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Research, Science and Innovation
Mr. Tibor Navracsics, European Commissioner for
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Dear Commissioners Navracsics and Moedas,

We are writing to you on behalf of Climate Strategies – an independent, not-for-profit research network that aims to improve policy in the fields of climate change, energy and sustainable development by bridging the gap between decision-makers and researchers across Europe and internationally. We work through a small secretariat and our international network of over academic 80 members.

We strongly believe in freedom of academic expression and in peaceful co-existence of academic institutions: domestic and foreign, public and private, more specialised and covering a broader spectrum of disciplines. Only through academic exchange and scientific dialogue can we elaborate solid analytical basis for successful policy-making.

Committed to academic freedoms and scientific dialogue, we are deeply concerned about the turn in Hungarian educational policies in general, the National Higher Education Act in particular and its implication for the Central European University (CEU). It conflicts with the principle of free research which is essential to create knowledge and scientific progress, as well as innovative and sustainable societies. Our concern is aggravated by the fact that Climate Strategies and CEU have successfully collaborated on research projects and a faculty member of CEU is among Climate Strategies Members.

With this letter we would like to urge you to undertake all possible actions to influence the Hungarian authorities so that the Central European University can keep its independent operation in Hungary.



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