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Statement on the legal status of the HUN-REN Centre for Social Sciences

The legal status of the HUN-REN Centre for Social Sciences regarding its eligibility for participation in research programmes funded by the European Commission is as follows:

The HUN-REN Centre for Social Sciences, Centre of Excellence of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences belongs to the HUN-REN Research Network in Hungary, and it does not come under the scope of Article 2(2) of the Council Implementing Decision (EU) 2022/2506 of 15 December 2022 regarding measures to safeguard the Union budget from violations of the rule of law principles in Hungary.

The HUN-REN Research Network (formerly referred to as Eötvös Loránd Research Network) is an independent, public budgetary institution, accountable to the Hungarian Parliament only. It was established by the Hungarian Parliament on 1 August 2019 with the aim to manage and operate the publicly funded independent research network in Hungary, which previously belonged to the Hungarian Academy of Sciences, and which constitutes a central pillar of the country's scientific research institutions. HUN-REN is managed by a 7-member independent Governing Board, with its President and the majority of its members being Members of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences (the highest independent public scientific body protected by the Fundamental Law Art. X).

Therefore, the HUN-REN Centre for Social Sciences remains fully eligible to participate in EU programmes – i.e., acting as sole Beneficiary or in any role assigned within a research consortium, submitting Horizon Europe project proposals, receiving grant funding, signing any legal documents, and so forth.



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