



Declaration nr. 4

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Declaration: Respect for the Hungarian minority in Romania and territorial autonomy for Szeklerland.

The Hungarian People's Party from Transylvania since its founding consequently represents the interests of the Hungarian community in Romania, its right to self-governing, and is trying with all means to promote the community's welfare on their homeland, Transylvania. We will do everything in our powers, to achieve the above mentioned goals which was one of the reasons why we joined EFA in 2016.

We know that to reach our goals, our voices need to be heard not just on the domestic, but on the international level as well. This is why we state to the EFA General Assembly the following:

1. 27 years after the Romanian revolution, the right to self-government of the Hungarian community from Romania is still not ensured. The Romanian government categorized the autonomy of national minorities as a national security risk, disclaims any debate, while the real problem is the super centralized state structure and the corruption.
2. Language rights of the Hungarian community are not respected, the state is not respecting its own legislation, although several international conventions were signed by Romania regarding language rights.
3. In many cases the free use of Hungarian symbols are prohibited by the state, treating the members of the Hungarian community as second-class citizens.
4. In the past years the functioning of several Hungarian schools were made difficult by the authorities, obliging parents to send their children to Romanian schools.
5. At the same time, the fight for autonomy remained peaceful and democratic.

We, together with EFA, call upon the Romanian government, to take these issues into consideration, and to stop discriminating the Hungarian community, to stop violating their rights and immediately start a wide social debate with the leaders of the Hungarian organizations and parties on self-determination of the Hungarians in Romania and the territorial autonomy of the Szeklerland.