

To Mr. Viktor Orban
Prime Minister of Hungary
Budapest Hungary

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The European Alliance for Social Sciences and Humanities is deeply concerned by the recent amendments to Act CCN of 2011 on National Higher Education, which was submitted to the Hungarian Parliament on March 28th, 2017.

The European Alliance for Social Sciences and Humanities understands that the amendment threatens the existence of an internationally renowned and respected academic institution, the Central European University. This university has served for many years as a focal point of research in Central and Eastern Europe and has helped to academically integrate Central and Eastern with Western Europe and connecting with the rest of the world.

The European Alliance for Social Sciences and Humanities strongly believes that international exchange of and between scholars is the essence of high-quality and innovative research.

We urge the Hungarian Government and Parliament to undertake a review of the Act with a view to securing the principles of freedom for academic education and research and safeguarding the continued operation of the Central European University.

Sincerely yours,

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