



PROTOCOL

OF THE ELEVENTH SESSION OF THE FLEMISH-HUNGARIAN INTERGOVERNMENTAL JOINT COMMISSION

Budapest, January 11, 2022

The Eleventh Session of the Flemish-Hungarian Joint Commission took place in Budapest, on January 11, 2022 with the intention of both delegations, hereafter called the Sides, to agree upon the content of the Cooperation Programme for the years 2022-2024.

The Hungarian delegation was led by József Magyar Deputy State Secretary for the Development of European Relations of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade of Hungary. The Flemish delegation was led by Mrs Julie Bynens Secretary General of the Flanders Chancellery & Foreign Office.

The Flemish-Hungarian Joint Commission, which was established in 1995, proved to be a successful framework for cooperation between Hungary and Flanders. The Joint Commission turned into a valuable mediator-forum, where the Sides can take the opportunity to identify the potential areas and forms of cooperation. The entities of both sides participating in the cooperation over the years have established broad framework of ties serving for valuable exchange of knowledge and expertise and enabling meeting of experts and the business communities of both sides on regular bases.

The meeting of the Co-Chairs was held in a cordial warm and friendly atmosphere reflecting common intention to strengthen and develop bilateral cooperation on the basis of mutual benefit.

The Co-Chairs share the opinion that Europe is momentarily facing challenges like never before. A direct and sincere dialogue will lead to common understanding in the different areas, crucial for the future success of Europe. Europe is based on mutual respect for each other's cultures, identities, traditions and on a set of shared values. In this spirit both sides agreed on the need to cooperate, to keep the lines open between them and enhance and broaden our cooperation and strengthen our dialogue.

Both Sides discussed mechanisms for enhancing economic activity disrupted by COVID-19 pandemic in their respective countries, as well as the mechanisms for reducing the negative consequences of the pandemic had on the bilateral economic relations between the two countries.

Besides projects of bilateral nature, both Sides expressed their interest to expand and strengthen bilateral relations by setting long-term strategic goals as new directions for the Joint Commission. The Sides agreed to continue the Joint Committee's work on the basis of a sector-narrowed, project-based cooperation, focusing on concrete actions leading to tangible

results in the agreed areas of cooperation. The goal is to build a solid ground for long term cooperation based on mutual interests through practical initiatives to find solutions for current challenges.

The strategic partnership between Flanders and Hungary is reflected in the intensified economic cooperation, marked by the increasing value of bilateral trade. Both Parties agreed upon the realization of 17 cooperation projects for the years 2022-2024 in the fields of:

- logistic cooperation with focus on ports
- economic, commercial and cluster cooperation
- · agriculture with focus on animal welfare
- education
- youth policy
- public health
- scientific research and innovation
- culture
- public diplomacy

The provisions of the present Cooperation Programme do not preclude the possibility of implementing other activities, exchanges or projects that will be negotiated and agreed upon by the Sides through diplomatic channels.

Both sides appreciate the long list of events and meetings the cooperating partners foresee for the upcoming period to implement and expressed their interest to follow up on their realization.

All disputes concerning the interpretation or realisation of the listed projects will be settled through negotiation between the Signatories.

The members of the Flemish and Hungarian delegations attending the Eleventh Session of the Joint Commission are listed in Annex No. 1 and 2 of this Protocol, respectively.

The list of the new or ongoing cooperation projects including the project description, the responsible partners and further provisions, upon which both Parties agreed and to which realization both Parties committed themselves, is included in Annex No. 3.

This Protocol was prepared and signed in Budapest, on January 11, 2022, in two (2) original versions in English language, both texts being equally authentic.

Both Parties agree to hold the next meeting of the Joint Commission in Brussels in 2023, on a date to be agreed upon through diplomatic channels.

For the Government of Flanders

For the Government of Hungary

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Secretary General of the Flanders Chancellery & Foreign Office Co-Chair of the Joint Commission H.E. Mr. József Magyar

Deputy State Secretary for the Development of European Relations of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade of Hungary

Co-Chair of the Joint Commission

	Hungarian-Flemish Joint Commission					
	Cooperation Programme for the years 2022-2024					
No.	Title	Hungarian partner	Flemish partner	Description of the project		
I. Log	_	with focus on the ports				
1.1	Cooperation between Flemish and Hungarian Ports, with special focus on business matchmaking	Hungarian Federation of Danube Ports Capt. Béla SZALMA elnok@hfip.hu +36 30 941 2866 Mónika THURY popeiproject@gmail.com Baja Public Port Ltd László NAGY Managing Director info@portofbaja.hu +36 79 422 502 +36 30 938 4100	Flanders Investment & Trade (FIT) Marnix BIERLIN Area Manager Central & Eastern Europe marnix.bierlin@fitagency.be +32 2 504 87 43 Szonja BENDER Head of Post FIT Hungary szonja.bender@fitagency.com Port of Antwerp Walter HOLZHAMMER Representative of PoA for Hungary walter.holzhammer@portofantwerp.co m	The Hungarian and Flemish partners are interested to develop and also to further continue their cooperation in the field of Danube river shipping. There is also interest in developing an efficient business cooperation among companies linked to the Hungarian and Flemish Ports. The partners would be open to organize study tours, meetings in Hungary and in Belgium to present their activities and to facilitate matchmaking between business partners. There is also interest for cooperation in EU projects, and in sharing experiences and best practices in the field of intermodal transport, including the expansion of inland ports that serve as intermodal hubs for freight transhipment and distribution of goods.		
1.2	Participation at program in Flanders with 'Smart & sustainable logistics and transport' as subject	Ministry for Innovation and Technology Department of International Relations Cecília NAGY International Desk Officer cecilia.nagy@itm.gov.hu +36 1 795 4192	Koen HAVERBEKE koen.haverbeke@flanders.eu	Invitation to participate in a five-day international reception program with the subject: 'Smart & sustainable logistics and transport' in the autumn of 2022. The aim is to get to know the Flemish perspective in this area better for a group of high-level opinion leaders and decision-makers. Topics related to the guest's professional activities and interests are also discussed. During five days, the guests receive a tour and an introduction through meetings with key figures from the private and public sector, visits to leading companies and strategic research institutions.		

II. Ec	conomic, Comme	rcial and Cluster Cooperation	on	
2.1	Cooperation in cluster development	Ministry of Finance Peter KELLER Head of Department peter.keller@pm.gov.hu +36 1 896 1302 Katalin BARNA Head of Unit katalin.barna@pm.gov.hu +36 1 896 1414 West-Pannon Nonprofit Ltd Gál KÖRMENDY Head of Cluster and Economic Development info@westpannon.hu	Flanders Innovation & Entrepreneurship Agency Annie RENDERS Head Clusterpolicy +32 (0) 497 80 06 26 annie.renders@vlaio.be www.vlaio.be	The Hungarian Ministry of Finance has started to develop the first Hungarian Cluster Strategy at the beginning of 2021. For international quality assurance of the strategy the Hungarian side would like to use experiences of international experts (through peer-review service of TCI Network). The Flemish cluster accreditation system can be an interesting practice to transfer in this regard. The Hungarian side would be happy to have a Flemish expert in the pool of experts from which we choose the colleagues to work with within the next period. The Hungarian Ministry of Finance would appreciate to have a bilateral discussion on cluster development and introducing multi-tier accreditation system. Within the framework of an Interreg project CLUSTERIX 2.0 Interreg Europe there was a contact between Flemish and Hungarian colleagues. An extension of this Interreg project is currently underway to exchange practices, both in terms of policy approach and practical cluster operation. Where necessary and useful, Flanders can provide input or enter into direct discussions with the organizations involved.
2.2	Study Tour to Belgium	Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Szabolcs- Szatmár-Bereg County Edina PÁRKÁNYINÉ DR. CSURKA secretary general csurka.edina@szabkam.hu +36 42 416 074	VOKA East Flanders' Chamber of Commerce and Industry Stefan DERLUYN stefan.derluyn@voka.be +32/479901227	In April 2022, the Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Szabolcs-Szatmár-Bereg County, in cooperation with two chambers of Satu Mare (Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Agriculture; and the Association of Craftsmen), is organizing a study tour to Belgium. The aim of the study tour is to get more information about the essence of the Plato program, the operation of the Flemish Chamber and its services provided to businesses, as well as the labor market initiatives of VOKA. The participants will be Hungarian and Romanian enterprises. Our Flemish partner in organizing the study tour is VOKA East Flanders' Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

III. A	griculture with f	ocus on Animal Welfare		
3.1	griculture with for Animal welfare	Ministry of Agriculture National Food Chain Safety Office Lázár MÁRTON Head of Department martonl@nebih.gov.hu aai@nebih.gov.hu +36 1 336 9302 +36 70 436 0476	Environment, Nature and Energy Department Animal Welfare Service (Dienst Dierenwelzijn) Heleen WILLEMS Policy advisor heleen.willems@vlaanderen.be +32 2 553 0482	In 2017, Hungary was – with 1.710 animals – the third largest importer of puppies in Flanders. Flanders sets strict requirements for domestic as well as for foreign breeders. Hungary closely monitors these conditions. In order to increase the efforts to ensure the well-being and health of these young animals, Flanders proposes a collaboration with the competent services of Hungary. It is important to offer guarantees for future dog owners, so they can buy healthy and socialized animals – which were bred in Hungary – transparently and with complete confidence. "Agreement on a collaboration regarding the supervision of the puppy trade between Flanders and Hungary" proposal has been prepared and approved with the consent of both parties. It can be signed after the legal verification of the text.
IV E	ducation			
14.15	Exchange of	Ministry of Human	Department of Education and	The aim of the project is to exchange information on policy topics of
4.1	information and documentation regarding education and exchange of experts and policymakers	Capacities Department for Bilateral Relations Ágnes GERENCSÉR International Desk Officer agnes.gerencser@emmi.gov. hu +36 1-795 7545	Training Marie-Anne PERSOONS Advisor International Policy marie- annne.persoons@ond.vlaanderen.be +32 2 553 9589	mutual interest regarding all types and levels of education. Both parties will facilitate exchange-based learning in the ministry responsible for education, education institutions or other intermediate organizations and extend invitations to the other party to expert seminars on educational topics that are open to international participation. The Hungarian side is open for cooperation.
		Ministry for Innovation and Technology		

4.2	Exchange of information and preparation of possible joint projects and activities in the field of higher education and EHEA reforms	Department of International Relations Cecília NAGY International Desk Officer cecilia.nagy@itm.gov.hu +36 1 795 4192 Tempus Public Foundation Unit for Higher Education Policy and Development Márton BEKE Head of Unit marton.beke@tpf.hu	Department of Education and Training Higher and Adult Education Division Magalie SOENEN Policy Officer magalie.soenen@ond.vlaanderen.be +32 2 553 9873	The parties shall exchange information on higher education policy developments and shall seek further cooperation activities, peer learning especially in the field of internationalisation, improvement of teaching and learning (dissemination and continuation of PROFFORMANCE project), recognition, digitalisation, inclusion and green transition (not an exclusive list).
4.3	Student mobility and scholarships	Anna HERNÁDI Deputy Head of Department of Higher Education anna.hernadi@tpf.hu +36 1 237 1300 / 162 Ministry for Innovation and Technology Department of International Relations Cecília NAGY International Desk Officer cecilia.nagy@itm.gov.hu	Department of Education and Training Higher and Adult Education Division Magalie SOENEN Policy Officer magalie.soenen@ond.vlaanderen.be +32 2 553 9873	Both parties shall encourage balanced mobility and exchanges, especially those building on existing EU, international and national schemes, in order to increase added value for both higher education systems. The Hungarian side continuously offers scholarships for Flemish students. The Hungarian side is ready to publish the call for applications and is ready to encourage the participation of Hungarian students in the Flemish scholarship schemes. The Hungarian party offers scholarships for Flemish students. More information on Hungarian scholarships is accessible at: https://cwp.scholarship.hu/

		+36 1 795 4192		The Flemish party offers also scholarships for Master studies via the Master Mind Scholarship Programme. There is a new call at the end of 2021. The Flemish party offers scholarships for Master studies via the Master Mind Scholarship Programme. More information on Flemish scholarships is accessible at: http://www.studyinflanders.be/en/scholarship-programmes/master-mind-scholarships/
	Dutch	Tempus Public Foundation	Dutch Language Union	The Dutch Language Union offers a summer course for students in
	Language and			Ghent (BE) and summer courses for teachers and researchers in
	Culture	Anna HERNÁDI	Karlijn WATERMAN	Leuven, Amsterdam and Utrecht. More information about the financial
	summer course	Deputy Head of Department	Focal Point for International Relations	support in general and the summer courses can be found at the website
		of Higher Education	kwaterman@taalunie.org	of the Dutch Language Union:
		anna.hernadi@tpf.hu		https://taalunie.org/actueel/227/cursussen-voor-docenten-nvt-en-
		+36 1 237 1300/ ext. 162.		neerlandistiek https://taalunie.org/informatie/253/summer-course-in-
4.4				dutch
		Ministry for Innovation and Technology		In addition, a new platform has been created for all those involved in
		Department of		Dutch international education: MijnNederlands with offerings for
		International Relations		teachers (material and professionalisation), students and also network
				information so that partners can find each other abroad.
		Cecília NAGY		https://mijnnederlands.taalunie.org
		International Desk Officer		
		cecilia.nagy@itm.gov.hu +36 1 795 4192		
V. Yo	uth Policy			
	Exchange of	Prime Minister's Office	Department of Culture, Youth and	Exchange of information and documentation regarding youth
	information	Department for Youth	Media Administration of Youth	policy
5.1	and			The aim of the project is to exchange information and documentation
	documentation	Gergely MOHAY	Mr. Jan VANHEE	regarding youth policy and youth work strategy in written form.
	regarding	Head of Department	Policy officer youth	

	youth	gergely.mohay@csm.gov.hu	jan.vanhee@vlaanderen.be	The colleagues of both parties participate in various international
	policy/Coopera	+36 1 896 0003	Jan. ramice & riamideren.ue	events and platforms enabling the exchange of information, good
	tion within EU	130 1 070 0003	+32 (0)2 553 41 51	practices and the discussion of possible forms of cooperation at
	youth policy		132 (0)2 333 41 31	different levels between the parties.
	framework			The preparatory work of the forthcoming Spanish-Belgian-Hungarian
	II alliewol K			EU presidency trio, the strengthening and intensifying cooperation
				between the countries and the joint policy planning provide a more
				favourable opportunity for the Hungarian and Flemish sides to
				exchange information as planned.
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				Cooperation within EU youth policy framework
				In connection with EU Team presidency's activities the parties
				organise exchanges of delegations of up to 4 members (mixed
				delegation: responsible civil servants, youth workers and youth
				researchers/experts) for a period of up to 4 days with the aim of
				deepening and enlarging the ideas, themes and instruments of the new
				framework of the EU youth policy (Council Resolution of 26
				November 2018) and the framework of cooperation on youth policy of
				the Council of Europe (based on resolution CM/Res(2008)23).
				In the conciliation, preparation and implementation phase of the
				forthcoming Spanish-Belgian-Hungarian EU presidency trio, it may be
				possible to link participation in the events to the cooperation of
				Hungarian-Flemish experts, especially in connection with presidency
				topics related to the EU youth strategy.
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VI. Pu	ıblic Health			
	General well-	Ministry of Human	Department of Welfare, Public Health	General well-being policy
	being policy	Capacities	and Family	The cooperation includes the general well-being policy, in particular
6.1	and Exchange	Department for Bilateral	Staff of the Secretary-General	scientific research regarding public health and quality management.
0.1	of information	Relations		The cooperation can be started after the end of the present COVID-19
	on health		Fabian DOMINGUEZ	pandemic situation.
		Ágnes GERENCSÉR		

	policy and well-being	International Desk Officer agnes.gerencser@emmi.gov. hu +36 1-795 7545	Coordinator International Relations fabian.dominguez@vlaanderen.be fabian.dominguez@diplobel.fed.be +32 2 553 3106 +32 499 59 4025	Exchange of information on health policy and well-being Cooperation regarding the following fields: • Child health care and preventive health care in young childhood: • Improving abilities, skills; • Hearing screening; • Vaccination; • Breastfeeding; • Injury prevention; • Vision screening; • Development of professional-methodological guidelines (in infant and paediatric care), primary prevention programmes – civilization diseases. • Prevention programmes, including: • Primary care; • Vaccination; • Prevention of communicable diseases (with special emphasis on health care related infections and infections) • Organized public health screenings; • Rehabilitation; • Development of environmental health;
				on health care related infections and infections) Organized public health screenings; Rehabilitation; Development of environmental health; Prevention of smoking & support for smoking cessation; Mental health care. The cooperation can be started after the end of the present COVID-19
VII S	Scientific Desearce	h and Innovation		pandemic situation.
VII. S	"University-	National Research,	Research Foundation - Flanders	No progress has been made since the "University-Business
	Business	Development and	(FWO)	Cooperation" Workshop held in 2018. However, the NRDI Office is
7.1	Cooperation"	Innovation Office	Division of International Affairs	still open to restarting discussions with FWO and explore opportunities
	Workshop	Department for Bilateral		to collaborate within the Horizon Europe framework programme.
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VIII.	Culture			
8.1	Information exchange regarding cultural policies and audio-visual production	Liszt Institute Brussels Cultural Service of the Embassy of Hungary in Brussels Adrienne Éva BURÁNYI Director, Cultural Counsellor adrienne.eva.buranyi@mfa.g ov.hu +32 2 209 0750	Department of Culture, Youth and Media Andries CLEMENT Andries.clement@vlaanderen.be T + 32 02 553 42 76	 Both parties shall inform each other about: Important developments in cultural policies and crucial cultural projects. They may decide in consensus to organise new projects, such as artistic exchanges, training, on the job training, seminars, study visits etc. When one of the parties participates in an important international project, it might associate the other party as a privileged partner. Possibilities for audio-visual cooperation and exchange.

		Ministry of Human Capacities Department for Bilateral Relations Ágnes GERENCSÉR International Desk Officer agnes.gerencser@emmi.gov. hu +36 1-795 7545		
8.2	Flemish cultural events in Hungary	Ministry of Human Capacities Department for Bilateral Relations Ágnes GERENCSÉR International Desk Officer agnes.gerencser@emmi.gov. hu +36 1-795 7545 TRAFÓ House of Contemporary Arts Beáta BARDA Director info@trafo.hu barda@trafo.hu +36 1 215 1600	Delegation of Flanders in Central Europe Koen HAVERBEKE koen.haverbeke@flanders.eu Zsuzsanna LÉNÁRT zsuzsanna.lenart@flanders.eu +36 30 391 5669	The Delegation of Flanders in Budapest promotes artists from Flanders in Hungary. The Hungarian Side is open for cooperation. The Flemish Side is interested in the continuation of the project Flanders on the Move in cooperation with a.o. Trafo and other cultural partners in Hungary.
8.3	Artist exchange and study tours	Liszt Institute Brussels	Flanders Arts Institute	The parties will keep each other informed about the cooperation possibilities between cultural institutions. The goal is to be up-to-date with the cultural changes and news of both countries thus helping to

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		Cultural Service of the	Lissa KINNAER and Sarah	shape cooperation and be able to link the institutions as possible
		Embassy of Hungary in	ROMBOUTS	partners. Both parties organize study tours for artists, cultural leaders,
		Brussels	International Relations	experts. The director of Liszt Institute takes part in the information
			lissa@kunsten.be	sessions and conferences organized by the Flanders Art Institute for
		Adrienne Éva BURÁNYI	sarah.rombouts@kunsten.be	foreign audience.
		Director, Cultural Counsellor		
		adrienne.eva.buranyi@mfa.g		The Flanders Arts Institute will have a meeting with the new director
		ov.hu		of the Liszt Institute in Brussels in the beginning of 2022.
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	Hungarian	Liszt Institute Brussels	City of Antwerp	Initiation of a Hungarian focus of culture in Antwerp. According to the
	culture in	Cultural Service of the		plans, Hungarian cultural and gastronomical events would take place
	Antwerp	Embassy of Hungary in	Bert Corley	in the art institutions and universities of Antwerp throughout one
		Brussels	Chief of staff of the aldermen for culture	month of the year of 2019 or 2020.
			bert.corluy@antwerpen.be	Due to the pandemic, the Hungarian cultural events planned to take
		Adrienne Éva BURÁNYI		place in Antwerp could not materialize. The Liszt Institute Brussels
0.4		Cultural Counsellor	or	plans to reopen the discussions in 2021-2022, with the support of the
8.4		adrienne.eva.buranyi@mfa.g		newly appointed Honorary Consul of Hungary in Antwerp, Mr Ari
		ov.hu	Wim Van Damme	Epstein (inauguration on 14 October 2021). The targeted audiences are
		+32 2 209 0750	Director Divsiion Culture	the public of local art institutions, university students and due to their
			Wim.vandamme@antwerpen.be	strong historical connections to Hungary, the local Jewish community.
			_	The Flemish party suggests to organize an exploratory kick-off
				meeting with Antwerp partners. The Flemish party can provide
				assistance.
	Between Hell	Budapest, Museum of Fine	Antwerpen, KMvSchK; Antwerpen,	While Bosch's exceptional creativity and decisive impact on
	and Paradise:	Arts	Snyders and Rockoxhuis	Netherlandish art has been an evidence in art history, the question of
	The Curious		Brugge, Groeningemuseum	the origins of his extraordinary art is still intriguing. Previous scholars
	World of	Ms Bernadett TÓTH	Leuven, Museum M	strove to discover Bosch's art by approaching his oeuvre from the most
8.5	Hieronymus	Curator of Netherlandish	Groenendaal Collegge	different angles: from religious texts, Middle Dutch language and literature through Flemish book illumination to alchemy, astrology,
	Bosch	Prints and Drawings,		and the symbolism of Tarot Cards, just to name a few. The aim of our
	Budapest ,	bernadett.toth@szepmuvesze		exhibition is to present Bosch's world in the context of late medieval
	Museum of	ti.hu		visual culture from paintings, illuminated manuscripts, and early
	Fine Arts 7			German prints and other objects of the applied arts, and so to gain an

	April 2022 – 17 July 2022			understanding on how his creative mind used, transformed and further developed already existing visual schemata, or commented on them. The Flemish diplomatic representation is prepared to provide assistance in connection with a possible loan of paintings from Flanders.
IX. P	ublic diplomacy	TO T. / 1 T		
	Public diplomacy and	Eötvös Loránd University (ELTE)	Delegation of Flanders in Central Europe	Continuation of the project Children Trains and it's importance in the framework of the centennial of Hungarian-Belgian Diplomatic relations.
9.1	Remembrance	Dr. Orsolya Réthelyi Associate Professor Head of Department Department of Dutch Studies Eötvös Loránd Tudományegyetem orsolya.rethelyi@gmx.net	Koen HAVERBEKE koen.haverbeke@flanders.eu Zsuzsanna LÉNÁRT zsuzsanna.lenart@flanders.eu +36 30 391 5669	The Embassy is still interested in the organization of Children Trains Programme. In 2023, the centenary year of the launch of the children's trains in Belgium, together with the Flemish Government and the Catholic Church in Flanders, a commemoration is planned to be held in Tournhout, which was then the Flemish centre of this charitable movement.
		Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade Hungarian Embassy to Belgium and Luxembourg Imre SZAKÁCS imre.szakacs@mfa.gov.hu +32 2 348 1814		100 years of diplomatic relations Hungary-Belgium.