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On behalf of Harghita County Council, we are pleased to send you our international newsletter of Spring Issue 2014

General News

**A new step made toward the benefit of Sekler products
Mr. Csaba Borboly's amendment on local and traditional products accepted by the
Committee of the Regions**

'Treat with special attention those agricultural products, which are specifically made by using traditional ingredients and processed as it is peculiar for the given region'. This idea is emphasized in the amendment submitted by Mr. Csaba Borboly, president of Harghita County Council on the 106th plenary session of the Committee of the Regions, organized on 2nd of April in Brussels. [Read more ...](#)



Lobbying activity for national minorities in Brussels ***Current situation of Republic of Moldova and Ukraine discussed***

The Group of European People Party (EPP) accepted Mr. Csaba Borboly's proposals on national minorities on the meeting organized on 2nd of April in Brussels. In the draft opinion of the EPP Group the minority issue of Ukraine, the protection of their language was also included. Moreover, president of Harghita County Council, member of the EPP Group within the Committee of the Regions has also transmitted the letter of the president of the Congress of Local Authorities from Moldova, accordingly voicing out the concerned message. [Read more ...](#)



Harghita County Council's participation on the Open Doors Day of the Committee of the Regions on 17th of May 2014

The Committee of the Regions offers the possibility for European regions and cities to participate each year at the Inter-institutional Open Doors Day event dedicated to the promotion of Europe's cultural diversity. This year the event will take place on 17th of May, organized at the seat of the Committee of the Regions, in Brussels.



Accordingly, regions and cities applying successfully are invited to promote local culture, traditions, values, best practices, successful initiatives by interactively involving all interested participants of the event. [Read more ...](#)

Unemployment among youth – the grants should be allocated on local and regional levels

Mr. Csaba Borboly is beside the active support for the employment of youth



Between 25th and 26th of March the 26th Session of Chamber of Regions of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe was held in Strasbourg, where on behalf of the Committee of the Regions Mr. Csaba Borboly, president of Harghita County Council was also present, accompanied by Mr. Tihamér Zsolt Ladó, youth expert on behalf of the Federation of Youth Organization of Ciuc Region. [Read more ...](#)

The Sapientia University will have more possibilities as regional minority educational institution

Mr. Csaba Borboly's draft opinion accepted on the CoR's Plenary Session in Brussels



Mr. Csaba Borboly, president of Harghita County Council, highlighted the elaboration of programmes aiming to offer help for regions being in particular situation, universities training in minority languages, as well as emphasizing the importance of the bidirectional nature of mobility, on the 105th Plenary Session of the Committee of the Regions, organized on 30th of January in Brussels. [Read more ...](#)

Local communities will have greater influence in forest management
Mr. Csaba Borboly's recommendations will be included in the European legislation



Beside Mr. Csaba Borboly's, president of Harghita County Council and permanent member of the Committee of the Regions, draft opinion entitled *European higher education in the world*, uniformly accepted and voted by the Committee of the Regions (CoR) on its 105th Plenary Session, some other amendments were also accepted by the CoR, being submitted by him in two other important fields as well. [Read more ...](#)

Environment awareness put in focus in Brussels
Commission for Environment, Climate Change and Energy (ENVE) discussed affordable energy

Mr. Csaba Borboly, president of Harghita County Council and permanent member of the Committee of the Regions attended the meeting of the Commission for Environment, Climate Change and Energy (ENVE), on 12th of February. The county council president has submitted several amendments concerning the new direction lines of the EU in the field of energy state supports: namely, regarding affordable energy, as well as for the purpose of decreasing the package waste, which amendments were accordingly voted by the ENVE Commission. [Read more ...](#)

A photograph of a document, likely a meeting agenda or a list of amendments. The document is titled 'AM' and lists various amendments with their authors and status. The authors listed include DESGAIN, BORIS, SALLRYD, KUHN, and BORBOLY. The status of each amendment is indicated by a plus sign (+) or a minus sign (-). The document is partially obscured by a hand holding a pen, and there is a 'TO INDIVIDUAL' stamp on the right side.

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30	BORIS	+
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22P	RAPPORTEUR	-
22	DESGAIN	+
23	BORBOLY	+
24	DESGAIN	+
25	BORBOLY	+
26R	RAPPORTEUR	-
26	SALLRYD	+
27	KUHN	+
28	DESGAIN	+
28R	RAPPORTEUR	-
29	SALLRYD	+
30	KUHN	-
31R	RAPPORTEUR	-
31	KUHN	+
32	BORIS	+
33	BORBOLY	+
FINAL VOTE		+

International dog sled competition in Harghita County



Between the period of 11th and 12th of January an international dog sled competition was organized by Mr. Attila Kiss, parson, in collaboration with the Mountain and Cave Rescue Service of Harghita County Council, in the settlement of Ciumani. During the event, besides local competitors, Hungary and Bulgaria were also represented, among them the European champion, Mr. Tamás Hering being also competing. [Read more ...](#)

Project News

The religious tourism of Harghita County promoted in Berlin



Between 5th and 9th of March the ITB International Tourism Fair was organised in Berlin, where the partners of the Recultivator project presented project results as well as religious tourism products within the framework of a common stand. On behalf of Harghita County Council Mr. Barna Szabó, county manager and colleagues of the project

team were present, aiming to promote the religious tourism of Harghita County through pilgrimage guides, promotional brochures and presentation videos/films. [Read more ...](#)

A new step for the development of internet connection in rural areas
The project partners of ENGAGE met in Poland



Within the framework of the INTERREG IVC project ENGAGE a successful conference took place in Olsztyn, Poland between 18th and 20th of March, in the beautiful and historic Castle of Olsztyn, where Nikolaus Kopernikus worked on his calendar. On behalf of Harghita County Council - which is the only Romanian partner of the project - the participants were Ms. Hanna Török and Ms. Tünde Gál, members of the project implementation team. [Read more ...](#)

European Day of Creativity in Miercurea Ciuc
Exhibition opening and action-art programs



Harghita County Council organized for the second time the European Creativity Day on 21st of March, in Miercurea Ciuc. The event is part of the CreArt international project. In the consortium there are 14 partner institutions from 10 EU countries, and from Romania, besides Harghita County Council the Cultural Centre of Arad County is partner as well. The project aims to create a European network of art, which enhances the mobility of visual arts, encourages young people to create, and gives a wider insight in the creative processes. [Read more ...](#)

Migration related workshop was held in Miercurea Ciuc



The Romanian partners of the SEEMIG project were meeting on 11th of February at the marble hall of Harghita County Council. On behalf of Harghita County Council, Ms. Erika Dobos, project manager took part, as well as Ms. Juliánna Bodó, from the Sapientia EMTE University, Mr. Tamás Kiss on behalf of the National Minority Research Institution based in Cluj-

Napoca, Mr. Gergő Barna, from TransObjective Consulting in Cluj Napoca, as well as Mr. Sándor Oláh, the expert of the Anthropologic Communication Workgroup from Miercurea Ciuc were participating. [Read more ...](#)

Motivation of entrepreneurship establishment and innovation development *Harghita County Council is partner of the CCIC international project*



Within the CCIC – Complex Challenges, Innovative Cities project, a partners' meeting was held in Tartu, Estonia in the period of 23-24th of January 2014. The aim of the project is the improvement of regional policies, strength of the innovation in public administration and the increase of cooperation with local and regional authorities, national bodies, as well as

other interested parties within 13 partner regions. Within the Steering Committee meeting, different discussions were held about the tasks and plans for the successful implementation of the project, focusing mainly on the last two semesters of the project's timeframe. [Read more ...](#)

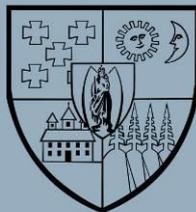
The aim is to attract tourists via the CLEAR project
E-book and E-tool kit elaborated on Harghita County's cultural values



Harghita County Council promoted the CLEAR international and EU funded project entitled „Cultural values and Leisure Environments Accessible Roundly - for All” at a meeting organized in Miercurea

Ciuc on 28th of January. Representatives of cultural institutions and touristic/cultural specialists from Harghita County were participating the meeting organized along with a workshop. [Read more ...](#)

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