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23-05-2011 NASTY NATIONALISM RETURNS TO CLUJ NAPOCA. (KOLOZSVÁR)

Last Monday 23 may, all public welcome signs at the entrance of the city disappeared.

These welcome sign, also welcomed the visitor in the Hungarian language, which is the native tongue of almost 20 % of the population of this city, and it used to be over 50 % before the post second World war ethnic cleansing. Together with the removal of these signs, a very discriminative sign has been placed at the statue of king Mátyás, which is the symbol of the Hungarian community of this city. We issued a press statement regarding these discriminative events ([Dutch language](#)). We also sent a letter to the mayor of Cluj-Napoca (Hungarian: Kolozsvár) urging him to dissociate himself from the heritage of Funar and to pay attention to ratified European laws, such as the European Charta for regional languages. The public letter to Mr. Apostu can be read here in [English](#), [Hungarian](#) and [Dutch](#).



25-05-2011 LANGUAGE ARROGANCE IN TARGU MURES (MAROSVÁSÁRHELY)



On the website of Targu Mures airport not a word can be found in English or Hungarian. Hungarian speaking staff is underrepresented at the airport. Although 80 % of the passengers is Hungarian speaking. Also the counties that are being served by the airport are mainly Hungarian speaking: Maros over 40 %, Harghita 90 % and Kovászna 80 %. As a local public governmental body the usage of the Hungarian language in public announcements is compulsory, according to the Romanian law 215 /2001. The way in which the language needs of the passengers are dealt with is unprecedented in Western-Europe. An example might be Weeze Airport, where German, Dutch and English language inscriptions can be found. Unfortunately the director of Targu Mures Airport neglects the language rights of its passengers, in the letter that we wrote to him, we kindly ask him to comply with national law and with basic language rights. ([Hungarian only](#))

25-05-2011 ANWB CHANGES ROMANIAN AND SLOVAKIAN MAPS

In 2010 September [we wrote a short letter to the ANWB](#) (Dutch Automobile club), we informed them about an inconsistency regarding the usage of bilingual place names in Europe. We noticed that bilingual signs were used for the Swedish speaking Finns, the Basques in Spain, the German speaking Italians, however bilingual signs were missing for Slovakia and Romania. The ANWB was so kind to correct this inconsistency — Thanks ANWB. Here you can see the old maps for [Slovakia](#) and [Romania](#) and the new maps for [Slovakia](#) and [Romania](#).



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