



**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 Summer Issue 2013*

**General News**

**Thousand Sekler Girls' Meeting organized in Harghita County:  
"We want a youth generation in strong faith with pure morality and a stable identity!"**



On 6<sup>th</sup> of July more than 1000 Sekler girls and boys dressed up in traditional costume were dancing during the opening ceremony of Thousand Sekler Girls Meeting in Harghita County. "Look around! This is Sekler land!"- As the attendances were welcomed by Mr. Sándor Tamás, president of Covasna County Council.

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## The monthly organized Fair of Local and Traditional Products took place in Miercurea Ciuc



On 15<sup>th</sup> of June about 70 producers participated from all around the county in the local monthly fair in Miercurea Ciuc, where customers could buy traditional Sekler products. On every third Saturday of each month, Harghita County Council organizes this event for offering support and help for local producers in selling their products. At the same time the county council aims to offer the possibility for the inhabitants to buy healthy and traditional products within the framework of these fairs. [Read more...](#)

## Sekler house samples were presented within the 17th edition of the International Conference of Civil Engineering and Architecture (ÉPKO) at Șumuleu Ciuc



This year the International Conference of Civil Engineering and Architecture was organized by Harghita County Council in collaboration with the Hungarian Technical Scientific Society of Transylvania (HTSST), on 15<sup>th</sup> of June in Șumuleu Ciuc, Harghita County. The co-organizers of this event were the Budapest University of Technology and Economics, Hungarian Engineering

Chamber and Hungarian group of FIB (International federation for structural concrete). [Read more...](#)

## Finding the solution needs to be our attitude *The first Academy of Seklerland was welcomed with lot of interest*

On 13<sup>th</sup> of June Harghita County Council organized the first Academy of Seklerland for rural intellectuals in Corund. The village manager of Corund, Mr. Albert Vágási welcomed the presenters, guests and the local audience of Corund. On behalf of Harghita County Council, Mr. Sándor Ambrus, county councilor was present at the event, who highlighted that “this program in



not only for rural intellectuals but also for local producers and farmers, because the purpose is to involve a wide range of people in this program.” [Read more...](#)

**The foundation stone of future tourism**  
***The goal is to establish a Destination Management Organization in the field of tourism***

A twenty member working group was founded on 6<sup>th</sup> of June by Harghita County Council and the Harghita Intercommunity Development Association to establish the new Destination Management Organization in the county. On the meeting organized in the county seat, entrepreneurs and representatives of tourist organizations were taking part. The members of the working group were formed by the presenters and interested participants. [Read](#)



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**Successful health evaluation program organized by twinned counties for the 7th time**

Between 20th and 24th of May in Lupeni the 7th health evaluation program was organized by the General Assembly of Bács-Kiskun county, the twinning county of Harghita county in collaboration with Harghita County Council. At the end of the event the press conference was held in the Mayor's Office in Lupeni. Mayor of Lupeni, Mr. Lehel Kovács expressed his gratitude for the nine specialists of Bács-Kiskun County for their hard work dedicated within the health evaluation program.



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## Project News

### **The Robinwood Plus project proposal package was presented in Brussels *The European Commission was informed about Sustainable Forestry Management***



The participants of the INTERREG IVC Robinwood Plus project submitted their proposal package in Brussels to the European Commission presenting their views referring to forestry management, wood processing, and tourism in

forest areas, biodiversity, and usage of biomass and in the field of environmental education. The outcomes and recommendations of the Robinwood Plus project were presented in the regional office of Limousin in Brussels. [Read more...](#)

### **Progress project meeting held in Miercurea Ciuc**



The Progress project partner meeting took place at the seat of Harghita County Council on 25<sup>th</sup> of June. The partners of the project entitled 'Young graduates and the social sector: developing new job opportunities' were meeting in Harghita County in order to exchange their experiences, to get acquainted with job opportunities addressed to young graduates in

Harghita County, and last but not least to familiarize with the social organizations' activities on county and national levels. [Read more...](#)

### **Models needed for the efficient work of role-taking in the public sphere International CCIC project meeting in Finland**



Between the period of 18<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> of June in Jyväskylä, Finland, the international project meeting of CCIC project (Complex challenges innovative cities) took place, where Harghita County Council was also participating. This

project's goal is to foster the improvement of regional policies, to contribute to innovation in public sphere and to the efficient collaboration with local and regional authorities, with national institutions and other concerned parties in the 13 partner countries. [Read more...](#)

### **Harghita County Council starts its activity within the RECULTIVATUR international project aiming religious tourism development**

In the first part of the international project, in which Harghita County Council participates as a partner, the information and knowledge of partners were collected and accordingly was elaborated the database on architectural and cultural religious heritage and the General Guide for the development of these. In four counties, including Harghita County, the project implementation has been put into practice. As part of the pilot project, a common training programme and training curriculum was elaborated in order to improve the knowledge of the stakeholders from religious - tourism field (religious and civil organizations, public authorities and accommodation providers). [Read more...](#)



### **The partners of the SEEMIG project have met in Budapest *The aim is decreasing the emigration rate***

One of the goals of the local authorities participating in the European Union's project called SEEMIG is to keep the creative youth of Seklerland behind the borders. The Romanian participants of the European Union financed project are Harghita County Council, Municipality of Sfântu Gheorghe and the National Minority Research Institution based in Cluj-Napoca, who are dealing with the thorough analysis of demographic processes and the labor market in Seklerland, as well as with organizing the regular data collection concerning social and economic processes. Recently the leaders of the project organized a partner meeting on 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> of May in Budapest, Hungary. On behalf of Harghita County Council, Mrs. Erika Dobos, project manager attended the meeting. [Read more...](#)



## Artists from Harghita County were selected by an international jury to participate in the CreArt travelling Exhibition in 2013



Two artists from Harghita County, namely Mrs. Ildikó Márton and Mrs. Imola Veres were selected by the Italian curator, Mrs. Illaria Bonacossa, among other 15 European artists to participate in the Travelling European Exhibition entitled MORE REAL THAN REAL of CreArt project, in which Harghita

County Council participates as a partner. The two artists from Harghita County were selected out from 60 participants preselected at local level. The first location of the travelling exhibition is situated in Valladolid city, Spain. Consequently the travelling exhibition is open since 21st of June at La Pasión and Calderón Theatre exhibition hall of Valladolid. [Read more...](#)



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