

HUNGARIAN YOUTH CONFERENCE

Hungarian Youth Conference: Foundation and Principles of Its Operation

The Hungarian Youth Conference Association (MIK) is the highest level harmonizing forum for Hungarian youth within and outside the borders, which was called into being at the initiative of the Hungarian Government in Budapest



on November 27, 1999 to include Hungarian and cross-border Hungarian organisations.

The MIK's strategic aim is to involve Hungarian youth in the formation of the global national youth policy. Through this activity of Hungarian youth communities living inside and outside Hungary's state borders can be promoted from Hungary morally, financially as well as in specialized policy and diplomatic terms. An additional aim is to facilitate dialogue between youth organisations within and outside Hungary as well as to coordinate specialized developmental meetings, and to promote programs and events overarching frontiers. The aim of the joint effort is to enable an increasing number of Hungarian youth to take part in programs and events realized by the organisations. Apart from nurturing mutual relations and maintaining our mother tongue and traditions, MIK is also called upon to promote retention of people in their native land. MIK initially started as an institutionalized network of cooperation, and then on May 4, 2016 it turned into an independent legal entity.

Operational Context

The organisational structure of MIK consisting of regions is determined by the areas populated by Hungarians in the Carpathian Basin and beyond it. Its regions are: Banat and Retag, Burgenland, Transylvania, the Upper Hungary area, Croatia, Lower Carpathians, Hungary, the Mura region, the Western Dispersion, and Vojvodina. MIK respects the principle of the autonomy of the regions in the course of its operation.

MIK holds two regular conferences (*general meeting*) and four Permanent Committee Meetings (*Presidium*) in a year. Its conference sessions are always conducted in Hungary in the autumn and in some other region of the Carpathian Basin in spring. Its major decisions are included in the Closing Declaration adopted in the conference sessions. The **main decision making body** between two conference sessions is the **Permanent Committee**, which has eleven regular members (ten regional chairmen and the chairman of the MIK Association).