

Orbán claims extension instead of restrictions - The opposition supports the dual citizenship of Hungarians in the Voivodina (Magyar Nemzet Online, 26 July 2003)

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„With one year before the EU accession Hungary has to unite forces to move the economy towards extension instead of restrictions – all citizens have to be winners of the integration and the national union beyond the borders must go on”, said Viktor Orbán before a crowd of several thousand people in Tusnádfürdő (Romania) yesterday.

Yesterday afternoon lectures were held in the open university in Tusnádfürdő by Emil Constantinescu, former president of Romania, Viktor Orbán, former Prime Minister of Hungary, Adrian Severin, chairman of OSCE, and George Schöpflin, university professor in London. The lecturers were greeted by the applause of several thousand people. Mr Schöpflin said the Iraqi war exemplified that Europe was divisible and this year might be more important than the fall of Communism in 1989. According to Mr Schöpflin the greatest challenge of the 21st century is for nation states to face their own multicoloured nature while Emil Constantinescu said Romania was incompatible with Europe as its economy was built on big companies, there was no middle class, the leftist government had an opposition of nationalist, extreme leftist party and the state radio worked as the press department of the government. „A year before the elections in Romania 70 pc of people do not trust in either political party and half of the people would not even go to vote”, said Emil Constantinescu.