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New Latin dreams in the spirit of EDUC

The Neo-Latin departments of the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences of the UP are breaking new ground, which was sparked by an event organized by the EDUC association. A round table discussion on this and their experiences with EDUC was held on 13th December in the Dean's Council Room of the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences on the Ifjúság Road campus, under the title Centre and Peripheries.

"Our previous, well-established contacts are coming together in new networks", said Dr. Krisztián Bene, Head of the Department of French at the Faculty of Humanities anf Social Sciences of the UP, and added: "It is of particular importance for the departments dealing with Neo-Latin languages that most of the members of the EDUC association represent these languages, as French, Spanish and Italian universities are also members.

Within EDUC, a professional-academic cooperation is being outlined, specifically involving professionals teaching and researching in the field of Neolatin."
An EDUC event held in Paris this summer gave the idea for this, by organizing a conference where the common working language was not English but all the Neolatin languages. In other words, the event was organized thematically, with presentations in French, Spanish, Portuguese or Italian. The participants understood what was being said, without formally speaking the other language.

"It was interesting to discover commonalities between the topics presented in different languages," said Domingo Antonio Lilon, head of the Institute of Romance Studies, who also mentioned the possibility of linking up with doctoral sub-programs in Pécs that are not yet operational here.