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Young people are taught advocacy in the Carpathian Basin

Young Hungarians are the least interested in public life in Central Europe compared to their peers of the same age. This is why the National Youth Council (NYC) is launching a two-year training program with its partners, with EU funding. The consortium documents for the €400 000 project were signed on behalf of the UP by Dr. Tamás Fedeles, Vice-Rector of of the UP, at a ceremony in Székesfehérvár on 26th November.

The project, funded by the Erasmus+ program, will provide, among other things, training for teachers and civil servants, a knowledge centre and an information portal.

The aim is to enable hundreds of young people from the Carpathian Basin to learn "democracy",

i.e. to acquire a culture of debate based on respect for others, to stand up for their own rights and those of their fellow students within an advocacy framework.

Young Hungarians have become more interested in public affairs since the coronavirus epidemic than in previous decades, but the proportion of 15-29 year olds who are keen to follow public life is still very low, according to the Hungarian Youth 2020 survey. Only 11 percent of this age group regularly discuss public affairs with their parents, and a quarter never discuss them at all. They discuss the topic with their friends and acquaintances even less often.