

Statement on the legal status of the Centre for Social Sciences

In response to the request from partner institutions involved in the EU Horizon Europe framework programme for research and innovation. I would like to issue the following statement. The legal status of the Centre for Social Sciences regarding its eligibility for participation in research programmes funded by the European Commission:

The Centre for Social Sciences, Centre of Excellence of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences, belonging to the Eötvös Loránd Research Network in Hungary 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 Eötvös Loránd Research Network (ELKH) is an independent, public budgetary institution, accountable to the Hungarian Parliament only. It was established by the Parliament on the 1st of 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. ELKH is managed by a 13-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 Centre for Social Sciences remains fully eligible to participate in EU programmes – i.e., submitting Horizon Europe project proposals, receiving grant funding, signing any legal documents, either participating as beneficiaries or coordinators.

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