

# ESN Hungary's **Autumn** National Assembly 2025



*By ESN BME & ESN Óbuda - Székesfehérvár*

*We are pleased to share with you the report from the annual meeting of the Ministry of Magic.*



*Is there a more adequate topic for a cozy Autumn NA than Harry Potter? Quite a classic; however, the OC made sure to make it unforgettable. Not only was the organisation impeccable, but the Organising Committee also created truly memorable social programmes, such as a TriWizard Tournament running throughout the whole NA, with different tasks like pub quizzes and trivia games. Thank you to ESN Óbuda and ESN BME! Thank you to our lovely chairing team, Tiffany Linh van de Walle, Jasper de Bie and Sabin Iacob.*

*This classical theme and on-point organisation were paired with several innovations content-wise. It was an NA where not only the National Level, but also the Sections, could show their achievements—and, most importantly, share their thoughts with International Relations Offices from different universities in Hungary. It was a fruitful discussion on both sides.*

*Read through the report to find out what magical surprises this NA hides!*



## Friday

The first day of the NA, after the openings, was all about the Treasurer. After his update, he proceeded to present the 2025 Budget Update, along with some amendments, and then the 2026 Budget Plan.

After that, we had the chance to get to know some international guests from all around the world; ESN the Netherlands, ESN Belgium and ESN France.

## Saturday

### National Board Updates

The National Level presented their updates.

#### **President – András Szepes**

The President focused on national representation and advocacy, maintaining active communication with the Ministry of Culture and Innovation, Tempus, and several MEPs regarding the future of Erasmus+ and long-term funding for Hungarian students. He supported EU Youth Dialogue activities and helped revive the Education Committee. Internally, he worked on the strategy document, supported sections with their legal transitions, organised monthly presidents' calls, and contributed to the organisation and funding of CEP Budapest. He also handled collaboration with YesTrips and continued working on Action Plan tasks.

#### **Vice-President – Karina Dorka Tóth**

The Vice-President worked mainly on section care, on the Section Questionnaires, organising VP calls, and assisting sections directly. She contributed significantly to CEP Budapest logistics, Section Training, and preparations for the Christmas Gala. She also cleaned up and restructured the national Discord server, and continued tasks from the Action Plan.



## **National Representative – Kinga Gabányi**

The NR coordinated Hungary's participation in international events, including CEP and EGM, acting as Delegation Leader. She managed recruitment for the International Affairs Committee, prepared newsletters and workshops, and submitted the ESAA grant. She led the Speak Out project, handled SID coordination, and strengthened relationships with IROs. She also held meetings with MEPs and provided updates on Hungary's involvement in international policy discussions.

## **Communication Manager – Orsolya Varga**

The Communication Manager finalised and distributed ESN Hungary merch, developed the ERA newsletter, and upgraded the Instagram presence with a new profile picture, linktree, and more frequent communication with incoming students. She promoted national partners such as Pepe Housing, the Pannónia Scholarship Programme, and other opportunities, while also handling smaller design tasks like CEP certificates.

# **National Coordinators**

## **Network Care Coordinator - Hanna Karola Kálmán**

The NCC managed the point system, supported sections with the SQ, and participated in VP and HRN community calls. They helped organise Section Training and CEP, cleaned and restructured the Discord roles, served as Vice-DL for EGM, and joined IRO meetings.

## **International Projects Coordinator - Taha Al-Sarhan**

The IPC launched a think tank for event ideas, coordinated the project management handbook, supported SID communication, and worked on community engagement through T&A meetings. They were the CEP social programme coordinator and held meetings with event managers.

All updates were accepted. The Audit Commission also presented a brief update. After the updates, the NA had an open discussion about the Budget proposal for 2026, and the National Board presented the current issues and plans with the Statutes and Standing orders, especially regarding compliance with both the Hungarian Law and ESN International's internal rules.



After lunch, it was the Section's time to shine! This NA, they had the chance to connect with each other further, by getting all 5 minutes to present their boards, events, structures, and achievements.

## **IRO Session**



The most important part of the NA, and also a major innovation for ESN Hungary, was the invitation of the International Relations Offices of several Hungarian universities—four with an ESN section and one without. They arrived on Saturday after lunch and spent the entire afternoon sharing, listening, and actively engaging with ESNers. They were able to watch several Time to Shine presentations, but the highlight was a two-hour workshop dedicated to the collaboration between ESN and the IROs.

The session was structured into six stations, each staffed by a National Level member and an IRO representative, who remained at the same table throughout. The NA participants moved between these stations in 15-minute timeslots, discussing a different topic at every rotation (with all stations covering the same topics). The topics included Best Practice Sharing, Funding & Event Participation, International Emails & Communication Flow, Representation at University Events, Mobility & Support (ECHE values), and a Flipchart Synthesis Table.

At the final station, each group worked together with the IROs to propose solutions to the challenges identified during the discussions. Afterwards, all groups presented their conclusions, and the session closed with a fruitful and constructive joint discussion.

The success of the session was unanimous—praised by participants, the National Level, and the IRO representatives alike.

After the IROs left, representatives of ESN Miskolc presented an alternative communication channel for ESN Hungary's day-to-day internal communication. Then, the second part of "Your Time to Shine" took place, where the rest of the Sections could present themselves.

## Sunday

The Communication Manager presented on PR in ESN Hungary, focusing on the Pannónia Scholarship Programme and the role of sections in promoting ESNcard and partner opportunities.

Following that, it was time for the Network to share their international experiences! We could get insights into NA Chairing experiences, participation in SEEP Yerevan, CEP Budapest, the Local Changemakers' Training, and the Education Community Meeting in Brussels.

An update was given on the 2025 Autumn Section Training, explaining its structure, accessibility for all levels of volunteers, the involvement of two international trainers, and the balance between soft-skill and hard-skill sessions. The Christmas & Alumni Gala presentation introduced the event date (December 13), dress code, and the new ESN Awards category for Best Buddy Family Collaboration.

To end the NA, participants could choose between two workshops, led by the International Affairs Committee and the International Projects Coordinator, about Intercultural Shock and International Projects.

## Votings

**Budget Amendment 2025 - Accepted**

**First Budget Proposal 2026 - Not Accepted**

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