

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING FOR COOPERATION

THE LOCAL SELF-GOVERNMENT OF THE TOWN OF SUBOTICA (represented by: Bogdan Laban, Mayor), THE LOCAL SELF-GOVERNMENT OF THE TOWN OF TOMPA (represented by: László Véh, Mayor),

THE LOCAL SELF-GOVERNMENT OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF KELEBIJA (represented by: József Maczkó, Mayor),

PARK PALIĆ DOO SUBOTICA (represented by: Nebojša Daraboš, CEO),

ASSOCIATION FOR THE PRESERVATION OF RESOURCES IN THE NATURAL PARK OF UPPER BÁCSKA AND HOMOKHÁT /FELSŐ-BÁCSKAI ÉS HOMOKHÁTI ÉRTÉKMEGŐRZŐ NATÚRPARK EGYESÜLET/ (represented by: József Maczkó, President)

REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY „PANONREG” DOO SUBOTICA (represented by: Milan Maličević, CEO)

do hereby enter into the following

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING FOR COOPERATION

IN REGULATING THE WATER SUPPLY FOR THE PURPOSE OF REHABILITATING THE NATURAL HABITAT AND LANDSCAPE OF THE KÖRÖS-ÉR MAIN CHANNEL AND THE KELEBIA LAKES

IMPLEMENTED WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE “HAVARIA” PROGRAM OF THE PALIĆ, LUDAŠ GREEN BELT OF SPECIAL IMPORTANCE

REASONING

The Protected Landscape KÖRÖS-ÉR was formed along the Main Channel of the river KÖRÖS-ÉR from Kelebia to Mórahalom in 2013. Its aim was to institutionalize the preservation of protected and especially protected species of flora and fauna, as well as to carry out tasks necessary for the rehabilitation of nature.

The Association for the Preservation of Resources in the Natural Park of Upper Bácska and Homokhát (Felső-Bácskai és Homokháti Értékmegőrző Natúrpark Egyesület) was established in 2017 through the association of 12 settlements along the Hungarian-Serbian border with the purpose of preserving local values and promoting organized tourist destinations. Both organizations are directly linked to regions along the Serbian border. There are numerous bordering regions under the jurisdiction of either Hungarian or Serbian authorities. Such are for instance: the Szelevény Puszta, the Subotica Sands Area, various fishponds, peat mines, the Rivó Forest, the Körös-ér Main Channel.

The Körös-ér Main Channel has not been delivering measurable quantities of water for almost 30 years in the direction of the Palić Lake due to the water-famine in the Homokhátság Region. Due to this lack of water supply, the Kelebia Lakes have been showing a tendency of becoming boggy and boggy. A fierce water deficit has developed in the subject area due to the drastic measures of linear economy and climate changes. We managed to destroy in the last 150 years

what our ancestors built in harmony with nature for 1000 years. This resulted in a desertification process. And all this is happening between the rivers Danube and Tisa.

It is due to these facts that we pay special heed to the above development plan aimed at achieving our goals within various cross-border cooperation projects, even on an intergovernmental level. An integral part of this development plan is the issue of rehabilitating the natural habitat and landscape of a channel system dating from the era of the Árpád dynasty.

The above organizations are willing to unite based on the present Memorandum of Understanding for the purpose of analyzing and solving the depicted question. The problem is of course real, while its practical implementation seeks the participation of several partners.

The importance of the described venture is justified by the future subsistence of the inhabitants of the Homokhát region, by the preservation of the Kelebia Lakes, as well as by the necessity to rehabilitate the water supply system of the Lakes Palić and Ludaš.


Kelebija, 30 January 2019


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Mayor

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