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Programme Anniversary Year 2026

Join us in celebrating 80 years of diplomatic relations between Switzerland and Hungary! In 1946, diplomatic relations between the two countries were resumed after a brief interruption at the end of the Second World War. Since then, close and diverse relations have developed, which is reflected in the anniversary motto '**Connected in many ways!**' and in the logo. Featuring the national colours of both countries, the logo incorporates the edelweiss and tulip, the national floral symbols of both countries, symbolising the flourishing and cultivation of diplomatic relations.
The following programme allows you to discover the multifaceted relations between Switzerland and Hungary.

The anniversary year will also be accompanied by our **"Faces and Stories" campaign**. Throughout the second half of the year, portraits showcase individuals who embody the diversity of the ties between Switzerland and Hungary. Take a look at our social media channels (Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn) – all posts relating to the anniversary year can be found under the hashtag #CH80HU.

MARCH

Francophonie
04.03.26 – 12.03.26 | A38, Uránia cinema and Instutit français de Hongrie, Budapest
the occasion of the Month of Francophonie, Chaufau and Barrio Colette will perform a concert at A38 on 28 March. At Uránia cinema, the Swiss films "Les courageux" and "La cache" will be screened. Switzerland is also represented at various competitions and at the "Village de la Francophonie" at the Institut français de Hongrie on 20 March.

Exhibition of the tomb slab of Elizabeth of Hungary
06.03.2026 – December | Szent István Király Múzeum, Székesfehérvár
The 14th-century tomb slab from the Swiss National Museum in Zurich is on display in Székesfehérvár this year. Tickets and further information are available on the museum's website.

Presentation and discussion: "What makes a strong currency? The secret of the Swiss Franc"
10.03.26 | Corvinus University Budapest, main building
Building on the recently published book "The Swiss Franc 1798–2055" by Dr. Costa Vayenas, the event bridges academic analysis, practical policymaking and market perspectives. Register here and join the discussion.

Photo Brut Conference
09.03.26 | Capa Center, Budapest
The conference with Swiss participation highlights Photo Brut: a photographic practice that combines photography with psychology and art history. Further information can be found here.

The Young Gods and Tout Bleu
11.03.26 | A38, Budapest
Immerse yourself in electronic music with the two Swiss bands. Tickets and further information are available here. Supported by Pro Helvetia.

Black Sea Dahu and Solong
22.03.26 | House of Music, Budapest
The five-piece band Black Sea Dahu and the musician Solong are performing in Hungary for the first time. Find out more about their performance here. Supported by Pro Helvetia.

Four ensembles of the European Chamber Music Academy (ECMA)
22.03.26 | Solti Hall at the Liszt Ferenc Academy of Music, Budapest
Immerse yourself in classical music with four young and talented ensembles in two concerts at 4:00 pm and 7:00 pm. The first concert features the internationally renowned Turicum Quartet, founded in Zurich.

Exhibition: "Desire for an Earthly Paradise – Masterpieces of Swiss Art from the Christoph Blocher Collection"
26.03.26 – 07.06.26 | Museum of Fine Arts, Budapest
For the first time, the significant private collection of Swiss art assembled by Christoph Blocher is being exhibited outside Switzerland. The exhibition presents around 60 works, including pieces by Albert Anker, Ferdinand Hodler and Cuno Amiet.

Photo exhibition René Burri: "Utopia"
28.03.26 – 26.06.26 | Hall of Art, Budapest
The Budapest Fotó Fesztivál celebrates its tenth anniversary in 2026. The opening exhibition is organised in collaboration with the Műcsarnok and once again presents a world-renowned photographer from the circle of Magnum Photos This year, iconic photographs by René Burri will be on display.

APRIL

Music project «Charles River» by Florian Arbenz
09.04.26 | Budapest Music Center
Swiss drummer Florian Arbenz is presenting his project 'Charles River' at the Classical:NEXT festival, in which he reinterprets works by Charles Ives with an ensemble comprising classical and jazz musicians. Supported by Pro Helvetia.

Wunderbar Festival
18.04.26 – 25.04.26 | Budapest and Pécs
On the occasion of the Festival of the German Language, three school classes will be received at the embassy. Further information about the festival is available here.

Valentino Vivace
24.04.26 | A38, Budapest
Tickets for the concert by the pop artist from Italian-speaking Switzerland are available here. Supported by Pro Helvetia.

Jazz Tour by Erb-Lonberg-Holm
29.04.26 | JAZZAJ, Budapest
Information about the jazz band's concert is available on the website of JAZZAJ. Supported by Pro Helvetia.

Presentation of the "Art is Business Magazine" about Swiss culture and business
30.04.26 | Apollo Gallery, Budapest
More information about the "Art is Business Magazine" is available here.

MAY

Andrássy input by Ambassador Alexander Renggli on Swiss European policy
07.05.26 | Andrássy University Budapest
As part of the "Current Issues" course at Andrássy University, Ambassador Alexander Renggli will provide a thematic input on Swiss European policy. Closed event.

Dirty Sound Magnet
08.05.26 | A38, Budapest
At their concernts, the Swiss trio performs modern rock. Find out more here. Supported by Pro Helvetia.

Europe Day
10.05.26 | Szabadság tér, Budapest
Switzerland is represented with a stand at Europe Day.

Fabienne Erni
10.05.26 | A38, Budapest
With her debut solo album, Fabienne Erni brings powerful folk metal to Budapest. Tickets are available here.

Barabás Lőrinc Quartet feat. Erik Truffaz
26.05.26 | A38, Budapest
Swiss trumpeter Erik Truffaz and the Hungarian Barabás Lőrinc Quartet pay tribute to the iconic music of jazz musician Miles Davis on the occasion of his 100th birthday. Tickets are available here.

JUNE

Discussion with Claudia Sümeghy and Tamás Yvan Topolánszky
05.06.26 | Embassy of Switzerland in Hungary
The two filmmakers Claudia Sümeghy and Tamás Yvan Topolánszky (JUNO11) provide insights into their work on the successful documentary film Tavaszi szél – az ébredés" (Spring Wind – The Awakening). With Péter Magyar as its central figure, the film became the most successful Hungarian documentary in cinemas and also achieved remarkable attention online. Attendance by invitation only.

Swiss-Hungarian Innovation Forum
09.06.26 | Budapest University of Technology and Economics (BME)
The event, featuring leading representatives from science, business and public institutions, offers a platform for exchange and cooperation in the fields of innovation, research and business. Register here.

JULY

Chorale des Califrenzies
02. and 03.07.26 | Vajdahunyad Vára and Láng House of Culture, Budapest
The "Chorale des Califrenzies", a choir from Collonge-Bellerive in the canton of Geneva, will be in Budapest for two performances in early July. The thirty-strong ensemble will sing in the in the courtyard of Vajdahunyad Castle on 2 July before joining a Hungarian choir on stage at the Láng House of Culture on 3 July.

Blue Ribbon Business Summit
30.07.26 | Balatonfüred
The "Blue Ribbon Business Summit" brings together business, sustainability and international partnerships. Attendance by invitation only. A limited number of registrations are available for members of Swisscham Hungary.

Sound installation "INTO THE DIRT" by Dimitri de Perrot
24.07.26 – 02.08.26 | Kapolcs
At the Valley of Arts Festival, Swiss sound artist Dimitri de Perrot presents his project INTO THE DIRT – a sounding floor that communicates through sound and noise. Immerse yourself in this sensory experience! Supported by Pro Helvetia.

AUGUST

Soft Loft
11.08.26 | Sziget Festival, Budapest
On their European tour, Soft Loft are bringing their melancholic and dreamy sound to the Sziget Festival in Budapest, offering a taster of their new album, due for release in September. Supported by Pro Helvetia.

Mozisziget: Film "Dog on Trial" (Le procès du chien)
15.08.26 | Margitszigeti Atlétikai Centrum, Budapest
The French-Swiss comedy "Le procès du chien" will be screened as part of the EUNIC Film Festival on Margaret Island. Come and enjoy a relaxing evening of cinema under the stars from 8.00 pm. Further information is available here.

SEPTEMBER

Budapest Festival Orchestra
12.09.26 | Heroes' Square
The internationally renowned Budapest Festival Orchestra, founded by Iván Fischer and Zoltán Kocsis, is giving a free concert on Heroes' Square.

Anniversary celebration
15.09.26| Embassy of Switzerland in Hungary
Attendance by invitation only.

JMO – Jan Galega Brönnimann, Moussa Cissokho and Omri Hason
22.09.26 | Opus Jazz Club, Budapest
The music of the trio JMO reflects Switzerland's cultural diversity and blends traditional and modern sounds from Africa and Europe. Supported by Pro Helvetia.

OCTOBER

International Book Festival
01.10.26 – 04.10.26 | Hungexpo, Budapest
Together with Germany and Austria, Switzerland is guest country at the 31st International Book Festival. Supported by Pro Helvetia.

Church Choir Stäfa
03., 04. and 09.10.26 | Láng House of Culture, Szent Ferenc Sebei templom and Matthias Church, Budapest
Swiss choral music in Budapest: The Church Choir Stäfa will give a concert at the Láng House of Culture on 9 October, together with the Hungarian Stella Choir and a Welsh male voice choir. The choir will also take part in a German-language Holy Mass in Budapest and perform at Matthias Church.

Svetlana Maraš
04.10.26 | Further information will follow.
The composer and sound artist Svetlana Maraš a lecturer in creative music technology at the University of Applied Sciences and Arts Northwestern Switzerland, is performing as part of the UH Fest in Budapest. In her work, she combines experimental and electronic music in a variety of formats. Supported by Pro Helvetia.

Economic delegation EV sector Hungary
04.10.26 – 08.10.26 | Fact-finding-trip in Hungary
A delegation of Swiss companies will visit various Hungarian automotive plants and supplier companies. Registration for the trip organised by S-GE, Swisscham Hungary and SWISSMEM is handled via SWISSMEM.

Coroner
08.10.26 | Analog Music Hall, Budapest
Coroner is embarking on its first European club headlining tour in decades, with 16 headline shows strengthening the international presence of Swiss metal.

Marinka Limats
09.10.26 | Ludwig Museum in Budapest
Marinka Limat's film Art of Encounter will be presented at the Ludwig Museum Budapest from 9 October 2026 to 31 January 2027. She will also share her experiences of walking and encounters in a workshop and artist talk.

Verinica Fusaro
13.10.26 | Akvárium Klub, Budapest
Veronica Fusaro represented Switzerland at the Eurovision Song Contest 2026 with her song "Alice". From October, the singer will embark on a European tour, including a stop in Hungary.

Sehenswert Festival
15.10.26 – 25.10.26 | Cinema Művész in Budapest, Debrecen, Szeged and Pécs
To mark the film festival's 15th anniversary, two Swiss productions are on the programme: "Heroine" by Petra Volpe and "You Believe in Angels, Mr. Drowak?" by Nicolas Steiner.

20th anniversary of Stadler Rail Hungary
29.10.26 | Further information will follow.
Stadler Rail celebrates its 20th anniversary in Hungary. The event is organised by Stadler Rail Hungary. Attendance by invitation only.

Launch of the monograph on Elemér Zalotay
30.10.26 | MÉSZ – Kós Károly Terem, Budapest
Under the title “Manic Modern”, Monika Annen and Tibor Joanelly present the first monograph on the Swiss-Hungarian architect and engineer Elemér Zalotay. Although Zalotay’s work long received little attention, it is gaining renewed relevance in the context of current discussions on ecology, lightweight construction, and large-scale structures.

Ilya Shmukler
Date to be confirmed | House of Music, Budapest
Enjoy the concert by Ilya Shmukler. He is prize winner of the 2024 Géza Anda Competition, named after the famous Swiss-Hungarian pianist Géza Anda.

Presentation: “Schweizer Diplomaten in Budapest in zwei entscheidenden Jahren: 1944 und 1956”
End of October | Andrássy University Budapest
In his presentation, historian François Wisard sheds light on the historical context of bilateral relations between Switzerland and Hungary, with a particular focus on the years 1944 and 1956. The presentation will be held in German.

NOVEMBER

The ROLS Quartet
05.11.26 | Liszt Ferenc Academy of Music, Budapest
The ROLS Quartet, a young string quartet consisting of Raphael Nussbaumer, Oliver Barta, Laurent Bourquin, and Salome Steinmann, is performing in Budapest.

JODOKCELLO
11.11.26 | Budapest Aréna
The Swiss cellist captivates audiences with his fusion of classical and modern music. Get your tickets and find further information here.

IV. Swiss-Hungarian Healthcare Forum
13.11.26 | Further information will follow.
The fourth edition of this forum once again provides a platform for fresh impulses and sustainable projects in the healthcare sector, with the aim of further developing a patient-centred and future-ready healthcare system. The registration link will follow.

Zürich Synagogue Choir
15.11.26 | Rumbach Synagogue in Budapest.
The Zürich Synagogue Choir will perform on Sunday, November 15 at 17:00 at the Rumbach Synagogue in Budapest.

Eluveitie
22.11.26 | Barba Negra, Budapest
Eluveitie are bringing their distinctive folk metal sound to Budapest – including their new collaborative single with Stephan Eicher. Tickets are available here. Supported by Pro Helvetia.

Delivery of first IC train for GYSEV by Stadler Rail
End of November | Further information will follow.
Stadler Rail is building eleven modern IC trains for the West Hungarian railway company GYSEV. The delivery of the first train will take place during the anniversary year. The event is organised by Stadler Rail. Attendance by invitation only.

Conference on democratic innovation with Swiss participation
End of November | Andrássy University Budapest
Further information will follow.

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