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On behalf of Harghita County Council, one of the three Sekler counties represented in Brussels under the common brand of Seklerland, we are pleased to send you our 8th international newsletter

News

Manneken Pis statue is planned to be dressed in traditional Sekler costume

It is the second time that this year specialists from Harghita County Council are delegated to the Representation Office of Harghita County (in collaboration with Covasna County and City of Sovata, represented under the common brand of "Seklerland") to Brussels, Belgium. For an efficient and optimal activity of the office, opened last year in June in collaboration with Harghita, Covasna and Mureş counties, Harghita County Council nominates delegations in rotation system and the delegated persons participate in international conferences, seminars and official meetings, presenting the values, regional, county and local programs. [Read more...](#)



Harghita Schi-Orienteering Cup organized for the first time

With the participation of skiers from several localities of Harghita county took place the Harghita Ski Orienteering Cup between 4-5th of February 2012, organized for the first time despite of the difficulties caused by the weather and the race for amateurs could be organized with success. On the first day of the race 11 skiers and on Sunday 17 skiers stood at the start line. For those competitors, who didn't stand back due to the weather



difficulties, the slopes prepared properly gave a pleasant event. Among visitors there were both children, elders and families – told Mr. Csúcs András, organizer of the Cup.

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Dârjiu (Székelyderzs) from Harghita County – One of the seven Transylvanian villages with fortified churches on the UNESCO World Heritage List

One of the seven Transylvanian villages with fortified churches inscribed on the UNESCO's World Heritage List, Dârjiu (Székelyderzs) from Harghita County provides a vivid picture of the cultural landscape of southern Transylvania. It's characterized by the specific land-use system, settlement pattern, and organization of the family farmstead units preserved since the late Middle Ages, dominated by it's fortified church, which illustrate building periods from the 13th to 16th centuries. [Read more...](#)



Siculeni (Madéfalva) from Harghita County could be Seklerland's ambassador in South Tyrol – The North Italian method of pork meat procession was presented for the Sekler farmers

On Tuesday, 28 February a butcher from South Tyrol presented the method of pork meat procession for the local farmers of Siculeni (Madéfalva). Mr. Gerhard Gamper butcher-hunter – in the framework of Autonomy Days organised in the Community House of Siculeni (Madéfalva) by the Local Public Authority and the Local Farmer's Association, in the period of 27–28 February. [Read more...](#)



Harghita County Council represents the farmers' interests of Seklerland on European Union level

Based on our contribution and proposals for the Common Agricultural Policy sent not only to the AER but to several partners from the European Union, the AER considered that the county council has enough resources, experiences and best practices in this field in order to continue our collaboration through becoming member of the Agriculture and Rural Development workgroup and to contribute with specialists in its activity in the future.

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The annual activity of the volunteer firefighters from Alcsik micro – region of Harghita County was evaluated along the presentation of the CivPro project's communication plan

In the presence of six settlements volunteer fire-corps and majors the evaluation of the annual activity of the volunteer firefighters from Alcsík was organized in Cozmeni (Csíkkozmás) from Harghita county on 23rd of November 2011. Mr. Borboly Csaba president, Mr. Becze István and Mr. Rafain Zoltán county councillors were present on behalf of Harghita County Council and awarded the eight participating teams on the traditional fire challenge cup from Alcsík micro-region. [Read more...](#)



The disaster prevention analyses of Harghita County was presented – Five settlements got water pumps with the support of Harghita County Council

Harghita County Council financed with 28 thousand lei from its budget the purchasing of five water pumps, which were handed over to the representatives of the five settlements under the headquarters of Harghita County Inspectorate for Emergency Situations on 12th of December 2011. The assets will facilitate the work of the local volunteer fire fighters in Mihăileni (Csíkszentmihály), Gălăuțaș (Galócás), Lăzărești (Lázárfalva), Tușnad (Tusnád), and Porumbeni Mari (Nagygalambfalva) from Harghita county. The event was attended by Mr. Borboly Csaba, president of Harghita County Council and Mr. colonel Gheorghe Pop, commandant of Harghita County Inspectorate for Emergency Situations. [Read more...](#)



Bioenergy seminar in Harghita County

In the framework of the Robinwood Plus project, the project team from Harghita County Council organised on the 21st of December a workshop with the theme: “The possibilities of bioenergy production and utilization in Harghita County”. Mr. Borboly Csaba, president of Harghita County Council and also the host of the event, said in his opening speech, that in the framework of the



Robinwood Plus project we can import best practices and experiences from the partner regions. [Read more...](#)

Harghita County Council supports the manufacturing of traditional Sekler costumes

Harghita County Council has started a program for the purchase of traditional Sekler costumes. The council approved the related decision to provide this opportunity for those who organize various cultural activities and need support for costumes that are Sekler, Csángó or Romanian traditional clothes specific for the territories of the county. The project aims to support those manufacturers who provide original, good quality traditional costumes and not those that are from standardized production. This program is an excellent opportunity for the folk-dance ensembles that are functioning in the county to renew their costumes. [Read more...](#)



Be the president of Harghita County Council for a day! – High schools are preparing to elect a student that will be the County president for a day

Be the president of the county council for a day is a program of Harghita County Council for high school students from the county. The organizers held a meeting on 25th of January in the administrative building of the county council for the participating students from Ciuc region and their teachers. [Read more...](#)



Equestrian sports: a good opportunity for the region

On 18th of January 2012 representatives of equestrian associations from Harghita County held a meeting on the achievements of equestrian sport in the county. All of the important associations were represented at the meeting. Mr. Márton István president of the Association for Rural Development of Harghita County Council presented the forthcoming events organized in this field by the association and also its ongoing projects. The county council had supported 6 bigger events during the year of 2011. Mr. Márton István also presented the possibilities of the projects and joint programs planned for 2012. [Read more...](#)

Harghita County – The Land of Winter Sports

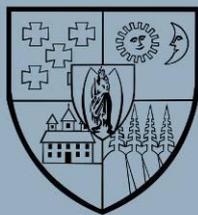
Due to its particular climate Harghita county has a long-standing tradition in winter sports, being the cradle of ice hockey in Romania. The teams of Miercurea Ciuc and Gheorgheni brought home several championship titles, achieving remarkable results. Our athletes have outstanding achievements also in speed skating, nordic skiing, biathlon, and bobsled. The best-known ski tracks are in Harghita Băi, Harghita



Mădăraș, Izvoru Mureș and Homorod Resort. Harghita Băi, which administratively belongs to Miercurea Ciuc, is the favorite ski resort of the locals, winter sport enthusiasts being able to choose from several modern ski tracks. The resort also offers a variety of accommodation possibilities.

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