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

**News**

**A migration study will be elaborated in Harghita County: The partnership in the international project SEEMIG enhances to stop migration**

On 19 and 20<sup>th</sup> of September the partners of the project entitled *Managing Migration and its Effects in South-East Europe (SEEMIG)* met in Bratislava, Harghita County



Council being also represented. The project SEEMIG fosters the better understanding of the long term demographic changes, the processes of migration and human resource. Besides, the project aims to analyze the effects of migration on local labor market and economy in order to elaborate adequate strategies in this field.

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## Sekler products are available on the internet

Starting from 19<sup>th</sup> of October on the webpage [www.szekelytermek.ro](http://www.szekelytermek.ro) a list concerning the enterprises participating in the Traditional and Local product Fair in Miercurea Ciuc (Csíkszereda) is available. The abovementioned website also provides a list of products of local producers and enterprises. The fair organized in every third Saturday of each month by Harghita County Council in collaboration with the Agricultural Chamber of Harghita County takes place at the administrative building of the county council. Harghita County Council by organizing the monthly fairs aims to provide support and help for the local producers in selling their goods and products. At the same time, these fairs offer the possibility for the locals to regularly purchase healthy local products. Accordingly, people preferring local products to other products arriving from abroad are demanding the presence of such fairs and so their number showed an increasing tendency. [Read more...](#)



## Taste, fragrance and colour cavalcade at the autumn fair in Miercurea Ciuc A successful Sekler product fair was organized at the county town

Harghita County Council in collaboration with the Agricultural Chamber of Harghita County and the Rural Development Association of Harghita County Council organized for the fourth time the Traditional and Local Product Autumn Fair on 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> of October. During the fair lasting two days, more than 120 local producers were selling the fall harvest products. The products ranged from traditional sausage, ham, cheese and bakery products, vegetables, fruits, apiculture products, syrups, jams, compotes from forest fruit, as well as traditional handcraft products were also available at the fair organized at the fair stands lining up in the renovated Freedom square of Miercurea Ciuc. [Read more...](#)



## Violence is not a solution International project meeting held in Miercurea Ciuc

“Does not matter what is the question, the aggressive behaviour is not a solution’ – this is the motto of the meeting organized by the project partners of the international project entitled *C You! – The communities are overcoming the aggression spread among youth*, on 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> of October. The Romanian partner is the Social and Child Protection General Directorate of Harghita County Council. The other partners of the project are from Austria (lead partner), Denmark, France, Greece, Italy and Sweden. Among the objectives of the project is the one aiming to strengthen the role of the community and to support the inter-institutional collaborations also. The closing ceremony of the project will be organized in 2013 in Sweden, in Jonkoping, where the results of the project partners’ will be presented and future activities will be planned also. [Read more...](#)



## Time travel from painters’ perspective The Sixth Classics International Art Camp in Lăzarea

The Sixth Classics International Art Camp was organized between 7<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> of October in Lăzarea at the Art Center of Harghita County Council. The Art Camp included book presentations, visiting the exhibition in Gheorgheni (Gyergyószentmiklós) as well as a solemn closing ceremony of the camp. The closing ceremony organized on Tuesday afternoon was also a time travel owned to the invited



participants’ retrospection. The exhibition made up of the art works painted here is available in the Scola guesthouse of the institution in Lăzarea. The art camp is at the same time the season’s closing event of the institution in Lăzarea, because this camp is the last event of the present year organized by the respective institution. Besides the art camp, there were organized the Graphic Workshop in January, the colloquium of Visual Art Universities, the ‘Artist Exchange’ Camp and the ‘KorkéP’ art camp. These events encompassed all layers of the artist society. [Read more...](#)

## Eger Days in Seklerland Event launched with photo exhibition

The event series of 'Eger Days in Seklerland' was opened by Mr. Zoltán Bakos photographer's photo exhibition entitled *Wine, Culture, Eger*, in Miercurea Ciuc (Csíkszereda). One of the main supporter of this event is Harghita County Council. Firstly Mr. László Lövétei Lázár, the editor in chief of the Seklerland magazine, welcomed the participants of the event in the marble hall of the Unions House of Culture Miercurea Ciuc.



Mr. Kálmán Róbert Ráduly, mayor of Miercurea Ciuc, asked the participants in his speech to think of Eger in terms of the presented drinks, food, taste and pictures.

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## Young people in Harghita County 2020 New youth strategy is going to be elaborated within a project of Harghita County

In order to start the planning of the youth strategy of Harghita County a conference on 'Young People in Harghita County 2020' was organized on 5<sup>th</sup> of October at Harghita County Council, Miercurea Ciuc. The financial framework for carrying out the new youth strategy is assured by a project of 30 thousand euro, which was successfully applied



by Harghita County Council for the tender of EU called 'Youth in Action'. This program offers a possibility for developing the youth infrastructure. At the conference were present Mr. András Farkas, the representative of the company PONT elaborating successfully the project, Mr. Iuliu Winkler, member of the European Parliament, Mr. Hedvig Bartolf, chief inspector, Mrs. Zsuzsánna Virágh from the part of labour office, Mr. Csaba Bőjte, Franciscan monk and Mr. Csaba Borboly, president of Harghita County Council. [Read more...](#)



## **A four star proposal of Borsec International touristic Conference was held in Gheorgheni**

On 10<sup>th</sup> of October the Gheorgheni Geography Faculty of the Babeş-Bolyai University organized the 5th international conference entitled *The role of tourism in territorial development*. Joining to the presenters of the topic, the mayor of Borsec, Mr. József Mik held a presentation having the title of *A four star proposal of Borsec* concerning a large scale project for the tourism of the Gheorgheni region and of the whole county too.



The topic of the fifth international conference was welcomed with great interest in the amphitheater of the university in the 'Csíki kert' arboretum of the Gheorgheni Geography Faculty of the Babeş-Bolyai University. The invited foreign presenters were welcomed by Mr. Vencel Magyar county councillor on behalf of Harghita County Council and by Mr. Dr. István Dombay, university docent of the university of Gheorgheni of Babeş-Bolyai University. [Read more...](#)

## **27th International Sports History conference held in Valea Strâmbă (Tekerőpatak)**

On 22<sup>th</sup> of September around one hundred and fifty people were participating in the twenty-seventh International Sports History Conference organized by 'Kútfő' Sport Club in collaboration with 'Pro-Tekerőpatak' Association. The event organized in Valea Strâmbă village was supported by the local government. At the conference excellent specialists in the field of sports history came from middle European countries.



Mr. József Egyed, mayor of Valea Strâmbă village and the organizer of the conference, held the opening speech of the conference organized in collaboration of the Association of European Sports Tradition, the Foundation for the Sport Museum in Zala, the 'dr. Mező Ferencz Olympic Circle of Friends, 'Kútfő' Sports Club and with 'Pro-Tekerőpatak' Association. Mr. Tibor Bálint, the president of 'Kútfő' Sports Club regarding the ceremonial wreath of Mr. Tivadar Bálint, the great sportman, who at the Olympic games of 1964 in Innsbruck won the fifth place. [Read more...](#)

## 6th Cabbage Festival in Lăzarea (Gyergyószárhegy) – with Sekler kitchen future vision

On 12th and 13th of October the cabbage was celebrated in a two days fair in Lăzarea. Within a solemn framework of the fair, the organizers announced that due to the tender of Harghita County Council that was successfully called for, next year the Sekler Kitchen will be launched. On behalf of the local government, Mr. László Gábor, the mayor of Lăzarea, and on behalf of Harghita County Council, Mr. Sándor Petres, vicepresident welcomed the Sixth Cabbage Festival. At the welcoming ceremony of the event Mr. László Gábor calimed that the priority is selling of vegetables and fruit produced by local people. Also from this perspective the financial support won through the tender of Harghita County Council is essential. Based on this support next year the community kitchen will be launched and operated. [Read more...](#)



## Csaba Borboly was elected as member in the Committee of the Regions of the European Union



Csaba Borboly, the president of Harghita County Council was elected as member in the Committee of the Regions, a consultative institution of the European Union representing local and regional authorities' interests. He stated that “during my mandate I will try to represent the regions populated by Hungarians from Romania as best as possible in the advisory body of the EU. Our presence is essential not only on national but also on the international level too.” [Read more...](#)

## The food aid of the European Union for the poor people has arrived

The scale of the food aid of the EU has expanded in this year. According to the Government Decree No. 600/2009 the food aid distributed by the EU in 2012 besides the wheat flour, corn flour, pastry, rice, powdered milk, sugar, cookies and cooking oil, the support also contains beans, canned green peas, tin of tomatoes, as well as condensed tin of tomatoes. [Read more...](#)



## Complex challenges innovative cities: Project meeting held in Sweden

**Complex challenges innovative cities (CCIC)** is a three-year project funded under the European Commission's INTERREG IVC program. It focuses on the role of local authorities in medium-sized and big cities in driving innovation to contribute to Europe 2020 strategy goals for economic modernization and increased competitiveness. In their efforts to improve the effectiveness of the regional innovation policies all public authorities face a set of interlinked challenges like: public finance for innovation, public authorities as innovators, public attitudes to innovation, public procurement and innovation. [Read more...](#)



## The financing contract was signed regarding the Entrepreneurial Incubator House project of the EU



***In Odorheiu Secuiesc (Székelyudvarhely) an Economic Development Center will be built by liquidating the unused and polluted industrial territory.***

Mr. Csaba Borboly, the president of Harghita County Council and Mr. Simon Crețu, the managing director of the Regional Development Agency on 17<sup>th</sup> of August have signed the financing contract of Harghita County Council's project entitled "*Innovative Economic centre in Harghita County – Harghita Business centre – Entrepreneurial Incubator House*" that was submitted and approved within the framework of the Operative Programme 4.2: *Preparing the rehabilitation and new function of polluted and unused industrial territories.* [Read more ...](#)



**“There are many problems, but the opportunities are multiple”**

***In Miercurea Ciuc a roundtable meeting was organized on rural development.***

We need a unified rural development and best practice – said Mr. Csaba Borboly, President of Harghita County Council on the Szeklerland’s Rural Development Forum, organized in Miercurea Ciuc on 17th September 2012. The participants of the roundtable meeting were local and Hungarian



specialists, politicians, as well as Mr. Gyula Budai, the Secretary of State of Hungarian Rural Development Ministry. Following the Szekler’s roundtable meeting organized in Budapest in July, a Szeklerland’s Rural Development Forum was organized in Miercurea Ciuc, in collaboration with the Sapientia University from Miercurea Ciuc, with the Rural Development Association of Harghita County Council, and with the Rural Development Ministry. [Read more ...](#)

**Borsec welcomes tourists in winter time also in the ‘Ó-sáros’ bath**

***The ‘Ó-sáros’ bath as the first own bath establishment of the town Borsec was launched.***

The town Borsec closes the tourist season with special initiation ceremony of the ‘Ó-sáros’ bath: in the meeting organized for the first time for twinning towns from Hungary and Slovakia it was initiated the first own bath establishment of the town. Mr. Csaba Borboly, the president of Harghita County Council and Mr. Sándor Bede, county counsellor were invited by the local government to the ceremonial event.



After the reconstruction workings were finished, financed by the Ministry for Tourism, a week of events was organized having the title of ‘The meeting of twinning towns –Active ageing an solidarity between generation in Europe’, which received a 25.000 euro support from the European Commission. [Read more ....](#)



## Mr. Csaba Borboly: criticism may have a positive impact on the management of the County Council

*In Lăzarea (Gyergyószárhegy), the Romanian Association of Hungarian Journalists and Harghita County Council were giving professional awards of excellence.*

The Romanian Association of Hungarian Journalists hold the annual general assembly on 14<sup>th</sup> -15<sup>th</sup> of September. Within the framework of this assembly a professional meeting was held too, regarding the report as press genre organized in the Culture and Art Center in Lăzarea (Gyergyószárhegy) of Harghita County Council.



At the end of the event, Mr. Csaba Borboly, the president of Harghita County Council together with Mr. Péter Kassay, the director of Culture and Art Center in Lăzarea (Gyergyószárhegy) were giving the award of the Center and the local government.

The board of directors of the Romanian Association of Hungarian Journalists gave the professional awards of excellence for many years of outstanding work to Mr. Zoltán Bakó, the editor of the „Vásárhelyi Hírlap” and Mrs. Gödri Ildikó, colleague of Hungarian programme of the Romanian Television. [Read more ...](#)

## Mr. Eduárd Károly Novák and Mr. Imre Török returning from the Paralympics in London were welcomed as heroes

On 11<sup>th</sup> of September, Tuesday more hundreds of people have got together in Freedom Square of Csikszereda (Miercurea Ciuc) to welcome and celebrate together Eduárd Károly Novák and his team-mate Imre Török who have brought from the Paralympics a Gold and a Silver medal.

At first Előd Pál-Pál, the organizer of the welcoming ceremony evoked the great accomplishment, which was successfully



achieved by Eduárd Károly Novák. The president of Harghita County Council asserted that “success and dream – are such phrases along which we can see that several days ago even in the TV channels people were speaking positively, pleasantly and even exemplary about our region and people living here. What we as politicians often could not reach, namely to make the major part of the country to respect us and to

look up to people living here, that was reached by Ede. We Thank you for this!" [Read more ....](#)

**“We are proud of Mr. Eduárd Károly Novák”  
Sekler success on the Paralympics in London**

Mr. Eduárd Károly Novák from Miercurea Ciuc (Csíkszereda), cyclist brought back a Gold medal, reaching at the same time a new world record in London on 1<sup>st</sup> of September 2012. The athlete realizing a great result won the 4 km long competition in C4 category, on Saturday afternoon, outran the Czech Juri Jezek, who won the silver medal, and the British Jody Cundy, who won the bronze medal. Novák has reached the new record of 4:40.315 in the preselection category. Harghita County Council in every year supports Eduárd Károly Novák, who is considered one of the best Romanian athletes. [Read more ...](#)

**Large families were awarded in Movila Tătarilor (Tatárdomb)  
The family is the one determining our future!**

On 8<sup>th</sup> of September, Harghita County Council in collaboration with The “Dévai Saint Ferenc” Foundation, the Mayor’s Office of Lăzarea (Gyergyószárhegy), the Caritas and the Mothers’ Association of Ciuc Region organized the Sekler Family Day in Movila Tătarilor (Tatárdomb) situated near Lăzarea (Gyergyószárhegy). After the ceremonial procession of horses and



the show of the brass band of Gyergyócsomafalva (Ciumani) Mr. Málnási Demeter, priest of Gyergyóditró (Ditrău) encouraged every participant to learn from our ancestors how to bravely resist in trying times. At the end, Mr. Csaba Bőjte, Franciscan monk encouraged the audience to join our forces: “This altar consists of several little boards, none of them being longer than 2 or 3 meters. However, all the little boards, wisely joining with the other resist the wind, the winter because they stick together. There is force in this togetherness. We have to grow stronger believing in this faith.” – considers the Franciscan monk. [Read more ...](#)

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