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Dear President, Dear László,

EuroScience has learned of recent plans put forth by the Hungarian government to implement its decisions to transfer effective control of the research institutes of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences to the Ministry of Innovation and Technology. EuroScience has already voiced its concerns in a letter to Minister Palkovics in June 2018. We would like to stress that the new plans do not bode well for the position of Hungary in European policies on science, technology and innovation, and the recent plans will be seen as an attempt to dismantle a major stronghold in science and technology in Central and Eastern Europe.

EuroScience expresses once again its strong support to you and to the Hungarian Academy of Sciences in the difficult decisions you are currently facing, and we are open to examining further actions that you may feel appropriate in support of your efforts.

We will communicate our concerns once more to the Hungarian government.

Kind regards,



Prof. Michael Matlosz
president