ball in Brussels

The Hungarian Ball in Brussels is among the most special events in Brussels, where in this year Seklerland was also present being promoted by delegations from Harghita and Covasna counties. Mr. Csaba Sógor, member of the European Parliament invited Harghita and Covasna County Councils for offering the possibility for promoting Sekler traditional



products by delegations wearing Sekler traditional costumes at the Concert Noble event centre on 20th of April. From Mureş County Sekler hussars wearing traditional military costume, were also contributing to the outstanding event. [Read more....](#)

Seklerland celebrates Mrs. Paraschiva Kovács *Europe awards the work of value-creating*

Celebrating with the local community, Mrs. Paraschiva Kovács could take up her Grand Prix of the European Union Prize for Cultural Heritage/ Europa Nostra Awards 2012 at her hometown, Satu Mare. The festival of handing over the prize was organized at the culture house of Satu Mare, the room for the ceremony being totally filled with invited and further interested participants. The event was honored by the kind presence of the boardmember of Europa Nostra, Mr. Piet Jaspert and by members and representatives of the public sphere, Mr. Lajos Dávid, the mayor of Satu Mare, the Mayor's Office of Satu Mare,



Mr. Csaba Borboly, the president of Harghita County Council, which institution was the organizer of the event, Mr. Hunor Kelemen, president of DAHR (Democratic Alliance of Hungarians in Romania), Mr. Gábor Szarka, consul of the Consulate-General of Hungary in Miercurea Ciuc, Mr. Levente Bunta, the mayor of Odorheiu Secuiesc and last but not least Mr. István Antal, parliamentary representative. [Read more...](#)

The French Ambassador visited Harghita County Council
Economic and cultural relations were discussed at the seat of the county council

On 24th of April Philippe Gustin, the French Ambassador in Romania visited Harghita County and held a discussion with Mr. Sándor Petres, the vice-president of Harghita County Council and with general directors regarding the development of educational, cultural, touristic relations between the two countries. The Ambassador was accompanied by Mr. Sebastian Gorlan, counsellour. Mr. Philippe Gustin



works in Romania for one year and plans to visit all the counties in Romania, Miercurea Ciuc being the 35th of the county seats he visited so far. He said that in Romania approximately three thousand French investors are actively working. [Read more...](#)

The right of use of the Sekler Product trademark was approved for further 21 local producers

The I. Sekler Product Conference was organized in Miercurea Ciuc

At the conference held in the Marble Hall of Harghita County Council on 13th of March, Mr. István Márton, the director of the Public Association of Rural Development of Harghita County Council shared with the audience – more hundred of producers and concerned people - that until now for 424 products of 46 producers were given the legal right of using the trademark that is in the propriety of the county council. [Read more...](#)



For the European Culture *CreArt conference held in Miercurea Ciuc*

On 7th of February Harghita County Council organized the international cultural conference entitled 'Developing Artistic Creativity in European Cities- New ways in crisis situation'. In the conference representatives of project partners from Spain, Italy, Norway, Holland, Lithuania, Portugal, Czech Republic and Romania, as well as the representatives of cultural institutions, associations, political decision makers participated. The conference was opened by Mr. Csaba Borboly, president of Harghita County Council and Mr. Juan Gonzales Posada, the project coordinator from Fundation Municipal de Cultura, Valladolid.



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RECULTIVATUR project news

As an activity of the RECULTIVATUR project, with the aim to promote Regional tourism products at international level, in the period of **30th January - 3rd February 2013**, representatives of Harghita County Council participated in the **International Tourism Fair FITUR, Madrid, Spain**.

Together with LANCM, seven project partners attending the event presented their RTPs, within the Recultivatur stand, and distributed promotional material concerning the project in two languages, English and Spanish. [Read more...](#)



International conference entitled "Contributions to the elaboration of forestry strategy for the period 2014-2020"

Mr. Jean-Paul Denanot, president of Limousin Regional Council welcomed the participants of the event held on 26th and 27th of March 2013, which gathered experts, local and regional level elected representatives from the partner regions, beneficiaries of subprojects, forest-owners and their associations, companies and public authorities.



„Harghita County Council assists construction activities through the exploitation of local wood materials and this has a key role in the county development strategy”, affirmed Mr. Csaba Borboly, president of Harghita County Council. [Read more...](#)

Youth in Action Program – Project Harghita Youth 2020 Conference

The objectives of the project:

The main objective of the project is to have a concept of a youth strategy for the 2014-2020 period. By organizing consultations with members of youth organizations their ideas are collected and included in the youth strategy of the county. Another aim is to harmonize the youth strategy with the Europe 2020 Strategy. Harghita County Council aims to identify through this project the possible financial and material resources for a mobilization of those, and to have a guide of best practices for strategies at the end of the project. [Read more...](#)

First SC meeting of the project entitled “Young graduates and the Social Sector: developing new job opportunities”, in the framework of Progress programme

On 19th of February the first international meeting of the project entitled “Young graduates and the Social Sector: developing new job opportunities”, was organized at Altavilla Vicentina, in Italy, where 13 people participated on behalf of 7 partner organizations from Czech Republic, Italy, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia. The CUOA Foundation of Altavilla Vicentina as project coordinator submitted the project proposal in 2011, in meantime the initial budget was slightly reduced and the project was selected for financing, thus it will be implemented in the period of 23 January 2013 – 23 January 2014. [Read more...](#)

CLEAR Partner Meeting in Patra, Greece



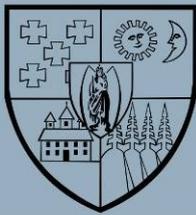
Harghita County Council as partner in the CLEAR EU-funded project participated in the international project meeting on 9th of April in the city of Patra, Greece.

Taking into consideration the fact that the project will be finished in a

half a year, within the framework of the present meeting financial aspects, further plans and activities were discussed and presented. Regarding Harghita County Council's participation in the project, it is the leader of the group responsible for elaborating the E-book and E-tool kit that will be an electronic informative material for museums, touristic destinations, cultural institutions, as well as for further

concerned institutions and organizations regarding the promotion of methodologies and good practices in the field of European cultural values. [Read more...](#)

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