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## **Study visit to Ludovika Universiti of Public Services and to the Government of Hungary**

*Provisional Programme and Agenda*

*23– 25 April 2024, Ludovika Campus, Side Building, room 219  
Budapest, Hungary*

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## Background

ReSPA will organize a study visit of the Regional thematic group for policy development and coordination (PDC) and European Integration (EI) to the Government of Hungary and the University of Public Service (UPS). Our host for this study visit will be UPS.

The University of Public Service is established in 2012, as the merger of several independent faculties. The University's primary goal is to educate future public administration officials, military and law enforcement officers (through BA and MA programs) and to develop the skills and know-how of current public service members (through further training programs). Moreover, UPS also functions as a think tank for public service (through PhD programs, joint conferences, and individual research activities of lecturers).

The UPS operates with four faculties: the Faculty of Military Sciences and Officer Training, the Faculty of Law Enforcement, the Faculty of Public Governance and International Studies, and the Faculty of Water Sciences.

The meetings of the regional thematic group will be organized on the premises of the Faculty of Public Governance and International Studies. Renowned for its practical approach, this Faculty equips students with a solid foundation in political science, law, international relations, and diplomacy. Their core mission is to prepare highly qualified civil servants for all levels of Hungarian state administration.

The core task of the Faculty is to provide professionals for the administration at the central and local government level in Hungary on the one hand and to prepare students for public service on an international level and in Hungarian diplomacy on the other. The Faculty's objective is to train high-performing professionals with the necessary knowledge and skills to engage successfully in the job market for civil service, both national and international, including EU institutions, the diplomatic service, or military administration.

During the third day of the study visit, meetings will be organized on the same premises with the representatives of the two Hungarian ministries: the Ministry of Public Administration and the Ministry of European Affairs. At the end of the study visit, there will be an internal meeting of the regional thematic group devoted to the presentation and discussion of the plan of work in the area of policy development and coordination / Better regulation in 2024 and the draft of the ReSPA Strategy 2025-2030.

The aim of this study visit is to provide the opportunity for the members of Policy Development and Coordination / Better Regulation regional thematic group to:

- Learn from the expertise of the University of Public Service and government officials.
- Find out the models of the professional development of Hungarian civil servants and the utilization of EU programs in this.
- Acquire valuable knowledge of the administrative experience of Hungarian EU membership and EU presidencies.
- Gain in-depth insights from leading Hungarian educational and training institutions on public policy training.
- Share best practices in policy development and regulatory reform.

# Provisional Agenda

## DAY I, 23 April 2024 (Tuesday)

09:30 – 09:40	<b>Introduction to the goals of the Study visit</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Dragan Djuric, Programme Manager, ReSPA</li></ul>
09:40 – 10:00	<b>Presentation of participants and lecturers</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Brief Tour de Table moderated by Dragan Djuric, Programme Manager, ReSPA</li></ul>
10:00 – 10:15	<b>Welcome speech – The importance of training future leaders</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Pier Paolo Pigozzi Sandoval, Vice-Rector for International Affairs</li></ul>
10:15 – 11:00	<b>Ludovika - University of Public Service as a base institution for public service</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Norbert Kis, Professor, former Dean and Vice-Rector of the University, Director of the Institute for Environmental Sustainability</li></ul>
11:00 – 11:45	<b>The role of the Institute for Public Administration Further Training in the professional development of Hungarian civil servants</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Gergely Koltányi, Learning Experience Designer</li></ul>
12:00 – 14:00	<i>Campus tour and lunch break</i>
14:00 – 14:45	<b>The administrative experience of the Hungarian EU membership and EU presidencies</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Csaba Zalai, Professor of practice, former Deputy State for European Policy, Ministry of European Union Affairs</li></ul>
14:45 – 15:30	<b>The Europe of Nations Program as a background for the training of Hungarian EU officials</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Zsuzsanna Fernbach-Czibók, Deputy Program Director, Europe of Nations Career Program, John Lukacs Institute for Strategy and Politics</li></ul>
15:30 – 16:15	<b>The post-graduate and leadership training programs of the Hungarian Diplomatic Academy</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Ádám Szűcs, Head of the Department for the Hungarian Diplomatic Academy at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade</li></ul>

## DAY II, 24 April 2024 (Wednesday)

10:00 – 10:30	<b>The Faculty as a center for public relations and cooperation with the Government</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Dr Réka Varga, Dean, Faculty of Public Governance and International Studies</li></ul>
10:30 – 11:15	<b>The role of the Faculty of Public Governance and International Studies in public policy training</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Tamás Kaiser, Head of the Department of Governance and Public Policy</li></ul>
11:15 – 12:00	<b>Specialized professional colleges and the Ludovika Collegium as a dedicated training base for public administration</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Dr Balázs Bartóki-Gönczy, Vice-Dean for Scientific Affairs, Head of the Department of Social Communication</li></ul>
12:00 – 13:30	<i>Lunch break</i>
13:30 – 14:00	<b>The role of the Eötvös József Research Centre in government strategic defense research</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Tamás Csiki-Varga, Senior Research Fellow, EJRC, John Lukacs Institute, Strategic Defense Research Program</li></ul>
14:00 – 14:30	<b>The role of the Eötvös József Research Centre in background research related to the EU Presidency</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Viktória Pató, EJRC, Senior Research Fellow, Europe Strategy Research Institute, coordinator of cooperation between the Government and the University on the Hungarian EU Presidency</li></ul>
14:30 - 15:15	<b>The impact of academia on national cybersecurity preparedness</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Tamás Szádeczky, Associate Professor, Head of the Department of Cybersecurity</li></ul>

## DAY III, 25 April 2024 (Thursday)

10:00 – 11:30	<b>The role and function of the Ministry of European Affairs</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Laszló Sinka, Adviser to the Minister</li></ul>
11:30 – 13:00	<b>The role and function of the Ministry of Public Administration and Regional Development</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• dr. Gergő Szima, Head of department</li></ul>
13:00 – 14:30	<i>Lunch break</i>
14:30 – 15:30	<b>Internal meeting of the regional thematic group for PDC (with representatives of EI thematic group)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Plan of work in the area of PDC and EI in 2024</li><li>• Strategic Orientation of ReSPA 2025 – 2030</li><li>• Discussion</li></ul>
15:30 – 16:00	<b>Wrap-up Session</b>