



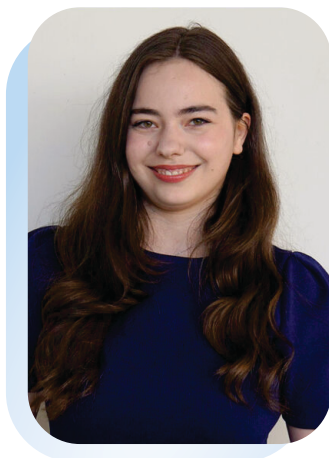
Dr. Balázs Tárnok

FUEH VP, Legal Scholar, Researcher
and Expert in European Affairs

Balázs Tárnok is a Hungarian legal scholar, researcher, and expert specializing in European Union law and politics, minority rights, and international advocacy. He serves as Director of Research at the John Lukacs Institute for Strategy and Politics at Ludovika University of Public Service in Budapest and as Vice President of the Federal Union of European Nationalities (FUEH).

His academic and professional work focuses on European affairs, the protection and representation of national minorities, human rights, and the legal and political dynamics of the European Union. Through his research, publications, and international engagement, he contributes to discussions on European policy, minority representation, and the development of legal and institutional frameworks across Europe.

Combining legal expertise with a strong understanding of European politics and international relations, Tárnok works at the intersection of academic research, policy analysis, and public affairs. His work addresses contemporary European challenges and provides perspectives on the political and legal processes shaping decision-making at both national and European levels. Balázs Tárnok himself belongs to the Hungarian national minority in Slovakia, giving him a direct personal connection to the minority rights and representation issues that form a central part of his professional work.



Johanna Kézdi

YEN President

Johanna Kézdi serves as President of the Youth of European Nationalities (YEN / JEV) for the 2026–2028 mandate, leading Europe's largest umbrella organization for autochthonous, national, and linguistic minority youth. Having previously joined YEN's board as Convenor for Communication, she now represents young minority voices as a delegate to the FUEH Presidium and within the European Dialogue Forum (EDF).

With both German and Hungarian roots, Johanna connects European policy with practical community work. Since 2023, she works as project manager at the Arbeitsgemeinschaft Deutscher Jugendorganisationen in Rumänien (ADJ), coordinating non-formal education programs, youth camps, and cross-border exchanges, alongside her involvement in IFA (Institut für Auslandsbeziehungen) programs.

Currently studying International Relations and European Studies in her hometown of Sibiu (Hermannstadt / Nagyszeben), her work focuses on modernizing minority protection for younger generations, combining academic insights into European multi-level governance with practical strategies for youth participation.

Johannes Callsen

Commissioner for National Minorities
and Ethnic Groups in Schleswig-Holstein



Johannes Callsen is a German politician and member of the Christian Democratic Union (CDU). He serves as the Commissioner for National Minorities and Ethnic Groups, Border Region Cooperation and Low German of the Minister-President of Schleswig-Holstein. In this role, he serves as an important liaison between the state government and the national minorities and ethnic communities represented in Schleswig-Holstein.

His work focuses on the protection and promotion of minority rights, cultural and linguistic diversity, and cross-border cooperation, particularly within the German-Danish border region. He maintains close dialogue with minority organizations and contributes to strengthening their participation and visibility in political and public life.

Through his work, Callsen supports Schleswig-Holstein's long-standing minority policy and its commitment to constructive cooperation between majority and minority communities. His responsibilities also include promoting the Low German language and fostering exchange across regional and national borders, making minority affairs and cultural diversity central elements of his professional engagement.

Loránt Vincze

Politician, European Parliamentarian
and Minority Rights Expert



Loránt Vincze is a Romanian politician of Hungarian background and a Member of the European Parliament (MEP), representing the Democratic Alliance of Hungarians in Romania (RMDSZ/UDMR) within the European People's Party (EPP) Group. First elected in 2019, he is currently serving his second consecutive mandate in the European Parliament.

His political and professional work focuses on European affairs, minority rights, linguistic diversity, and the political representation of national communities. In the European Parliament, he currently serves as Chair of the Intergroup on Traditional Minorities, National Communities and Languages, providing an important platform for dialogue and cooperation on minority-related issues at the European level.

From 2016 to 2025, Vincze served as President of the Federal Union of European Nationalities (FUEC), where he represented the interests of autochthonous national minorities and language communities across Europe. His professional profile combines parliamentary experience, European policymaking, organizational leadership, and long-standing engagement in the protection and political representation of national and linguistic minorities.