



**Scientific session on the occasion of
signing the cooperation agreement**

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press release



The City of Pécs and the Institute of Regional Studies Research Centre for Economic and Regional Studies - Hungarian Academy of Sciences signed a cooperation agreement on 29 November 2012. The ceremonial signing represents the mutual interests of the two parties for deepening a steady, long-term and wide cooperation which brings realisable results for both of the interested parties.

The cooperation of the City and the HAS Regional Studies Research Centre has a history of a decade. The signing of the agreement is the recognition of the cooperation so far as well as the interest of the parties for the effective utilisation of mutual future advantages. The City of Pécs primarily counts on the Institute's research centre in Pécs, the work of the Transdanubian Scientific Department, and the more effective utilisation of the available knowledge and system of connections. It is the interest of both parties to mutually benefit from this knowledge and system of connections for the sake of boosting the City's cultural and scientific life as well as promoting its education and research. The City of Pécs has already relied on the work of the Institution concerning implementing projects or preparing for decision making regarding local society and local developments. This cooperation is going to be more increased in the future.

Based on its basic research profile, the Institute of Regional Studies Research is able to provide the city with the most modern research results in the fields of regional development and urban development. At the same time, the City is involved in programmes, for example in European Union projects, which can provide the Institution with information and data for their research.

An example for such cooperation is the ongoing EU project, called SEEMIG, implemented by the City of Pécs, which deals with managing migration and its effects in South-East Europe as well as the involvement of migration tendencies in strategic decision making. This cooperation provides the researchers the possibility to access the high quality data-bases and professional network created by the project.

The signed cooperation agreement does not only outline joint project implementation but also encourages joint events or joint implementation of basic scientific research.



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