

KEY FACTS AND FIGURES ON HUNGARY / UNESCO COOPERATION

1. **Membership of UNESCO:** since 14 September 1948
2. **Membership on the Executive Board:** not currently (previous terms: 2003-2007, 2007-2009).
3. **Membership on Intergovernmental Committees, Commissions, etc.:**
 - International Coordinating Council of the Programme on Man and the Biosphere (term expires in 2017)
 - Intergovernmental Council of the "Management of Social Transformations" Programme (term expires in 2017)
 - Intergovernmental Committee for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage (term expires in 2018)
4. **Your visits to Hungary: 2**
 - 8-9 October 2013: to attend the Budapest Water Summit
 - 15-17 November 2011: official visit and the World Science Forum
5. **The former Director-General's visits to Hungary: 4**
 - 4-6 November 2009: the fourth World Science Forum
 - 8-10 November 2007: the third World Science Forum
 - 9-11 November 2005: the World Science Forum
 - 27-29 June 2002: official visit
6. **Permanent Delegation to UNESCO:**
 - Permanent Delegate: H.E. Ambassador Zoltán Csefalvay, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, Permanent Delegate (since 23 February 2015)
 - Staff: Mrs Emese Borza , Deputy Permanent Delegate; Mr Gabor Gorvath, Counsellor; Mrs Gabriella Palos, Counsellor; Mr Gergely Varkonyi, Counsellor; Ms Anna Eros-Zeichmer, Third Secretary, Responsible for UNESCO Affairs; Ms Anett Tanacs, Deputy attaché
 - Former Permanent Delegates: H.E. Ambassador Katalin Bogyay (September 2009 – December 2014), H.E. Mr András Lakatos (March 2004 – September 2009), H.E. Mr Pál Pataki (January 1995 – December 1999), H.E. Mr Arpád Fasang (February 2000 – March 2004)
7. **UNESCO Office:** none. Covered by the UNESCO Office in Venice – UNESCO Regional Bureau for Science and Culture in Europe (BRESCE).
8. **Hungarian National Commission for UNESCO:**
 - Year of establishment: 1948
 - Chairperson: Mr Miklós Réthelyi (since June 2012)
 - Secretary-General: Ms Mariann Géher (since November 2014)
9. **Hungarian personalities linked to UNESCO's activities:**
 - Ms Eva Kondorosi (Research Professor, Biological Research Centre, Academy of Sciences of Hungary), member of the UN Secretary-General's Scientific Advisory Board
 - Ms Marta Sebestyén (folk vocalist and composer), UNESCO Artist for Peace
10. **UNESCO Chairs: 6**
 - UNESCO Chair for Minority Studies (1997), Eötvös Lorand University, Budapest
 - UNESCO Chair in Environmental Biology (1998), Hungarian Academy of Sciences, Szeged

- UNESCO Chair in Cultural Policy and Cultural Management (1999), Lajos Kossuth University of Arts and Sciences, Debrecen
- UNESCO Chair in Information and Communication Technologies and Education (2000), Eötvös Lorand University, Budapest
- UNESCO Chair in Human Rights (2008), Eötvös Lorand University, Budapest
- UNESCO Chair in Cultural Heritage Management and Sustainability (2011), Institute for Social and European Studies Foundation, Corvinus University of Budapest

11. **Associated Schools:** 32 (1 primary, 1 primary/secondary and 30 secondary). Hungary joined the ASP Network in 1958.

12. **Category 2 Institutes and Centres:** none

13. **UNESCO Clubs:** information not available

14. **Biosphere Reserves:** 6

- Aggtelek (1979)
- Hortobágy (1979)
- Kiskunság (1979)
- Lake Fertő (1979)
- Pilis (1980)
- Mura Drava Danube (2012), transboundary with Croatia

15. **World Heritage Sites:** 8

Cultural

- Budapest, including the Banks of the Danube, the Buda Castle Quarter and Andrassy Avenue (1987, extension in 2002)
- Old Village of Hollókő and its surroundings (1987)
- Millenary Benedictine Abbey of Pannonhalma and its Natural Environment (1996)
- Hortobágy National Park - the *Puszta* (1999)
- Early Christian Necropolis of Pécs (Sopiana) (2000)
- Tokaj Wine Region Historic Cultural Landscape (2002)
- Fertő/Neusiedlersee Cultural Landscape (2001), jointly with Austria

Natural

- Caves of Aggtelek Karst and Slovak Karst (1995, extension in 2000), jointly with Slovakia

16. **Tentative List:** 11 properties

- Le Château-fort médiéval d'Esztergom (1993)
- The Tihany Peninsula (1993)
- Caves of the Buda Thermal Karst System (1993)
- Mediaeval Royal Seat and Parkland at Visegrád (2000)
- System of Fortifications at the Confluence of the Rivers Danube and Váh in Komárno - Komárom (2007)
- The Network of Rural Heritage Buildings in Hungary (2000)
- State Stud-Farm Estate of Mezőhegyes (2000)
- The Wooden Churches of the Northern Part of the Carpathian Basin (2000)
- The Ipolytartnóc Fossils (2000)
- Ödön Lechner's independent pre-modern architecture (2008)
- Frontiers of the Roman Empire – Ripa Pannonica in Hungary (2009)

17. **Lists of Intangible Cultural Heritage:** 4 elements

Representative List:

- Busó festivities at Mohács: masked end-of-winter carnival custom (2009)
- Falconry, a living human heritage (2012), jointly with United Arab Emirates, Austria, Belgium, Czech Republic, France, Republic of Korea, Mongolia, Morocco, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Spain, and Syrian Arab Republic
- Folk art of the Matyó, embroidery of a traditional community (2012)

Best Practices:

- Táncház method: a Hungarian model for the transmission of intangible cultural heritage (2011)

18. Memory of the World Register: 7 inscriptions

- Kalman Tihanyi's 1926 Patent Application "Radioskop" (2001)
- The Bibliotheca Corviniana Collection (2005), submitted jointly with Austria, Belgium, France, Germany and Italy
- "Tabula Hungariae" (2007), submitted jointly with Croatia
- Csoma Archive of the Library of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences (2009)
- János Bolyai: Appendix, scientiam spatii absolute veram exhibens. Maros-Vásárhelyini, 1832 (2009)
- Semmelweis' discovery (2013)
- Three documents related to the two most outstanding results of the work of Roland Eötvös (2015)

19. Creative Cities Network: no appointments

20. Legal instruments: 24 ratified and 16 non-ratified

- Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage: ratified (17 March 2006)
- Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions: ratified (9 May 2008)
- International Convention against Doping in Sport: approval (29 August 2007)
- Convention on the Protection of the Underwater Cultural Heritage: non-ratified. Position: favourable, preparing for ratification.

21. Anniversaries with which UNESCO is associated in 2014-2015: 4

- 200th anniversary of the birth of Miklós Ybl, architect (1814-1891)
- 100th anniversary of the death of Ödön Lechner, architect (1845-1914)
- 150th anniversary of the death of Ignác Semmelweis, physician (1818-1865)
- 200th anniversary of the birth of Flóris Rómer, archaeologist and professor (1815-1889)

22. Participation Programme:

- 2014-2015: 1 request submitted online for a total amount of US\$ 28 500 ("Addis in Motion").
- 2012-2013: 1 request submitted for US\$ 24,000 ("Return to Congo" – a slightly fictional cultural documentary film), but not approved.
- 2010-2011: 2 requests approved, for a total amount of US\$ 39,000
- 2008-2009: 7 requests approved for a total amount of US\$ 113,000

23. Fellowships: Since 2010, 3 fellowships awarded for a total amount of US\$ 34,071.

24. Payment of assessed membership fees for 2014-2015: fully paid

- Assessment rate for 2014-2015: 0.266%
- Contributions assessed for 2014 - 2015: US\$ 1,736,980

25. Voluntary contributions (expressed in US\$):

Year	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009
Total	17,370	58,131	19,002	19,002	19,002	30,544

26. Representation within the Secretariat: under-represented

- 2 professional staff in geographical posts (min. 3, max. 4)