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Dear Professor Tamara Shefer and Professor Jeff Hearn,

Thank you for your letter to the Prime Minister.

We are honoured to have received your opinion since education policy is a strategically important policy area for the Government of Hungary.

In every Member State of the European Union the right of accreditation of academic programmes falls exclusively within the competence of the state. We respect every opinion, but we also think that it is important for everyone to respect this sphere of competence belonging to the Member States.

In the future, no state-funded and accredited social gender studies programme will be launched in Hungary. However, I would like to assure you that such ongoing higher education programmes may continue for their full duration.



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From our point of view this decision in no way restricts the freedom of academic research as the topic can continue to be researched to scientific standards within other academic fields and can also continue to be taught at universities which are operated by foundations.

Last but not least, let us once again express our appreciation for your opinions you have shared in relation to education policy.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Csaba Dömötör'.

Csaba Dömötör

State Secretary for Parliamentary Affairs