



**Welcome to Harghita County!**  
**One of the most unique corners of culture in Europe**

*On behalf of Harghita County Council we are pleased to send you our second international newsletter*

**News**

**Cycling Tour of Szeklerland**

The fourth edition of the Cycling Tour of Szeklerland took place between 22<sup>nd</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> of July. At this year's edition approximately 130 cyclers competed from more than 20 countries (Ukraine, Moldova, Montenegro, Slovakia, Bulgaria, Greece, Russia, Japan, Germany, Belgium, Norway, Turkey, Hungary, Romania, etc). Cycling Tour of Szeklerland is included from 2008 in the official UCI (Union Cycliste Internationale) calendar, being the most prestigious cycling event organized in Romania, next to the Tour of Romania.



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## Harghita TV Channel

There is already one year since we launched our Harghita TV channel through the YouTube website. We are pleased to welcome you all to watch videos about Harghita County Council's programs and upcoming events that will take place in our County. To access the Harghita TV channel, click here:

<http://www.youtube.com/user/hargitav>

Also, soon you will be able to access Harghita TV on a special web-site, which is currently under construction: [www.hargitav.ro](http://www.hargitav.ro)



## Early Music Festival in Miercurea Ciuc celebrating 30 years

This year we celebrated the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Early Music Festival in Miercurea Ciuc. The program of the festival in 2010 was both retrospective and a celebration. Similarly to previous years, the festival's program included concerts of renowned ensembles both from our country and from abroad, master classes, discourses and programs for children. For those

musicians who wanted to learn music, amateurs and professional musicians the 3<sup>rd</sup> edition of Early Music Summer University was being organized this year in the period of 5-10<sup>th</sup> July 2010.



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## Traditional Szekler products on international market

In the period of 7-22 May the Cora Hypermarket chain in Hungary hosted the Szekler Weeks event. This offered the possibility to Hungarian consumers to buy traditional Szekler products like cheese, honey, mineral water, cranberry juice, apple juice and ceramic products in the Cora hypermarkets in Szolnok, Szeged, Miskolc, Debrecen and Budapest. These products had a big success. In only three days all the products were sold and very soon a new shipment was requested by the hypermarket's management due to the products' success among Hungarian consumers.



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## The Day of Thousand Szekler Girls, 3<sup>rd</sup> of July 2010

The Day of Thousand Szekler Girls took place this year on 3<sup>rd</sup> of July in Miercurea Ciuc.

The Szekler dance, song and music are in fact the noblest expression of our community's soul. Its biggest beauty reflects unity in diversity and the Szekler culture is one of the color patches of Europe. This event is also known and widely recognized even beyond our state borders as one of the most beautiful local cultural programs.



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## The Pentecost Pilgrimage of Şumuleu Ciuc in Harghita County

This year, the renowned Pentecost Pilgrimage took place on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of May 2010 in Şumuleu Ciuc, Harghita County. Thousands of pilgrims participated on this event, not only from Romania, Hungary, but from all over Europe. Catholics from over Europe came to celebrate their religion, the Virgin Mary and the Pilgrimage's historical past.



The main speaker of this event was Bőjte Csaba, Franciscan Monk from Deva. The visitors could also hear speeches of Archbishop Francisco-Javier Lozano, Nuncio to Romania and Fr. Jose Rodriguez Carballo, Minister General of the Franciscan Order.

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## Current projects and initiatives

### Harghita County Council's traditional spa modernization and rehabilitation project

This year Harghita County Council is going to be the beneficiary of governmental funds for the modernization and rehabilitation of traditional spas and baths in Harghita County. The modernization of traditional spas is part of the touristic development strategy of Harghita County Council and the obtaining of financial aid through governmental funds is a successful step in its implementation. [Read More.....](#)



## Modernization of mountain rescue in Harghita County

Tourists will benefit of safe conditions in mountain areas of Harghita County as a result of the “Modernization of mountain rescue in Harghita county” project’s implementation financed by European Funds through Regional Operational Program 2007 – 2013.



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## Second Newsletter of the FIDIBE Project: Development of Innovative Business Parks to Foster Innovation and Entrepreneurship in the SEE Area:

You can read about the further steps, news and implementation process of the FIDIBE project through its second newsletter. The main objectives of the project are to increase the innovative potential and



competitiveness of the South Eastern Europe area through the development and support of competitive and innovative small and medium-sized enterprises, to facilitate innovation, promote entrepreneurship and the development of a knowledge-based economy and to decrease the substantial disparity of economic development. These objectives will be achieved through the development and improvement of support networks and services for innovative SMEs in the area.

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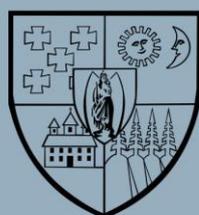


## Presentation of Harghita County

- **Get to know and see our landscape, culture and traditions:**

For the tourists who are looking for amazing sights and memories of times long past, Harghita County is definitely a place to see. The region offers a variety of landscapes and natural wonders like...

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