

Speaker (lit. „The President of the Hungarian Assembly”)

Salute to the Hungarian Firefighter Association’s presidential meeting

Balatonföldvár

Honoured Lieutenant General! Honoured Guests! Ladies and Gentlemen!

Central Europe and as a part of it, Hungary faced serious disasters in the past years – mostly floods. We could count on firefighters and disaster management experts every time, who mastered every crisis working together with soldiers and volunteers.

These crises bring our attention to the importance of international cooperation time and again – especially since disasters are not bound by state borders. The cooperation between different countries has solved difficult problems and helped master serious crises several times.

We speak from experience when we say that here in Europe cooperation and the ability to cooperate is the way forward. This is also true for firefighters’ and disaster management experts’ work; they have to know the methods of the others if necessary, and make tools and equipments compatible. But more importantly: they have to work on interpersonal relationships and on getting to know the way the others think.

You truly get to know a friend need – so goes a hungarian saying. I wish you that all of you can depend on the others always – not just in times of disasters and crises.

I wish good luck with your work and a productive meeting!

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Yours sincerely:

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