

Honourable Assembly,

At the beginning of this year, the renewal of the HUN-REN Hungarian Research Network began. After the scientific and organizational evaluation, carried out with the involvement of international experts, the HUN-REN Steering Committee outlined the essential principles for the government required to strengthen the research network and improve its performance.

As the leaders of HUN-REN research centres and independent research institutes, we unanimously support the bill submitted to the National Assembly, as the Ministry of Culture and Innovation has incorporated all the amendments we proposed, which were outlined in our Joint Declaration on 14 November.

We consider it essential for the successful renewal of HUN-REN that the institutions of the research network continue their activities primarily in properties owned by HUN-REN, which would also enable meaningful development of these properties, and the research infrastructures located within them. The transfer of property ownership to HUN-REN is a fundamental pillar of the renewal we have outlined, without which a successful research network cannot be envisioned, as the challenges arising from the current situation of the properties have highlighted in the everyday practices of recent years.

The draft bill and the resolution of property ownership are key elements of a renewal program that has the unanimous support of the research institute leaders and is designed to foster the revival of Hungarian science.

In light of this, we consider the proposal submitted by the President of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences to the General Assembly on 11 December to be of utmost importance. According to this proposal, the properties used by HUN-REN's research institutes will be transferred to HUN-REN through a purchase by the state and, subsequently, as per the government's declared intention, will become fully and free of charge the property of HUN-REN.

As the leaders of the HUN-REN research centres and independent research institutes, we respectfully ask the members of the General Assembly of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences to support with their votes the proposal submitted by the President of the MTA, thereby contributing to the strengthening and transformation of Hungarian research and development.

Sincerely,

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