



"The Seven Neighbours of Hungary –
Questions of Historical Reconciliation and Cooperation in the 21st
Century"

"Zagreb and Budapest – a Croatian Take on
Bilateral Relations"

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Deák Ferenc országgyűlési felirata a horvát kérdésről 1861-ből :

„Horvátország saját territóriummal bír, külön állása van és nem volt soha bekebelezve Magyarországra, hanem kapcsolatban állott velünk s társunk volt, ki jogainkban s kötelességeinkben, szerencsénkben és bajainkban osztozott.

Ha tehát Horvátország mint ország akar részt venni törvényhozásunkban; ha előbb tisztába akar jönni velünk azon föltételekre nézve, mik mellett közjogi állását Magyarországgal kész összekötni; ha erre nézve úgy akar velünk értekezni, mint nemzet a nemzettel, nem fogjuk azt visszautasítani.”

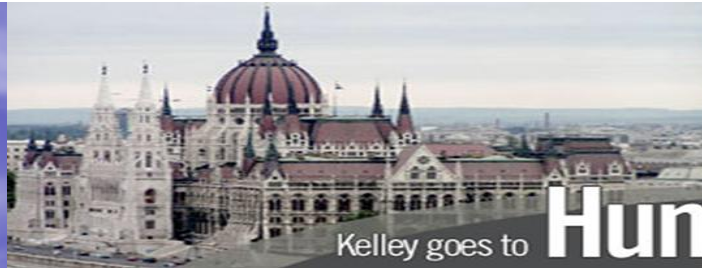
Parliamentary address on the Croatian question by Ferenc Deák dated 1861:

„Croatia has its own territory, it has a separate status and it has never been incorporated into Hungary but it has been connected to us as a compeer who shared our rights and duties, our fortune and misfortune.

Therefore, if Croatia wishes to participate in our legislature as a country; if it wishes first of all to clarify with us the conditions under which it would be ready to unite its legal status with Hungary; if in this connection it wishes to confer with us as a nation with another nation, we will not decline it.”



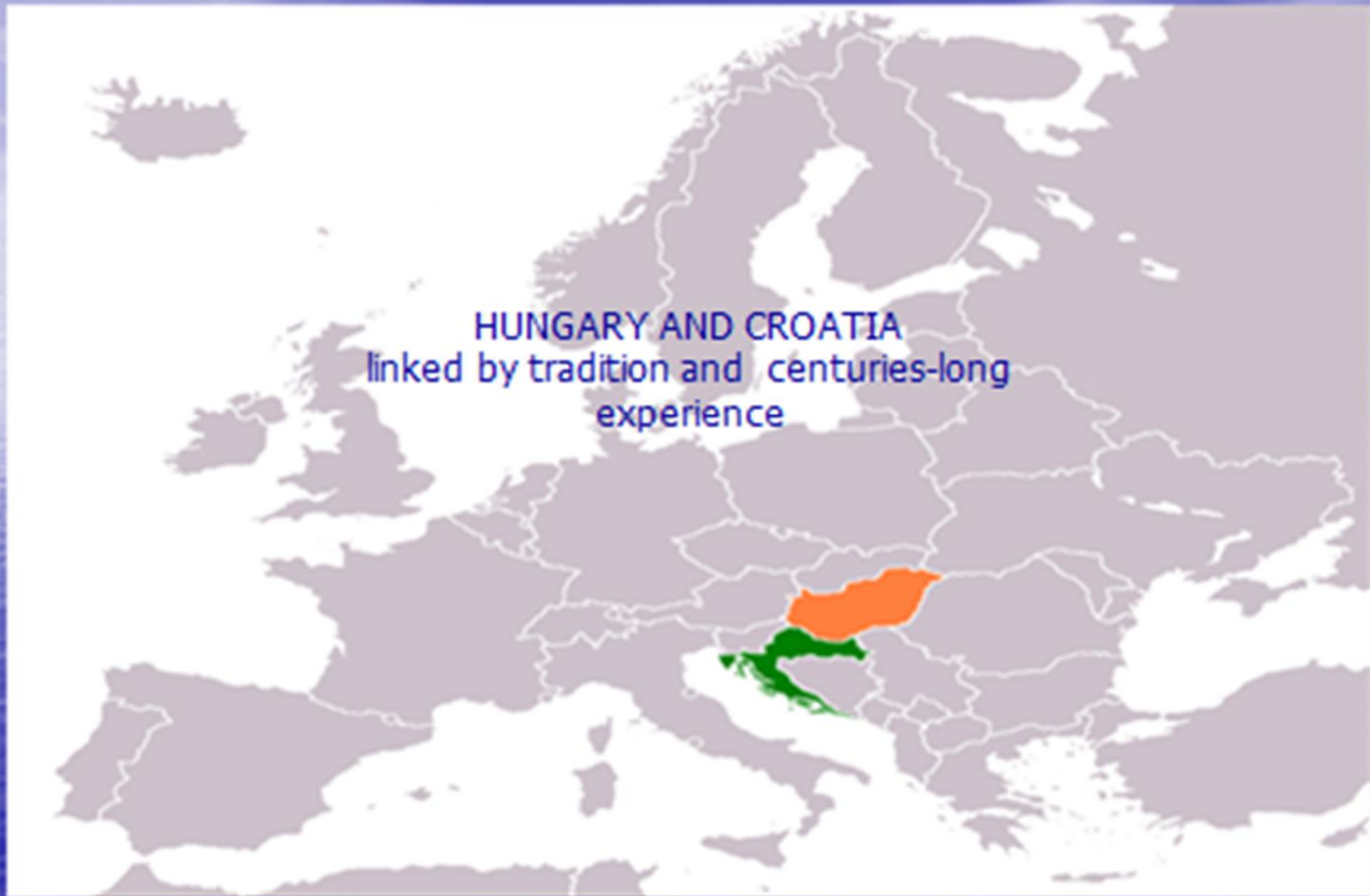




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HUNGARY AND CROATIA
linked by tradition and centuries-long
experience



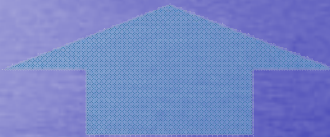
BILATERAL RELATIONS:

- very strong relations – built upon shared values of democracy, the rule of law, freedom and security,
- an example of good neighbourly relations without open issues,
- Hungary was one of the first country to recognize the independence of Croatia,
- Hungary strongly supported Croatia's NATO membership,
- very active support of Croatia's EU Accession



TRADE

Total trade in 2012
736 mil €



9th foreign trade partner

(3% of total trade)

Imports: 493 mil € / Exports: 243 mil €

Intense merchandise exchange:

- ▶ petroleum and mineral oil (INA-MOL)
- ▶ food industry
- ▶ electrical engineering
- ▶ engineering and railway industry
- ▶ construction industry

Possibilities of economic cooperation:

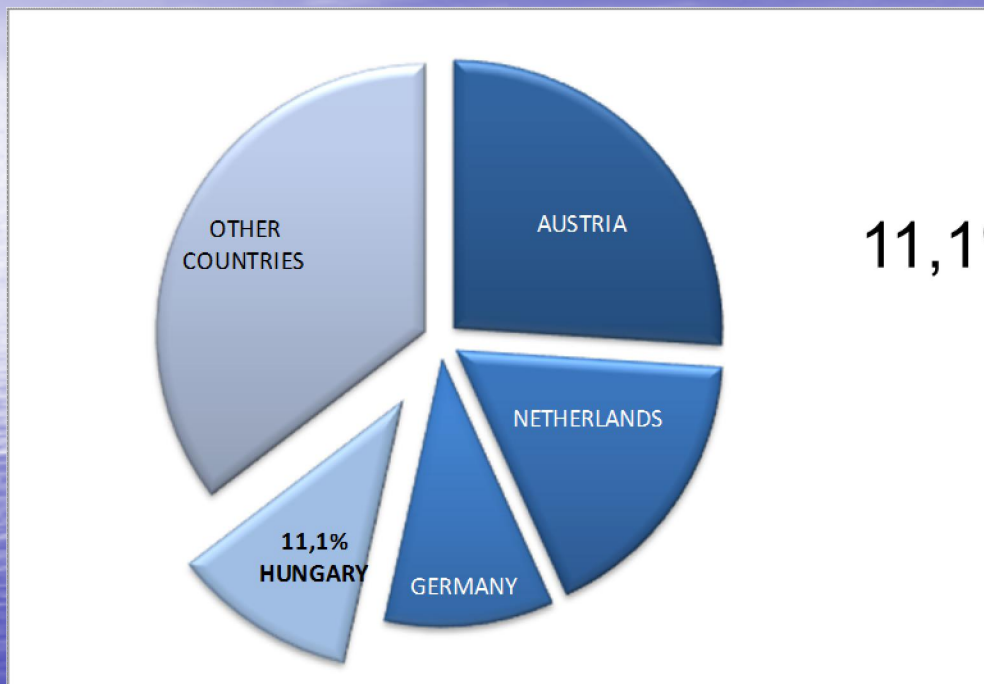
- ▶ energy (oil and gas pipeline, electrical energy)
- ▶ petrochemical industry
- ▶ banking and tourist services
- ▶ infrastructure (ports, railways, roads)
- ▶ car-industry
- ▶ pharmaceutical industry
- ▶ metallurgy and engineering
- ▶ agriculture

INVESTMENTS

1993 – 2012

2,3 billion €

11,1% of total investments in CRO



TOURISM



2012 tourist season

307.912 Hungarian
tourists

9th country regarding the
number of tourists in CRO

1.629.552 overnight stays

...BEAUTIFUL COASTLINE...



...EIGHT NATIONAL PARKS AND ELEVEN PARKS OF NATURE...



BRIJUNI



RISNJAK



KRKA



MLJET



PAKLENICA



PLITVICE LAKES



KORNATI



NORTH VELEBIT

INFRASTRUCTURE

STRATEGIC CORRIDORS

Vb (Rijeka – Budapest), motorway

Cross-border cooperation in joint maintenance of border highway bridge + dual-gauge railway from the port of Rijeka to the Hungarian border (EU funds, strategic investment)

Port of Rijeka (strategic investment)

Vc (Ploče – Budapest)

Great potentials (Zagreb–Transylvania)

Construction of Zagreb-Bjelovar-Virovitica-Barcs-Szigetvár-Pécs-Baja-Transylvania highway



Old railway (built in 1873)

- length: 330 km
- time and speed of passenger travelling: 5h, 65 km/h (Rijeka-Zagreb: 3h 45min)
- time and speed of cargo transport: 10h, 30 km/h
- capacity: max. 5 mil tonnes per annum
- min. 2,5 billion kunas of investment for capacity increase to max. 6 million tonnes per annum with the same speed and without introducing new passenger trains

New railway

- length: 269 km
- time and speed of passenger travelling: 2h, 200 km/h (Rijeka-Zagreb: approx. 1 hour)
- time and speed of cargo transport: 5h, 120 km/h
- capacity: min. 25 mil tonnes per annum
- start of construction works: 2007
- target date: in 5-6 years years
- price: 8 billion kunas

New railway

- Botovo-Karlovac (148 km), building of a new railway along with the existing one, including its modernization
- Karlovac-Rijeka (121 km), building of a new corridor with two railways
- Construction works should be completely finalized, one gauge put into operation, till the other one is needed

ŽELJEZNIČKA PRUGA U KORIDORU VB: RAILWAY LINE IN THE VB CORRIDOR BOTOVO - ZAGREB - KARLOVAC - RIJEKA

LEGENDA : LEGEND:

- ŽELJEZNIČKA PRUGA RAILWAY LINE
- TUNEL TUNNEL
- POSTAJA STATION
- === ŽELJEZNIČKA PRUGA (STARA)

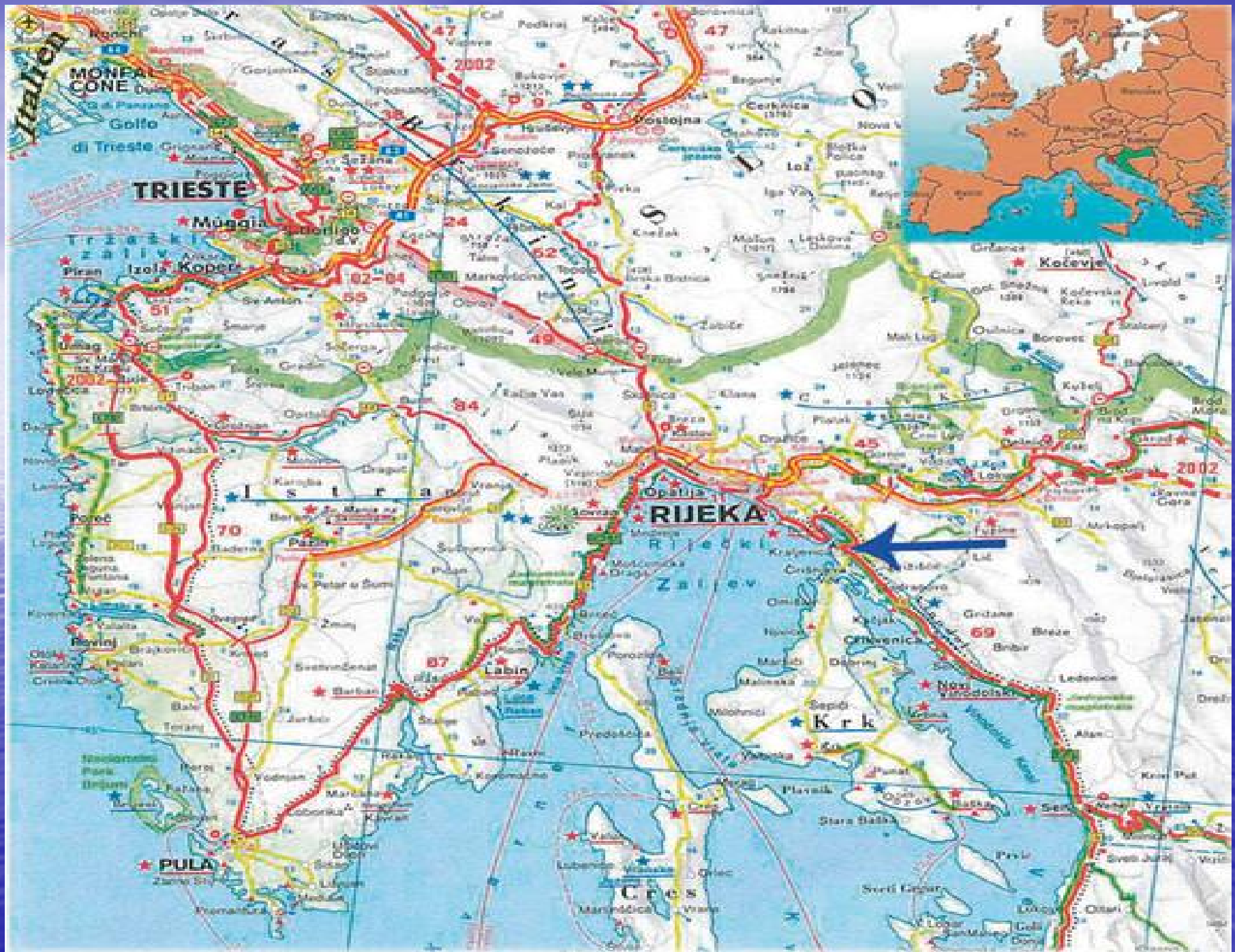
ENERGY

- ▶ CRO – one of the greatest importers of electrical energy in the world
- ▶ 2012-2014 energy-related investment potentials: 2 billion €
- ▶ HEP (Croatian national power company) + partner (50:50)
- ▶ New impetus in the field of renewable energy resources (Europa 2020)
- ▶ 2004-2011 > 134 MW wind power plants
- ▶ 2012-2014 > 270 MW wind power plants (contracted)
- ▶ 300 mil. € of private capital

- ▶ Energy efficiency programme

DIVERSIFICATION OF SUPPLY DIRECTIONS

- ▶ North-South LNG energy corridor





CROSS-BORDER cooperation

- ▶ Since 2002 with EU support, in the frame of the Hungarian Phare programme
- ▶ Since 13 March 2008 the Hungary-Croatia IPA cross-border programme 2007- 2013
35.542.216 € for the first five years of the Programme

The Programme offers potential beneficiaries a wide range of possibilities in one of the following priorities:

- sustainable environment and tourism
- development of economic cooperation
- development of joint human resources

FREE MARKET IN THE EU – from 1 July 2013

I. FREE CIRCULATION OF GOODS

- ▶ Lifting customs barriers to free trade
- ▶ Contact point for on-line information on products (marking, norms)
- ▶ If tested in the country of export no test needed for export goods in the country of import
- ▶ Lower business expenses and higher competitiveness of the market of goods
- ▶ Recognition of certificates for goods
- ▶ SOLVIT: on-line system of solving problems when goods enter the market

II. FREE MOVEMENT OF SERVICES

- ▶ Free access for Hungarian service providers to the Croatian service market - no need to register their business in Croatia
- ▶ Unified contact point for services as an on-line service by the Croatian Chamber of Commerce for giving Hungarian service providers information related to service industry
- ▶ On-line registration procedure for businesses leading to further elimination of administrative barriers to the freedom of business activities and investments in the service industry
- ▶ Recognition of professional qualifications of Croatian and Hungarian citizens in various fields, free employment without work permit

Thank you!

