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HUNGARIAN CONTEXT



University
students

300 000

Teachers and
researchers

20 000



**HUNGARIAN
HIGHER
EDUCATION
INSTITUTIONS
(63)**

06

State

10

Private

21

Foundation

26

Church

INSTITUTIONS



SIGNIFICANT STRUCTURAL DEVELOPMENT



FROM STATE-FUNDED TO FOUNDATION-BASED MODEL

UNTIL 2019

2024

STATE UNIVERSITY

27

STATE

6

FOUNDATION

21

MAIN AIMS



Transforming civil servant employment

an employment, promotion and pay system that is performance-driven and provides competitive pay



Restructuring of management

increase the management flexibility of the institutions and their interest in performance



increasing flexibility in asset management

increasing institutional autonomy



Performance-based funding system

a funding system that takes into account the performance and effectiveness of the institutions should be in place



Deregulation

remove sectoral regulatory elements that hinders internal and external competition

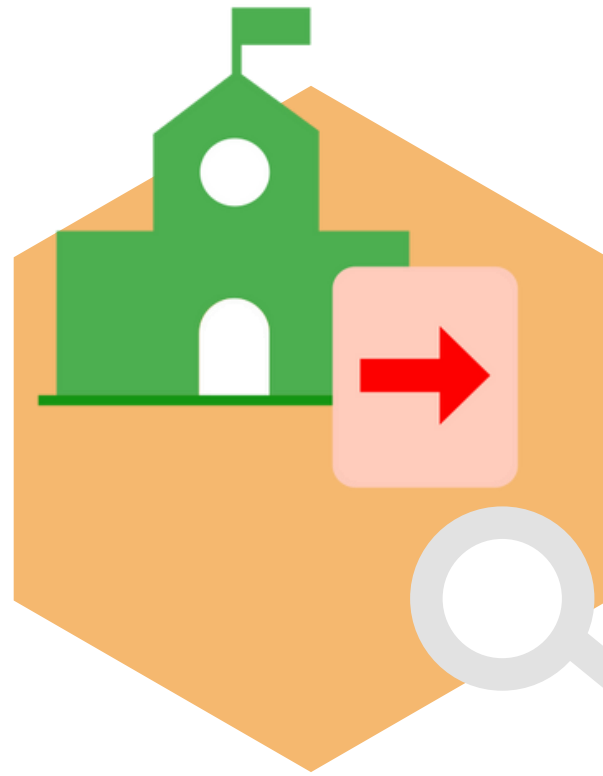


MAIN INDICATORS

**Increase student number
entering higher education**

*Thanks to the renewed funding,
the funding for model-changing
universities increased by an
average of 2.5 times.*

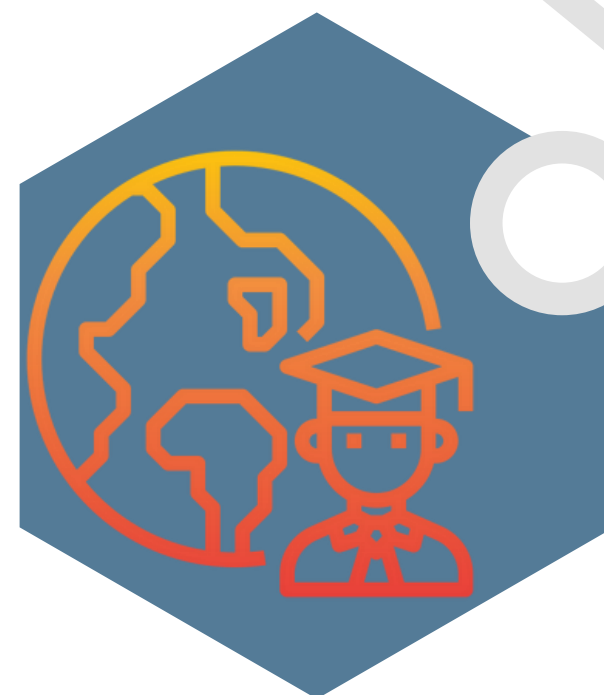
Reduce drop-out rate



More publications



**Increase inward and outward
student mobility**



**Advancement in
university rankings**



RANKINGS

QS World University Rankings 2025



1. Eötvös Loránd University: 564
2. University of Szeged: 570
3. University of Debrecen: 574
4. Budapest University of Technology and Economics : 721-730
5. University of Pécs : 771-780
6. Budapest Corvinus University : 1001-1200
6. Hungarian University of Agriculture and Life Sciences : 1001-1200
6. Széchenyi István University: 1001-1200
7. University of Miskolc: 1201-1400
7. University of Pannónia: 1201-1400
7. Óbuda University: 1201 - 1400

Shanghai Jiao Tong Academic Ranking of World Universities (ARWU)



1. University of Szeged: 401-500
2. Eötvös Loránd University: 501-600
3. Semmelweis University: 601-700
4. Budapest University of Technology and Economics: 801-900

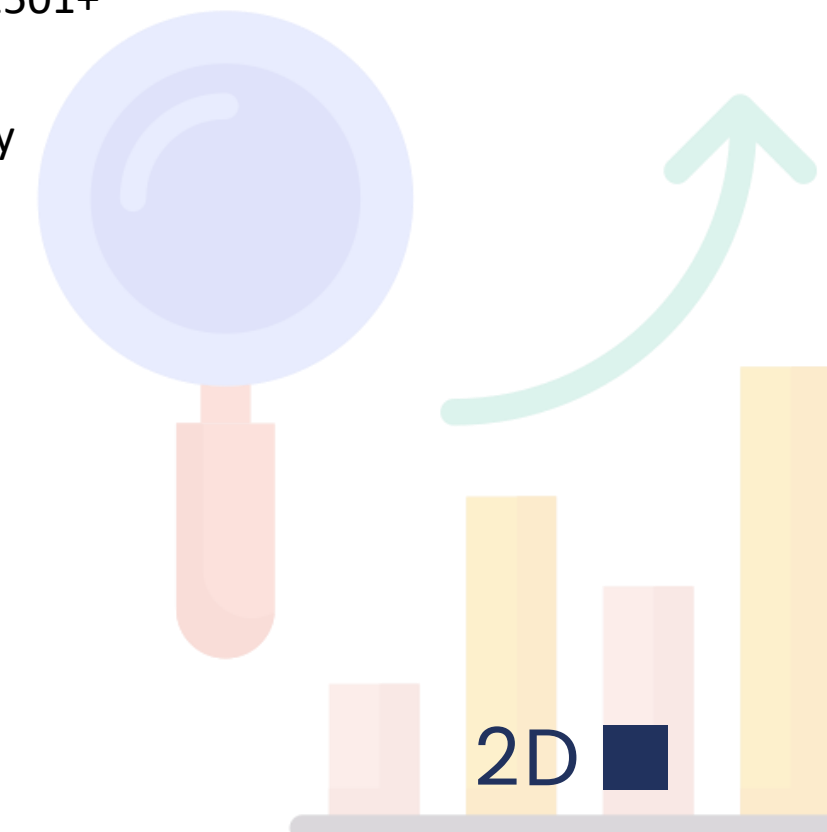
THE World University Rankings 2025



1. Semmelweis University: 251-300
2. Óbuda University : 601-800
3. Eötvös Loránd University: 801-1000
3. University of Debrecen: 801-1000
4. Hungarian University of Agriculture and Life Sciences : 1001-1200
4. University of Pécs : 1001-1200
4. University of Szeged : 1001-1200
5. Budapest University of Technology and Economics : 1201-1500
5. University of Pannonia: 1201-1500
6. Széchenyi István University: 1501+
6. University of Miskolc: 1501+

Reporter: John von Neumann University

Reporter: University of Sopron





INCOMING STUDENTS

1-10 Top Countries	Number of students	11-20 Top Countries	Number of students
Germany	3 383	Jordan	1 053
Romania	3 067	Turkey	1 051
China	2 492	France	1 040
Iran	2 205	Vietnam	914
Serbia	1 960	South Korea	820
Slovakia	1 776	Egypt	781
Ukraine	1 246	Syria	771
Pakistan	1 133	Russia	726
India	1 127	Japan	712

Stipendium Hungaricum

Partner countries: available on five continents in over 90 countries (3rd countries), attracting tens of thousands of international students each year.

Launched by: Hungarian Government in 2013, supervised by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade and managed by the Tempus Public Foundation.

Scholarship covers:

- Tuition-free education
- Monthly stipend
- Accommodation or housing support
- Health insurance

Available levels: Bachelor's, Master's, PhD



**STIPENDIUM
HUNGARICUM**

Policy goal of the Stipendium Hungaricum scholarship program is to establish network with the participating countries, through the commitment of the students studying in Hungary.

Erasmus+ Popular mobility program until 2022

MOST ACTIVE INSTITUTIONS



Most Active Sending Institutions – Hungarian institution

University of Szeged

Széchenyi István University

Eötvös Loránd University

Partner Slovak Institution

J. Selye University

Constantine the Philosopher University in Nitra

Comenius University in Bratislava

Most Active Receiving Institutions – Slovak institution

J. Selye University

Constantine the Philosopher University in Nitra

Trnava University

Partner Hungarian Institution

Eötvös Loránd University

Széchenyi István University

Budapest University of Technology and Economics



Erasmus+

Discriminative measurement of the EU

2022/2506 Council Decision excludes model-changed universities from Erasmus+, Horizon Europe and other direct EU-funded programmes

Hungarian Rectors' Conference's supporting activities

Official letter of HRC's Modellchanging Section' rectors addressed to the European Commission

Several communication activities with the European University Association (EUA)

Hosting a visit of EUA's President, Mr Josep M. Garrell to meet Hungarian universities



Hungarian
Rectors'
Conference

Objection: „Despite repeated requests from the European Commission, Hungary still does not prohibit political leaders to be members in the boards of the public interests trusts.”

PANNONIA SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMME

- ❖ The Pannonia Scholarship Programme was launched in 2024.
- ❖ Supports the mobility of students, teachers and academic staff.
- ❖ Three programme sections: general, excellence and youth.
- ❖ Institutions can apply for funding under the two main programme sections.
- ❖ Young people aged 17–24 can apply individually under the third pillar.

So far:



Total of **4045** established **partnerships** by HU HEIs



More than **3000** **students** travelled abroad to study

*Keep an eye on both
incoming and outgoing
mobility around the Globe*

PANNONIA SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMME

The institutions started their mobility in the academic year 2024-25, and so far the following mobility to Slovak institutions has started:

Year	Type of Mobility	Number of Persons
2024–2025	Study mobility	112 persons
2024–2025	Traineeships	14 persons
2024–2025	Staff mobility for training purposes	31 persons
2024–2025	Educational staff mobility	34 persons
2024–2025	Staff mobility for research purposes	21 persons



PANNONIA SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The mobility took place between the following partner institutions:

Hungarian higher education institution (16)

- University of Veterinary Medicine Budapest
- Corvinus University of Budapest
- Budapest Business School
- University of Debrecen
- Hungarian University of Agriculture and Life Sciences
- Hungarian Dance University
- University of Miskolc
- John von Neumann University
- University of Nyíregyháza
- Óbuda University
- University of Pannonia
- University of Pécs
- Széchenyi István University
- University of Szeged
- University of Theatre and Film Arts
- Tokaj-Hegyalja University

Slovak higher education institution (19)

- University of Veterinary Medicine and Pharmacy in Košice
- J. Selye University
- Matej Bel University in Banská Bystrica
- Catholic University in Ružomberok
- Constantine the Philosopher University in Nitra
- ENTITAS, n.o.
- Slovak Academy of Sciences
- Slovak University of Agriculture in Nitra
- Academy of Performing Arts in Bratislava
- Academy of Arts in Banská Bystrica
- Comenius University in Bratislava
- Pavol Jozef Šafárik University in Košice
- Slovak University of Technology in Bratislava
- Technical University of Košice
- University of Prešov
- Pan-European University
- University of Economics in Bratislava
- Academia ENE Bratislava
- Trnava University

CEEPUS

- ❖ The CEEPUS programme aims to support student and teacher mobility, summer universities and excursions through thematic networks.
- ❖ It promotes long-term professional cooperation and the strategic role of Central Europe.
- ❖ The current phase IV has just started on the 1st of May 2025.
- ❖ The CEEPUS IV Convention was signed on 20 September 2023 and will ensure the programme's operation until 2032.



- ❖ Both countries are actively supporting the programme, with particularly good cooperation between Hungary and Slovakia.
- ❖ Mobility grants are always funded by the host country.
- ❖ The number of Hungarian-Slovak joint networks is steadily increasing; from the academic year 2024/2025, more than 84% of Slovak networks will have a Hungarian partner.
- ❖ Mobility is regular but could be increased, especially at student level.

CEEPUS

INCOMING Applicants (SK → HU, persons)



Academic Year	Students	Teachers	Total
2016/2017	52	49	101
2017/2018	59	43	102
2018/2019	27	37	64
2019/2020	11	19	30
2020/2021	13	11	24
2021/2022	18	25	43
2022/2023	12	45	57
2023/2024	24	72	96
2024/2025*	23	93	116
Total	239	394	633



CEEPUS

OUTGOING Applicants (HU → SK, persons)



Academic Year	Students	Teachers	Total
2016/2017	12	43	55
2017/2018	16	38	54
2018/2019	10	34	44
2019/2020	3	26	29
2020/2021	0	7	7
2021/2022	1	23	24
2022/2023	4	55	59
2023/2024	4	38	42
2024/2025*	11	60	71
Total	61	324	385



CEEPUS



The most active Slovak partners of Hungarian universities are the Slovak University of Technology, Technical University of Košice, Comenius University in Bratislava, Slovak University of Agriculture in Nitra, University of Žilina in Žilina.



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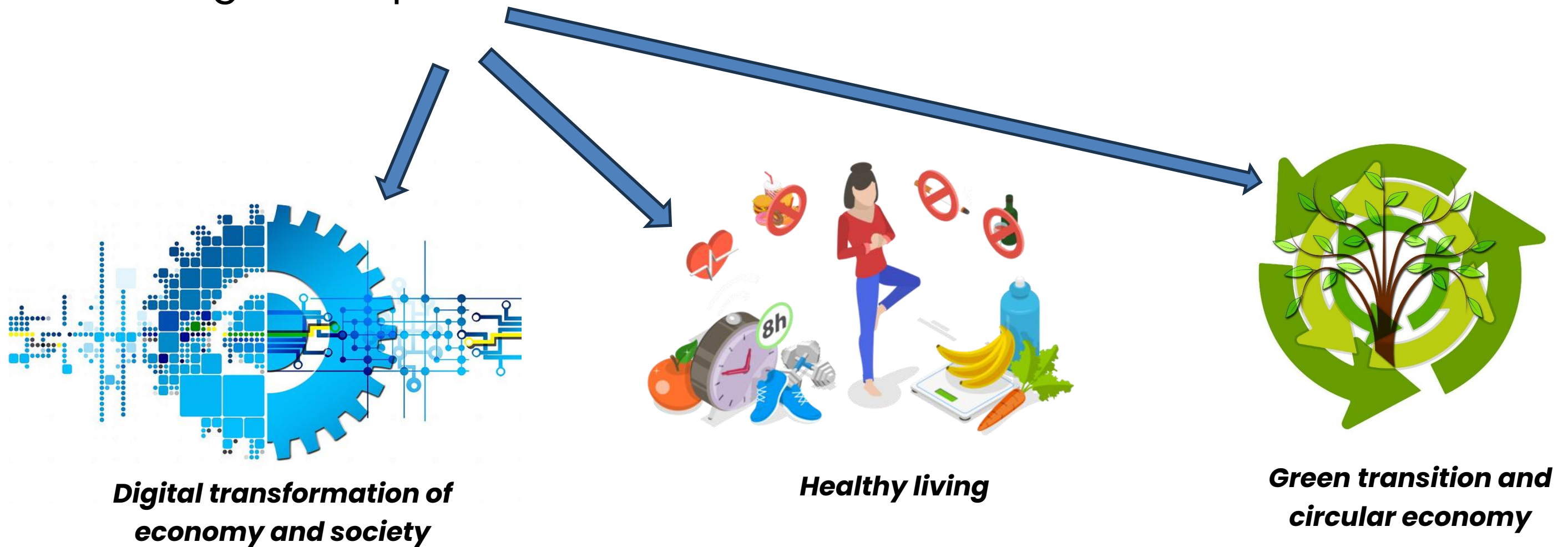


Areas of cooperation Engineering and computer sciences, agriculture, veterinary sciences, food and health sciences, environmental and earth sciences, language sciences, pedagogy and language teaching, economics, bioethics, philosophy and religious studies, regional cooperation and development, European culture and history.

HU-RIZON PROGRAM



- Launched in January 2024
- International research excellence cooperation programme led by Hungarian universities
- Focusing on 3 topics:



Participants

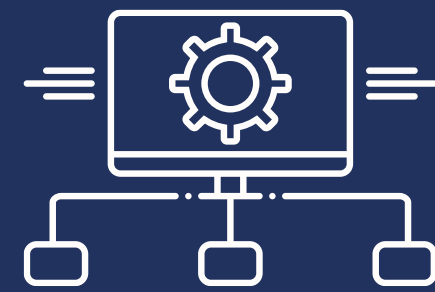
- 21 Hungarian model changing universities
- Universities and research institutions worldwide
- 3-5 cooperating partners

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Private
organization,
public task



Representation
and advocacy
of Hungarian
universities



One-channel
line of
communication



1988

First of the
Central
European
rectors'
conferences



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**PARTICIPATION IN EU
FUNDED PROJECTS, EU and
GLOBAL NETWORK
ORGANIZATIONS**

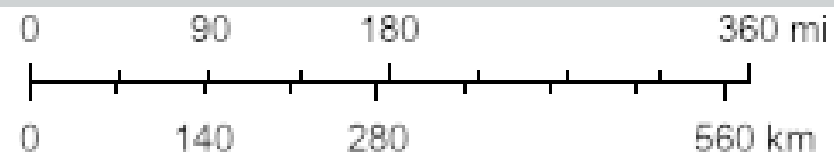
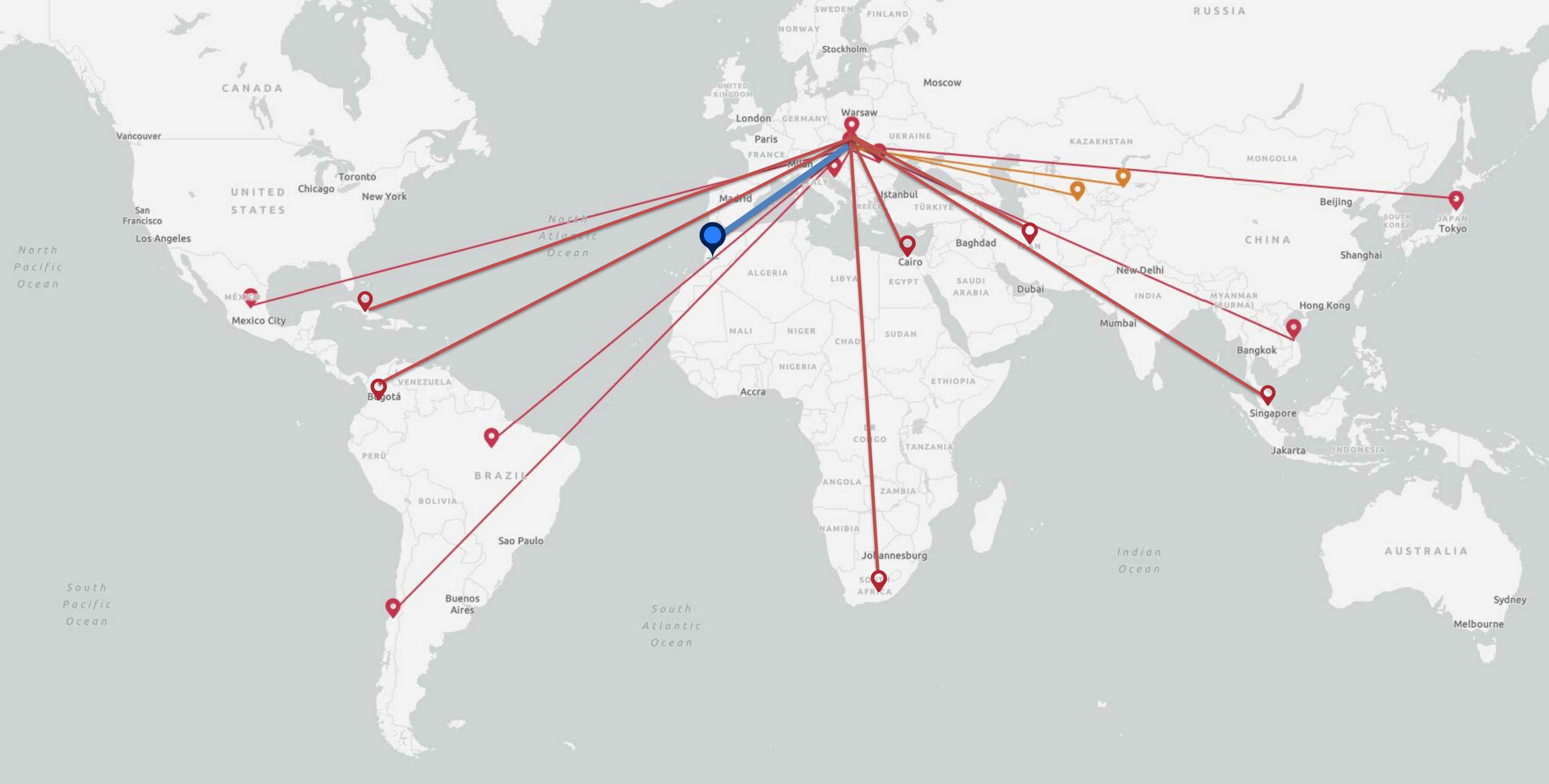


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