



REPORT
on the activity of the
Council of Geopolitics Public Benefit Foundation in 2007

The Council of Geopolitics Public Benefit Foundation pursued its activity in harmony with the strategy stipulated by the Board of Trustees also in 2007.

Accordingly, we kept in touch with the European Parliament, the Institution of the European Union, the NATO, UNA, the Council of Europe, the Prime Minister's Office, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Hungarian and foreign civil organizations furthermore with diplomats accredited to Budapest. We pay special attention to cooperation with Hungarian and foreign researchers. We are members of the Hungarian section of the American Chamber of Commerce and our joining EUCLID – European Network of Third Sector Leaders and IISS – London is under preparation. We are recorded in the lobby list of the European Parliament and in the list of „civil organizations with nationwide scope” of the Hungarian parliament as a registered civil organization.

In 2007, the Council of Geopolitics pursued activity in 5 main areas:

1. Researches related to safety
2. Transatlantic cooperation
3. International human rights cooperation
4. Foreign programs for the development of democracy
5. Domestic programs

No. 1: Researches related to safety

With the support of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs we continued to announce open tenders in the subject of safety related researches. In accordance with our traditions, the closing studies were published in the series entitled Discussion Papers.

The following numbers were published in 2007:

2007/1 The Czech Republic in the Fight against Terrorism – Csorba Kata
ISBN: 978-963-9816-12-1

2007/2 The role of NATO in the fight against international terrorism – processing the political projection of the United States of America – Csáki Csaba
ISBN: 978-963-9816-13-8

2007/3 Political projections of the NATO and of the fight against terrorism in Turkey - Ország-Krysz Axel
ISBN: 978-963-9816-14-5

2007/4 Political projections of the NATO and of the fight against terrorism in Italy– Colonel Szép László and Lieutenant Colonel Antonino Inturri
ISBN: 978-963-9816-15-2

2007/5 The role of NATO in the fight against international terrorism – processing the political projection of the most important member states: Germany – Csáki Csaba
ISBN: 978-963-9816-16-9

2007/6 The role of NATO in the fight against international terrorism – processing the political projection of the United Kingdom- Peterdy Viktória
ISBN: 978-963-9816-17-6

2007/7 Canada and the fight against international terrorism – Dr. Habil. Krajnc Zoltán engineer lieutenant colonel
ISBN: 978-963-9816-18-3

2007/8 Efficiency of national security services in the 21st century – volume of studies – edited by Dr. Pintér István
ISBN 978-963-9816-19-0

2007/9 Financial safety of the people 2007. – Dr. Pintér István
ISBN: 978-963-9816-21-3

2007/10 Principle of financial safety – Dr. Pintér István
ISBN: 978-963-9816-22-0

2007/11 The West-Saharan issue and the activity of the United Nations' Peacekeeping Mission (MINURSO) – Major Besenyő János
ISBN: 978-963-9816-20-6

No. 2: Transatlantic cooperation

In 2007, we looked for such civil organizations in Croatia - with the support of the Security Policy and Non-proliferation Division of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs - with which cooperation regarding NATO issues is possible. We chose the institute of Professor Vukadinovic and the Croatian Atlantic Council led by him. Then we announced an open tender for one Croatian research fellow which was closed with a study trip to Budapest. Moreover, we published studies on Croatia's ascension to the NATO in Hungarian language in the issue 2008/1 of the Discussion Papers.

We participated at the Sziget Festival with the „Send a message to NATO” program and forwarded the findings to the Secretary General of NATO.

We keep in touch with the embassies of the NATO member states and regularly consult the military attachés.

Together with the NATO Center of the Parliament and with the Hungarian Atlantic Council we organized a NATO conference in the building of the Parliament. We are represented at the Wilton Park (UK) conferences in NATO issues. We contacted the leaders and the transatlantic coordinator of the Europe University in Florence personally.

No. 3: International human rights cooperation

Hungary joined the initiative of the Council of Europe to handle the issue of violence within the family as a human rights issue. The Council of Europe announced its campaign “Stop domestic violence” two years ago which calls the attention to this problem all over Europe.

With the support of the Ministry of Social Affairs and Labor, we organized an international conference in the Parliament. The program liaison magistrate between Hungary and the Council of Europe also participated at the conference. Following this we were requested to give lectures at the county seats about this subject and seeing the success of this, the USA Embassy in Budapest offered cooperation for the organization of a joint conference in Hungary and in the United States which will be held at the FBI Academy in November. H.E. April H. Foley the extraordinary and plenipotentiary ambassador of the United States accredited to Budapest also attended the conference.

No. 4: Foreign programs for the development of democracy

As member of the Lobby List of the European Parliament, we follow the activity of the Belarus sub-committee. We participated in the meetings of the sub-committee a few times.

In 2007, we awarded a certificate of merit to the international department of the Gazeta Wiborcza (Warsaw) from among the regional media dealing with international affairs.

The continuation of the Moldavian democracy development project is in the pipeline (we participated at the Kishinev conference organized by the V4 and we even gave lectures about the ascension to the European Union and to the NATO at another conference.) We plan a program in Kishinev regarding “Good government” to which we try to win the support of the Hungarian ambassador in Kishinev.

The analysis of the Gender-human rights issues of the countries situated along the eastern frontiers of the European Union and the organization of the related conference is also in the pipeline. The expected date of the international conference is April 25, 2008. Venue: Parliament.

As regards Serbia, we cooperate with the Canadian Embassy and we try to find a possibility to join in the work of the Jefferson Institute in Belgrade.

The experts of the „ For Afghanistan” program continuously analyze the situation in Afghanistan. We participated at the PRZ meetings held in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs however we have not yet submitted an application for such a mission.

No. 5: Domestic programs

In the frame of the program aiming at the development of democracy in Hungary we actively participate in the work of the Transparency Committee of the American Chamber of Commerce. In addition to this, we are also active in the Transparency Work Group of the Anti-corruption Body of the Ministry of Justice and Law Enforcement the experiences of which can be used later in other developing countries as well.

From among the national media dealing with international affairs we awarded a certificate of merit to the international section of HVG ONLINE.

We organized the “Student diplomat 2007” national contest series for secondary school students under the patronage of H.E. Göncz Kinga Minister of Foreign Affairs for the continuation of which we were awarded a tender by the Communication Division of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

We organized national security research which was supported by the fraction managers of all of the parliament parties. We announced the results of the research at a joint conference and published the closing studies in our scientific magazine entitled “Discussion Papers”.

We have good cooperation with the Ministry of Social Affairs and Labor and with a number of Hungarian civil organizations regarding human rights issues. We held lectures on domestic violence as a human rights issue at the following places and at the following times:

July 30-31, 2007	Miskolc- Nyíregyháza
September 4, 2007	Székesfehérvár
September 18, 2007	Győr
September 20, 2007	Tatabánya
September 25, 2007	Kecskemét-Szeged
October 2-3, 2007	Kaposvár- Szekszárd-Pécs
October 9-10, 2007	Debrecen- Békéscsaba-Szolnok
October 16-17, 2007	Szombathely- Zalaegerszeg
November 6-7, 2007	Salgótarján-Eger
November 13, 2007	Veszprém
November 27, 2007	Pest County
November 29, 2007	Budapest

We regularly participate at the professional events organized by the C&D Café of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and by the Hungarian Institute of International Affairs. We forwarded our proposals related to the foreign relationship strategy to the competent editors.

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