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***The HUNIVERZUM – Hungarians in Space STEM scientific event series was organized within the framework of the Year of Hungarian Science 2025/2026.***

The National Research, Development and Innovation Office provided non-refundable funding to the Office of Supported Research Institutes of HUN-REN for the organization of the STEM event series and organization of registration-based, free visits for school groups held at the HUNIVERZUM – Hungarians in Space Experience Center.

The HUNIVERZUM – Hungarians in Space STEM scientific event series was implemented as part of the Year of Hungarian Science 2025/2026, with the aim of promoting science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM), particularly among younger generations.

The project identification number is 2025-3.1.1-ED-2025-00030, and its implementation period ran from 1 September 2025 to 31 October 2025. The amount of non-refundable funding awarded for the project was HUF 75,000,000.

The event series took place at the HUNIVERZUM Visitor Centre, where the high-quality infrastructure and exhibition made it possible to apply state-of-the-art technological solutions during program implementation, including VR and AR technologies as well as interactive displays. The venue also enabled a detailed presentation of the HUNOR – Hungarian Astronaut Programme, with special emphasis on the second Hungarian astronaut mission, space experiments, and the role of Hungarian research institutes and companies participating in the space mission.

Within the framework of the project, numerous educational and science communication programs were implemented, including Space Science Experience Days, interactive workshops, experiment demonstrations, and special events related to the Researchers' Night. As a result of close cooperation with educational institutions, 216 student groups with 5 720 students were able to visit the exhibition free of charge. The communication campaigns associated with the event series contributed to increasing the visibility of the project and STEM fields, and supported the development of the future scientific workforce.

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