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# ANNUAL REPORT

TOM LANTOS INSTITUTE

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The Tom Lantos Institute (TLI) is an independent human and minority rights organisation with a particular focus on Jewish and Roma communities, and on Hungarian and other ethnic or national, linguistic and religious minorities. It is a Budapest-based organisation with a multi-party Board of Trustees, an international Executive Committee, and Advisory Board. TLI operates internationally in terms of scope, funding, staff and partners. As a research and education platform, TLI aims to bridge the gaps between research and policy, norms and practice.

TLI focuses on three specific issue areas. These are: Human Rights of Minorities; Roma Rights and Citizenship; and Jewish Life and Countering Antisemitism.



# Research and Project Areas

## HUMAN RIGHTS OF MINORITIES

- Regional Forums on Minority Issues
- Minority Forum Info & Global Minority Rights Newsletter
- Global Minority Rights Summer School
- Minority Rights Guide

## ROMA RIGHTS AND CITIZENSHIP

- Roma Holocaust Education
- Roma Representation in Public Spaces
- Training Course for Roma Pupils: Responding to Prejudice - Training of Trainers Programme

## JEWISH LIFE AND COUNTERING ANTISEMITISM

- Modern Antisemitism in the Visegrád Countries
- Addressing Antisemitism through Education and shalomedu database
- The Past, Present and Future of Hungarian Jewry Outside the Capital
- Vanishing Points 2022: Educational Sessions

# Highlighted Projects

## REGIONAL FORUMS ON MINORITY ISSUES



At the request of the UN Special Rapporteur on Minority Issues, TLI has been the main organiser of the Regional Forums on Minority Issues since 2019. The [2022 Regional Forums](#) were organised in four global regions, in cooperation with regional and local partners. They critically assessed the problem-solving capacity of the UN Declaration on the Rights of Persons Belonging to National or Ethnic, Religious and Linguistic Minorities, which was adopted 30 years ago.

The Europe-Central Asia Regional Forum was held in Vienna on 2-3 May as a hybrid event co-organised with the Austrian Ministry of Foreign Affairs. The Asia-Pacific Regional Forum took place online on 14-15 June, followed by the Africa-Middle East Regional Forum, which was held online on 6-7 September. The Americas Regional Forum was convened online on 11-12 October. The four forums were attended by 409 participants and produced 191 region-specific recommendations in total. The list of recommendations was published on the official website of the UN Forum and served as background document for the 15th session of the UN Forum on Minority Issues.



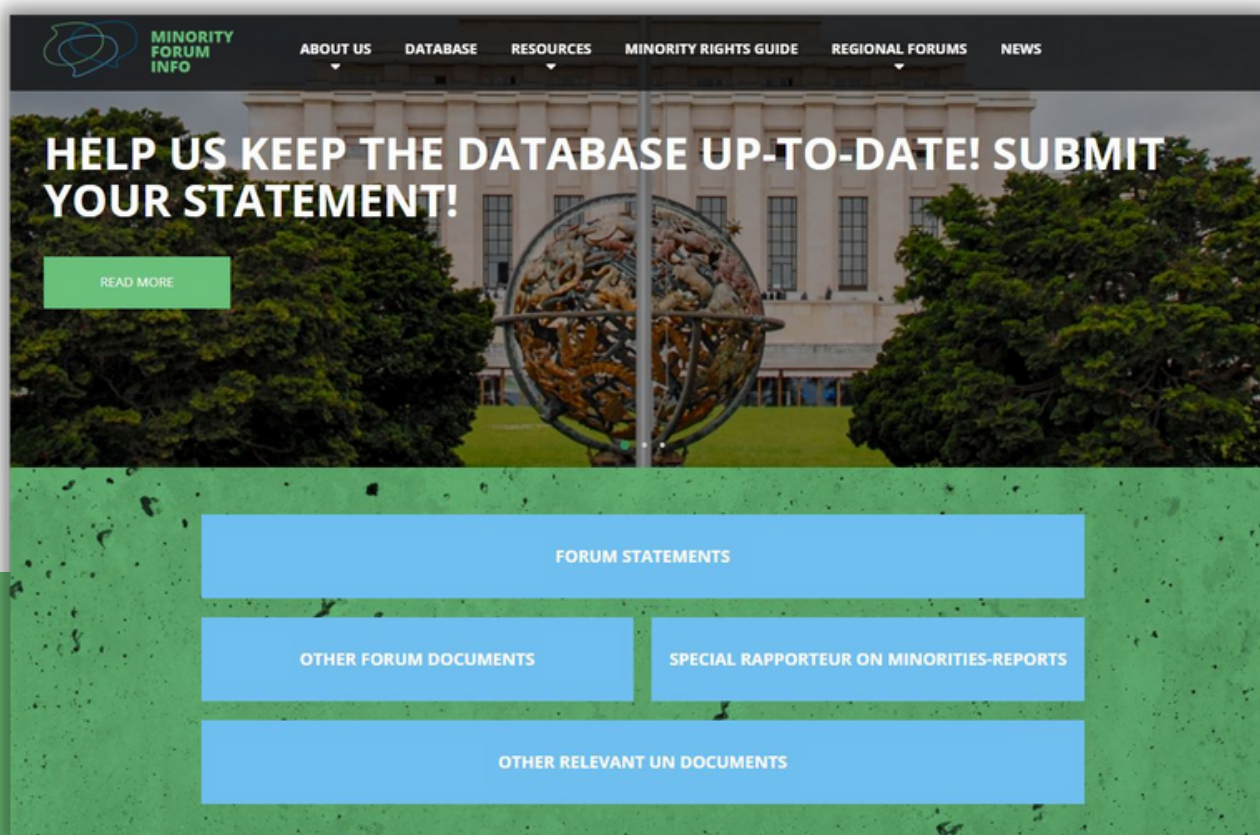
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2 May 2022, Vienna

# MINORITY FORUM INFO

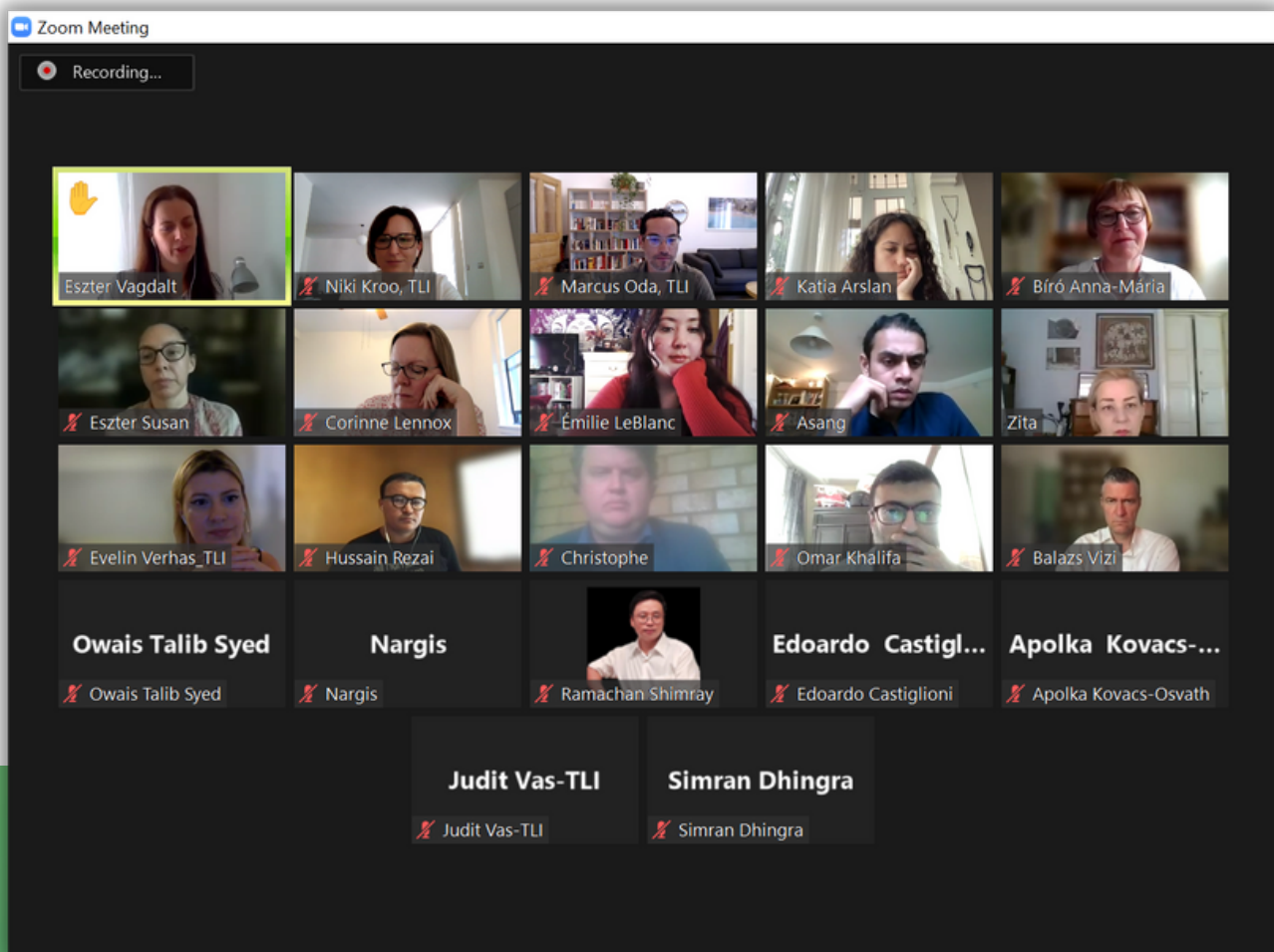
Developed in partnership with the Human Rights Consortium of the School of Advanced Study, University of London, the [MinorityForum.Info](https://www.minorityforum.info) website is a searchable and user-friendly database of documents related to the UN Forum on Minority Issues. It aims to increase access to information on minority rights standards and implementation and to improve interaction with the UN Forum. Through the database, more than 1650 statements made at the Forum since its inception are accessible. The database also compiles documents related to the Regional Forums on Minority Issues (2019, 2020, 2021, 2022) and other relevant UN documents that focus on minority issues. It also contains a video library, a subpage of datasets relevant to the human rights of minorities, and a database of minority rights guides developed by international and civil society organisations. The “[News](#)” subpage of the website provides information on regional and global normative developments, institutional frameworks and mechanisms related to the human rights of minorities, relevant events and other participatory opportunities.

In 2022, the website was updated and received a fresh design: the new visual layout offers easier navigation and a more convenient structure.



# GLOBAL MINORITY RIGHTS SUMMER SCHOOL

The tenth [Global Minority Rights Summer School](#), co-organised with the National University of Public Service, the Human Rights Consortium, School of Advanced Study, University of London, Addis Ababa University and Minority Rights Group International, took place online from 4-15 July, 2022. The Summer School had a special focus on the 30th anniversary of the UN Declaration on the Rights of National or Ethnic, Religious and Linguistic Minorities. Renowned experts and prominent academics from all over the world joined students from more than ten countries and four global regions to critically access the Declaration during the two-week workshop. In addition to theoretical knowledge, participants gained valuable practical skills for engaging with the global governance structures of minority rights, such as how to formulate and present UN Forum statements and recommendations.



# MINORITY RIGHTS GUIDE

In conjunction with the 30th anniversary of the UN Declaration on the Rights of Persons Belonging to National or Ethnic, Religious and Linguistic Minorities, TLI developed a short [guide](#) on the minority rights protection regime of the United Nations. The aim of the guide is to provide minority representatives, their advocates, and others working in the field of minority rights a clear and concise overview of the norms and mechanisms of the United Nations used for the protection of the human rights of minorities. The guide is accompanied by two short animated videos on minority rights norms and minority protection mechanisms at the UN. The guide and the videos are available in English, French, Arabic, Spanish, Portuguese, Russian and Hungarian.



# Databases

Following the publication of our ground-breaking research on [Roma representations in Hungary's public spaces](#) in 2021, TLI launched an [online map and searchable database](#) of these representations. The database aims to increase awareness of these representations and increase knowledge of Roma culture and history, as well as their contribution to Hungarian society.

**TOM LANTOS INSTITUTE** KÖZTÉRI ALKOTÁSOK AZ ADATTÁR KUTATÓK ÚTMUTATÓ ALKOTÁS BEKÜLDÉS

**ROMA KÖZTÉRI ALKOTÁS ÉS EGYÉB REPREZENTÁCIÓ KERESŐ**

MEGYE: Válasszon + TELEPÜLÉS: Település KATEGÓRIA: Válasszon + TÉMA: Válasszon + ELHELYEZÉS ÉVE: Válasszon Válasszon

KULCSSZÓ: Kulcsszó MEGVALÓSÍTÓK: Válasszon + ALKOTÓK: Válasszon +

KERESÉS AZ ADATTÁRBAN SZŰRŐ FELTÉTELEK TÖRLÉSE

[Shalomedu](#) is user-friendly online database where non-formal educational initiatives on antisemitism, the Holocaust and Jewish life are accessible and searchable. The goal of the platform is to facilitate the use of these initiatives in schools and their integration into lesson plans. In 2022, the database was updated with new features and documents to support the work of teachers, including an overview of international guidelines for teaching about antisemitism and a summary of relevant teaching aids developed by the OSCE.

**TOM LANTOS INSTITUTE** KÉPZÉSKERESŐ RÓLUNK / ABOUT US AZ ADATBÁZISRÓL ÚTMUTATÓ KÉPZÉSEK KAPCSOLAT KÉPZÉS BEKÜLDÉS

A **SHALOMEDU** az antiszemitizmusról, a Holokausztról, illetve zsidóságról szóló, Magyarországon megvalósuló nem formális oktatási kezdeményezéseket tömörítő adatbázis.

A **SHALOMEDU** fő célja, hogy elősegítse ezekben a kezdeményezéseknek a felhasználását általános- és középiskolákban azzal, hogy összegyűjti és kereshetővé teszi a kezdeményezéseket. Az adatbázisról [részletesebb információkat itt találhat](#), valamint az adatbázis [használati útmutatóját itt érheti el](#).

**KÉPZÉSKERESŐ**

Képzés típusa: Válasszon +

Körzet/térség: Válasszon +

Szervező: Válasszon

Helyszín: Válasszon +

Illeszkedik a kerettantervbe: Válasszon +

Kulcsszó: Kulcsszó



# Publications and Launch Events

Following its successful virtual launch in 2011, TLI organised a physical launch event for the publication “[Az Emberi Jogok Lobogója Alatt](#)” ([The Noble Banner of Human Rights](#)) at the Hungarian Academy of Sciences on 22 September, 2022. Through the memories of his daughter, son-in-law, and Chief of Staff, Robert R. King, the event offered unique insights into the life and work of Tom Lantos and King’s long-time engagement with Hungary, including the 1978 return of the Holy Crown. A [videorecording](#) of the event is available on the TLI website.



22 September 2022, Budapest

Photo: U.S. Embassy Budapest/Janka Sztítás



In cooperation with the Eötvös József Cigány-Magyar Pedagógiai Társaság, we organised a [book launch](#) for our publication “[A roma reprezentáció Magyarország közterein](#)” ([Roma Representation in Public Spaces in Hungary](#)) on 10 June, 2022, complementing the [online launch](#) that took place in 2021. The book, authored by Roma researchers, presents the key results of our research mapping Roma representations in public spaces in Hungary and explores how Roma were able to participate in creating their self-representations. The launch event was dedicated to the memory of Jenő Setét, a prominent Roma civil rights activist, who played an outstanding role in the development and implementation of the research and the writing of the book. In 2022, the publication was also [translated into Romani](#).



10 June 2022, Budapest

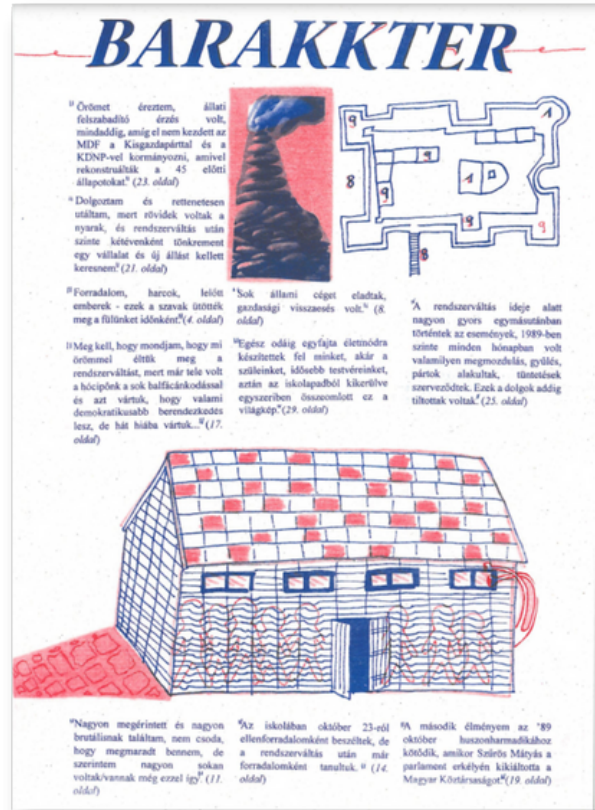


In 2022, the results of region-specific survey research exploring the prevalence and causes of antisemitic prejudice in the Visegrád countries were published in a [research report](#). Drawing on the research findings, evidence-based policy recommendations were developed and presented in a [policy brief](#). The research results were also summarised in an [infographic video](#) available in English, with Hungarian, Czech, Slovakian and Polish subtitles. We presented the research results and policy recommendations at a launch event in Brussels.



# Educational Initiatives and Training Programmes

We continued our Vanishing Points 4.0 contemporary art project, which examines antisemitism and questions concerning Jewish identity in the period of the regime change following the fall of the Iron Curtain. In conjunction with the exhibition [“A Slower Dawn!”](#), we held educational sessions for students of the Karinthy Frigyes secondary school. The students' works were published in a [fanzine](#) and presented at the [ISBN könyv+ art gallery](#) in June 2022.



We completed the evaluation of our pilot educational project [“Antisemitic prejudice in schools: methods, teaching materials, approaches.”](#) The project aimed at providing educators with tools to identify and address antisemitic prejudice. In April 2022, we shared the evaluation results at an expert workshop in Budapest, and an online [regional experience sharing workshop](#), where we also explored how the project could be adapted to other Visegrád countries.



In July 2022, we continued our accredited [teacher training programme on the Roma Holocaust](#). The programme consisted of a two-day training event held in July followed by an experience-sharing workshop in December.



31 July 2022, Budapest

In October, we piloted our [Training of Trainers programme](#), which was developed for community organisers and educators working with Roma youth, and is aimed at assisting Roma pupils in coping with prejudice. The methodology employs situational exercises along with drama-based pedagogy to model biased situations.



22-23 October 2022, Miskolc



# Events

TLI staff attended the 15th session of the UN Forum on Minority Issues held in Geneva on 1-2 December 2022, where TLI's Director delivered an expert intervention. In cooperation with the Permanent Mission of Austria, TLI also hosted a [side-event](#) on 1 December in the Palais des Nations, reflecting on four years of the Regional Forums on Minority Issues.



1 December 2022, Geneva

As part of our project focusing on Jewry in the countryside, we continued to support the organisation of an [annual event remembering Jewish life in Sátoraljaújhely](#). In partnership with the Israeli Cultural Institute in Budapest, we also organised an event to showcase the rich and diverse [Hungarian Jewish heritage of Transdanubia](#). Lectures, exhibitions, and presentations of community initiatives provided insight into the past and present of the Jewish communities of Siófok, Székesfehérvár, Szombathely, and the Káli Basin.



20 October 2022, Sátoraljaújhely

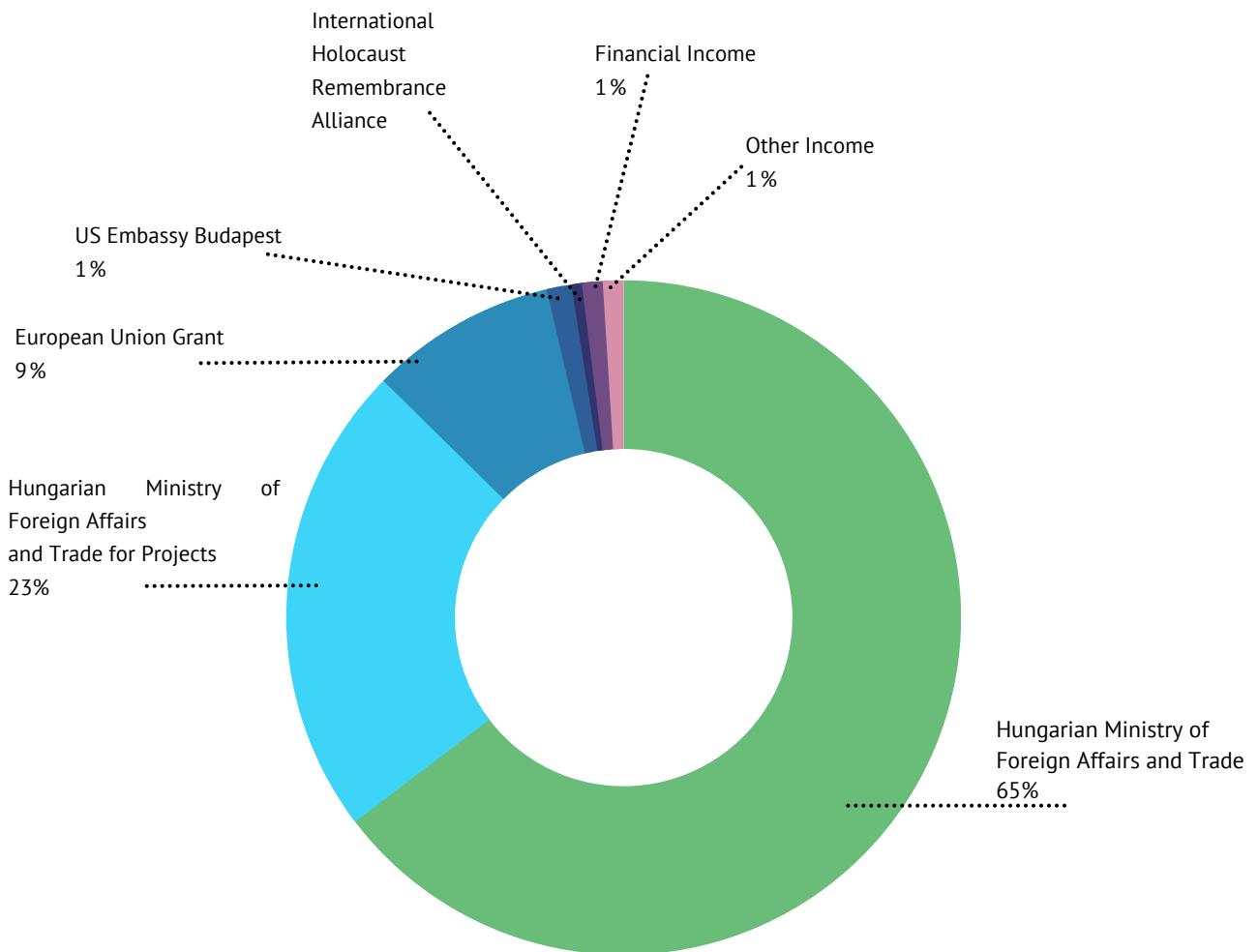


27 October 2022, Budapest



# Funding

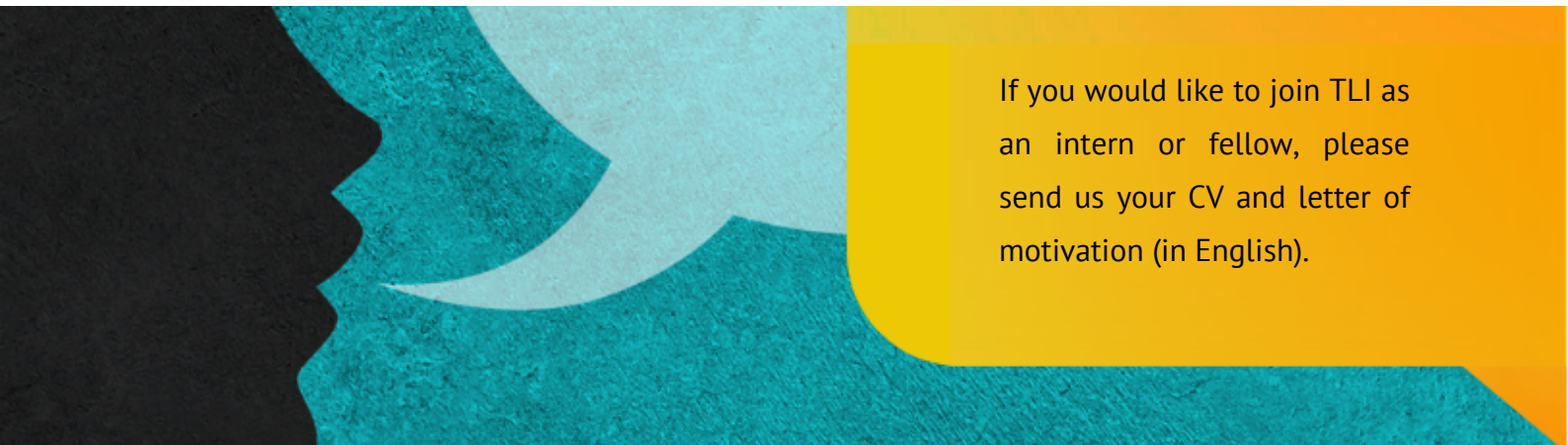
The operational expenses of TLI were covered by the annual grant of the Hungarian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade, as well as project grants from various sources. The pie chart indicates the extent to which each source contributed to the total of our project expenses in 2022.





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If you would like to join TLI as an intern or fellow, please send us your CV and letter of motivation (in English).