



# The renewal of Hungarian higher education and the Károli Gáspár University of the Reformed Church in Hungary

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# Hungarian higher education in numbers 1.



- **63 higher education institutions**, of which
  - state-run: 6, ecclesiastical: 25, private: 11, public interest asset management foundations: 21
- 186 faculties
- 78 training locations
- 1.428 training programmes
- 2.450 study programmes
- 72 dual trainings

## Hungarian higher education in numbers 2.



- **328.562 students** (status on 15.10.2024), of which
  - full-time: 221.440 (67,40%), part-time: 107.122 (32,60%)
  - 180.842 female (55,04%), 147.720 male (44,96%)
  - 45.755 (13,93%) foreign students
- **31.170 lecturers, researchers and teachers**, of which
  - 13.647 female (43,78%), 17.523 male (56,22%)
  - holding academic qualifications: 16.367 people (6.370 female, 9.997 male)

# What trends characterise the renewed Hungarian higher education? – I. Autonomy



1. **Organizational independence** (in private higher education institutions President, Chancellor, appointed by the Maintainer)
2. **Determining the age limit for the employment of lecturers** (in private and ecclesiastical higher education institutions also over the age of 70)
3. **Pay structure at own discretion** (no uniform pay scale)
4. **Autonomy in the higher education admission procedure** –100 institutional points out of 500 points at own discretion and determination of the compulsory secondary school leaving examination subjects for the study programme (200 points)

# What trends characterise the renewed Hungarian higher education? – II. Relationship with sectoral management



1. **Setting objectives**
  - relationship between principal and agent
2. **Performance indicators and accountability**
3. **Predictability**
  - multi-annual financing contracts

# What trends characterise the renewed Hungarian higher education? – III. Model-changing institutions



- 1. Public interest asset management foundations**
  - **maintainer and owner of the University** (Act IX of 2021 on public interest asset management foundations performing public duty)
- 2. The executive body of the foundation is a 5-member board of trustees**
  - **members are professional**
- 3. Defining the University's strategy**
- 4. Preserving academic freedom**
- 5. Discussions with European institutions**

# What trends characterise the renewed Hungarian higher education? – IV. Ecclesiastical institutions



- 1. The higher education institution is maintained by the Church**
- 2. Value-based training**
- 3. Integrating religious aspects into education  
– openness to the world**
- 4. Quasi public interest asset management foundation  
financing contracts**

# What trends characterise the renewed Hungarian higher education? – V. KRE



- 1. Financial contract between the Reformed Church in Hungary, as the Maintainer, and the Ministry of Innovation and Technology in 2022**
- 2. KRE indicators**
  - **Talent management**
  - **Scientific activity**
  - **Sport**
  - **Student drop-out**
  - **Graduate tracking - employment**





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