

April 28th, 2017

To:

His Excellency, Dr. Janos Ader, President of the Republic of Hungary

Viktor Orbán, Prime Minister of Hungary

Kristóf Szalay-Bobrovniczky, Ambassador of Hungary to the United Kingdom

Zoltán Balog, Minister of Human Capacities, Ministry of Human Capacities, Hungary

László Palkovics, Minister of State for Education, Ministry of Human Capacities, Hungary

Dear HE President Ader, Prime Minister Orban, Minister Szalay-Bobrovniczky, Minister Balog, and Ambassador Szalay-Bobrovniczky,

We are writing to express support for Central European University and our concern regarding the legislation passed by the Hungarian Parliament on April 4, 2017. We are concerned that these laws will make it virtually impossible for CEU to continue operating in Budapest.

Academics at the University of Manchester have collaborated with CEU since its inception. Although most of CEU's degree programmes have a double accreditation from US and Hungarian institutions, its Environmental Sciences and Policy programme has been accredited by the University of Manchester since 1994. Since then, a number of University of Manchester professors have taught regularly at CEU and hundreds of students have graduated with diplomas from Central European University accredited by the University of Manchester.

Today the links between the University of Manchester and the Central European University include

- A joint Erasmus Mundus Master's Programme in Environmental Science, Policy and Management (MESPOM) <http://mespom.eu/> launched in 2005. The University of Manchester and Central European University are partners of the consortium along with the University of Lund, Sweden.
- Collaboratory for Urban resilience and Energy (CURE) at the Manchester Urban Institute (MUI) collaborates closely with the CEU in carrying out two H2020 projects - COMBI (<http://combi-project.eu/>) and EVALUATE (<https://urban-energy.org/evaluate/>)

We feel these collaborations and exchanges are important, and that the legislation will make it effectively impossible for CEU to continue this work in Budapest. We respectfully ask that you preserve CEU's ability to remain as an academic degree-awarding institution in Hungary and therefore amend the recent legislation.

Yours sincerely,

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