

UNESCO AND HUNGARY : KEY FACTS AND FIGURES

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** (by year of end of term):
 - 2021: Intergovernmental Council for the Information for All Programme
 - 2021: Intergovernmental Bioethics Committee
 - 2019: Intergovernmental Committee for Promoting the Return of Cultural Property to its Country of Origin or its Restitution in Case of Illicit Appropriation
 - 2019: Intergovernmental Council for the International Hydrological Programme. Member
4. **The Director-General's visits to Hungary:** none
5. **The former Director-General's visits to Hungary:** 3 (1 in 2015, in 2013, and in 2011)
6. **Permanent Delegation to UNESCO:**
 - H.E. Mr László Turóczy, Ambassador, Permanent Delegate (since 3 June 2019)
 - Ms Szabolcs Nemes, Deputy Permanent Delegate; Ms Anna Zeichner, Second Secretary
 - Former Permanent Delegates: H.E. Mr Zoltán Csefalvay (2015-2018); H.E. Ms Katalin Bogyay (2009-2014)
7. **UNESCO Office:** none. Covered by the UNESCO Office in Venice (BRESCE)
8. **Hungarian National Commission for UNESCO:**
 - Year of establishment: 1948
 - Chairperson: Mr Miklós Réthelyi (since June 2012)
 - Secretary-General: Dr Gábor Soós (since April 2016)
9. **Hungarian personalities linked to UNESCO's activities:** Ms Marta Sebestyén (folk vocalist and composer), Artist for Peace
10. **UNESCO Chairs:** 3
 - 2011: Chair in Cultural Heritage Management and Sustainability, Institute for Social and European Studies Foundation, Corvinus University of Budapest
 - 2008: Chair in Human Rights, Eötvös Lorand University, Budapest
 - 2000: Chair in Information and Communication Technologies and Education, Eötvös Lorand University, Budapest
11. **Associated Schools:** 32
 - 1 primary, 1 primary/secondary and 30 secondary.
 - Joined the ASP Network in 1958.
12. **Category 2 Institutes and Centres:** none
13. **UNESCO Clubs:** none

14. Biosphere Reserves: 6

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

15. UNESCO Global Geoparks: 2

- 2015: Bakony-Balaton
- 2015: Novohrad – Nógrád, transboundary with Slovakia

16. World Heritage Sites: 8 sites (7 cultural and 1 natural)

Cultural

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

Natural

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

17. Tentative List: 11 properties

- 2009: Frontiers of the Roman Empire – Ripa Pannonica in Hungary
- 2008: Ödön Lechner's independent pre-modern architecture
- 2007: System of Fortifications at the Confluence of the Rivers Danube and Váh in Komárno - Komárom
- 2000: 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: Mediaeval Royal Seat and Parkland at Visegrád
- 1993: The Tihany Peninsula
- 1993: Caves of the Buda Thermal Karst System
- 1993 : Le Château-fort médiéval d'Esztergom

18. Lists of Intangible Cultural Heritage: 6 elements

Representative List:

- 2018: Blaudruck/Modrotisk/Kétfestés/Modrotlač, resist block printing and indigo dyeing in Europe, jointly with Austria, Czechia, Germany, and Slovakia
- 2016: Falconry, a living human heritage, jointly with, Austria, Belgium, Czech Republic, France, Mongolia, Morocco, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Saudi Arabia, Spain, Syrian Arab Republic, and United Arab Emirates
- 2012: Folk art of the Matyó, embroidery of a traditional community
- 2009: Busó festivities at Mohács: masked end-of-winter carnival custom

Best Practices:

- 2016: Safeguarding of the folk music heritage by the Kodály concept
- 2011: Táncház method: a Hungarian model for the transmission of intangible cultural heritage

19. Memory of the World Register: 7 inscriptions

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

20. Creative Cities Network: Budapest, a UNESCO Creative city of Design (2015)

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

- Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions: ratified on 9 May 2008
- International Convention against Doping in Sport: approval on 29 August 2007
- Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage: ratified on 17 March 2006
- Convention on the Protection of the Underwater Cultural Heritage: ratified on 19 March 2014

22. Anniversaries with which UNESCO is associated:

2018-2019: 2

- 100th anniversary of the death of Tivadar Csontváry Kosztka artist/painter (1853-1919) (with the support of Austria, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Czechia, Poland, Slovakia and Slovenia)
- 100th anniversary of the death of Roland Eötvös (Eötvös Loránd), physicist, geophysicist and innovator of higher education (1848-1919) (with the support of Austria, Czechia, Germany, Italy, Poland, Slovakia and Slovenia)

Proposals for 2020-2021 to be confirmed by the 40th session of the General Conference:

- 100th anniversary of the birth of Georges Cziffra, pianist (1921-1994) (with the support of France, Serbia, Slovenia and Poland)
- 100th anniversary of the birth of Hanna Szenes (1921-1944), poet and hero of Jewish resistance (with the support of Serbia, Slovenia and the United Kingdom)

23. Participation Programme:

- Since 2016: no request submitted.
- 2014-2015: 1 request submitted online for a total amount of US\$ 28,500.
- 2012-2013: 1 request submitted for US\$ 24,000, but not approved.

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

25. Payment of assessed membership fees for 2019: paid

- Assessment rate: 0.266%
- Contributions assessed: US\$ 673,688

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

| Year | 2018 | 2017 | 2016 | 2015 | 2014 | 2013 | 2012 | 2011 |
|--------------|--------|--------|---------|------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Total | 55,556 | 91,202 | 103,763 | - | 17,370 | 58,131 | 19,002 | 19,002 |

27. Representation within the Secretariat: under-represented with 2 professional staff in geographical posts (min. 3, max. 4):