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On behalf of Harghita County Council, we have the pleasure of sending our international newsletter of Summer Issue 2014

General News

Conference on clusters of Seklerland organized in Târgu Secuiesc
Mr. Csaba Borboly: the goal is sustainable forest management



On 29th of August, a conference was organized on the theme of clusters in Seklerland in the business incubator in Târgu Secuiesc (Kézdivásárhely). The conference organized by ASIMCOV, has been opened by Mr. Tibor Bokor, Mayor of Târgu Secuiesc, Mr. Sándor Tamás, president of Covasna County Council and Mr.

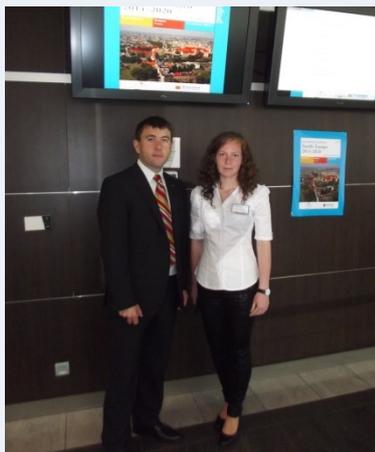
Csaba Borboly, president of Harghita County Council. [Read more](#)

The issue of modern Sekler houses will be discussed on EU level
Mr. Csaba Borboly is going to make a report on the topic of sustainable buildings at the Committee of the Regions

Within the next period, Mr. Csaba Borboly, president of Harghita County Council will elaborate a report on the topic of sustainable buildings. He was chosen to be a rapporteur in the Commission for Environment, Climate Change and Energy (ENVE) of the Committee of the Regions', on the plenary meeting organized on 19th of June in Brussels. The president of Harghita County Council is permanent member of CoR since 2012, and besides the ENVE Commission, he is also member in the Commission for Education, Youth, Culture and Research (EDUC). This report will be first presented at the end of 2014, then, if it is accepted, by the ENVE Commission, at the plenary session planned to be held in the beginning of 2015. [Read more](#)



Mr. Csaba Borboly: the youth's inactivity has a price
The situation of youth was discussed on the conference of the Committee of the Regions in Krakow



The Committee of the Regions' Commission for Education, Youth, Culture and Research (EDUC) together with Malopolska region organized an international conference with the topic *Youth's Europe 2014-2020* on 13th of June, in the Polish city of Krakow. 'In education more roles should be given to practical training. Local and regional authorities should support young graduates' job finding on the labour market' – these were among the main thoughts of Mr. Csaba Borboly, president of Harghita County Council, when holding his speech at the conference in Krakow. [Read more](#)

Mr. Csaba Borboly: there is need for a strategy dealing with migration
A debate was organized in the theme of professional training as the tool of competitiveness

Within the framework of the 25th edition of the “Bálványos” Summer Free University and Student Camp, on 26th of July, it was organized the debate entitled *Professional training – The tool of competitiveness*. On this occasion, Mr. Csaba Borboly put forward the following: ‘we have to think about strategies fighting migration, since the youth of Seklerland worry about their future and not about losing their ethnical identity.’ [Read more](#)



Owned to the request of Mr. Csaba Borboly the renovation of Sekler gates will be supported with 3 million Hungarian forint
The Bethlen Gábor Fund supports the Kőlik Cultural Association from Satu Mare



The renovation works of old Sekler gates is continued, thanked to the collaboration of the Kőlik Cultural Association from Satu Mare (Máréfalva) and Harghita County Council. Through the project submitted by the abovementioned association, the Hungarian Bethlen Gábor Fund contributes with 3 million forint to the implementation of these works. In March of this year, Mr. Csaba Borboly met with Ms. Zsuzsanna Répás, Deputy

Secretary General for National Politics, asking the support of the Hungarian government for the gate-rescue activity of the Kőlik Association. [Read more](#)

Colleagues of the British Embassy visited Harghita County Council

On 15th of May, two colleagues of the British Embassy in Romania, Mr. Peter Thomas, Head of the Political Section (serving in Romania from June 2009 to June 2014) and Mr. Pompiliu Tamaş, paid a visit to Harghita County Council. The guests were interested in the situation and circumstances of Harghita County and accordingly met with Mr. Csaba Borboly, president of Harghita County Council. Among the themes of the meeting, the local preparations for the European Parliament elections, the Romanian-Hungarian relations, as well as the dual citizenship were under discussion. [Read more](#)



One Thousand Sekler Girls' Day is about collaboration



This year also, from every corner of Seklerland a significant number of boys and girls, dressed up in traditional costume were celebrating on 5th of July, reviving the tradition launched 83 years ago by Mr. Pál Péter Domokos. On the day of the One Thousand Sekler Girl's Day more than one thousand girls and boys were gathering in Miercurea Ciuc, in order to go together to the 'saddler' of Şumuleu Ciuc (Csíksomlyó), after the ceremonial opening. [Read more](#)

Heves and Harghita Counties signed the twinning cooperation agreement



After the extraordinary meeting of the General Assembly of Heves County, Hungary, on 15th of August, Mr. Csaba Borboly, president of Harghita County Council and Mr. Róbert Szabó, president of the General Assembly of Heves County signed a twinning cooperation agreement. Mr. Róbert Szabó Róbert, in his speech said that this collaboration offers a possibility to establish a closer collaboration with Seklerland, as well as it may further strengthen the preservation of the common identity. [Read more](#)

Europe Day in Harghita County
Take advantage of the possibilities given by the community!

Harghita County Council celebrated with thematic days the Europe Day, organized in the period of 9-14th of May 2014. The majority of activities were organized at the county council building in Miercurea Ciuc (Csíkszereda). The main goal of all events lies in raising the attention that the European spirituality will reach its results if people take advantage of the offered possibilities and voice out their views and opinions. The event-series encompasses such thematic days which include talent, cultural, sport, historic, and cavalcade days. During the programmes, the interested local inhabitants could participate in exhibitions, sport and drawing competitions, movie projections and other interesting programs, as well. [Read more](#)

Project News

Livable small villages in Harghita County
Meeting about high speed broadband development strategy



A two-day experts' meeting was held in Miercurea Ciuc (Csíkszereda), supported by the INTERREG IVC EU funded ENGAGE (Enhancing Next Generation Access Growth in Europe) project, which aims to help rural regions across Europe to better understand and address the building of high speed broadband (HSB) networks at efficient cost. As there are numerous isolated villages in Harghita County, the

local project team was honoured to organize the meeting and to bring experts from all over Europe to consult with policy makers and local entrepreneurs. [Read more](#)

An artist from Harghita County was selected again to participate in CreArt international project



This year it was thirdly selected an artist from Harghita County to participate in the CreArt project programs. Beside Mr. Fülöp József and Mr. Bartis Elemér artists from Miercurea Ciuc (Csíkszereda), Ms. Kinga Kovács is one of the fourth artists, who will participate in the artists' programme of

CreArt project in Kristiansand, Norway, in the period of 6th of October – 28th of November 2014. The programme will be hosted by Ekserserhuset in Kristiansand, Norway, which is a former fortress transformed in a cultural center, including exhibition halls and places for workshops. The programme theme is related to textile art and its aim is to preserve and transfer the ancient knowledge and to find new functions. [Read more](#)

Conference and field visit on religious-tourism products of Harghita County

In the period of 3rd and 4th of June 2014, the final conference of Recultivatur international project, a promotion event of the religious-tourism products of Harghita County, as well as a field visit took place in Miercurea Ciuc (Csíkszereda).

Harghita County Council participates as partner in the Recultivatur project, which aims the promotion of religious values, use of spiritual and material patrimony, local values, human resources and infrastructure in order to generate jobs and incomes in the concerned areas. In the conference held on 3rd of of June the project results and the completed religious-tourism products were presented. [Read more](#)



The second CreArt travelling-exhibition was opened in Vilnius

Starting from 4th of July, Vilnius City Hall hosts the second CreArt travelling-exhibition entitled 'White Noise, Black Words', which presents 19 art works from the participating CreArt cities and counties. The second CreArt travelling-exhibition entitled *White Noise, Black Words* can be visited at Vilnius City Hall until 17th of August. Its international curators are Joao Laia, Rosa Lleo and Miguel Amado. The 19 art works were selected among 88 submitted works from the participating CreArt cities and counties at the end of last year. After Vilnius, the selected art works will be presented in Zagrab (Croatia), then in Harghita County (Romania), too. [Read more](#)



The religious-tourism products of Harghita county were promoted in Székesfehérvár

The Recultivatur project financed by EU funds ended



The Recultivatur international project in which Harghita County Council participates as a partner, ended at the end of June 2014. The project objectives are promotion of religious values, utilization of the spiritual and material patrimony, local values, human resources and infrastructure in order to generate employment and incomes for the involved areas. The final event of the project was the conference organized in Székesfehérvár, Hungary, on 10th of June 2014. The participating project partners and religious-tourism experts evaluated the project results, the elaborated religious-tourism products, the promotional activities and gained experiences, as well as the establishment of Transnational Religious-Tourism Development Agency. [Read more](#)