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A DAHR delegation (Democratic Alliance of Hungarians in Romania) has made a visit to the United States, invited by the New York based Hungarian Human Rights Foundation (HHRF). The delegation was led by **Hunor Kelemen**, the President of DAHR, included senator **Barna Tanczos** and **Lóránt Vincze**, DAHR foreign secretary and FUEN vice-president.

The goal of the visit was to inform the American partners about the twists of the restitution process in Romania, the attacks of the rule of law in the country, the misuse and abuse committed under the cover of the fight against corruption, the economic and political decisions of the Romanian government, the challenges of regional security policies and the future of the American-Romanian security, energy and investment policies.

During their three days visit the delegation members have met with **Andy Harris** and **Marcy Kaptur**, the presidents of the **Hungarian-American Caucus**. “The strategic partnership between the United States and Romania should not be restricted to security policies, but it should be stretched to implementing and respecting minority and human rights, and to the strengthening of the system of the democratic institutions. For this reason, we believe that the United States should follow closely what happens in Romania”- said Hunor Kelemen in Washington at his meeting with **Hoyt Yee** the Deputy Assistant Secretary of the State Department.

At this meeting Hunor Kelemen also spoke about the restriction of the usage of national regional symbols as well about the goals of the Hungarian community in Romania. They have also been invited to the Tom Lantos Human Rights Committee, as well as to the Subcommittee on Europe, Eurasia, and Emerging Threats of the [Committee on Foreign Affairs](#).

Congressman **Joseph Pitts**, the President of the TOM Lantos Human Rights Committee assured DAHR of his staunch support in its goals. In the same time he promised that him and his colleagues will map the best possible legislative ways to impinge Romania not to steer away from the road of democratic consolidation.

A similar opinion was formulated by Congressman **Reid Ribble**, the chairman of the Subcommittee on Europe, Eurasia, and Emerging Threats, who voiced his concern about the fact that Romania is restricting the right to property, religious freedom, and that it would curb the existing rights of the Hungarian community in Romania.



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Hungarian students in disadvantage for learning vocational disciplines solely in Romanian

Vocational disciplines are taught in Romanian even in Hungarian vocational schools, and for that reason Hungarian students choosing vocational schools are in serious disadvantage, as they struggle with the Romanian language – was the conclusion of PhD Student **Réka Zsuzsanna Máté**, a student of the National University of Public Service from Budapest.

Máté studied why students chose Hungarian language vocational schools, and also how does it impact to study vocational disciplines in Romanian when their mother tongue is Hungarian. Due to their poor understanding of the Romanian language there is a good chance that they will be less good in their chosen profession as they could be if they learned in Hungarian.

Later on when finding a job they will face a serious disadvantage, they will find it far more difficult to find a job than their Romanian peers. – these were the main conclusions of the PhD student, who presented her work at the Fourth Political Science Conference at Cluj Napoca/Kolozsvár/Klausenburg.



Hungarian students who study vocational disciplines in Romanian will find it harder to find a job later on