



Statement of the Partners of Visegrad Group Academies Forum

Following the Resolution of the Presidium of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences of 15 June 2018 ⁽¹⁾ and the open letter of ALLEA ⁽²⁾, both referring to the proposed amendment of the Law on the Hungarian Academy of Sciences and the Law on the 2019 state budget of Hungary,

the Partner Academies of Sciences of the Visegrad Group Forum fully support the demand to withdraw the proposed amendments from voting and to allow for wider consultations with all relevant stakeholders, in particular with the Hungarian Academy of Sciences.

Basic, curiosity-driven and blue-sky research are indispensable elements of any functional and successful research and innovation system. Striving to protect the freedom of scientific research and the autonomy of scientific institutions, we believe that the proposed changes, withdrawing the legal and financial guarantees of the regular functioning of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences threaten the scientific autonomy of the academy.

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- (1) (<http://mta.hu/english/the-academy-stands-by-its-independence-and-the-freedom-of-research-108816>)
- (2) (<http://www.allea.org/allea-sends-open-letter-to-hungarian-minister-of-innovation-and-technology/>)