## Christian Education in Hungary

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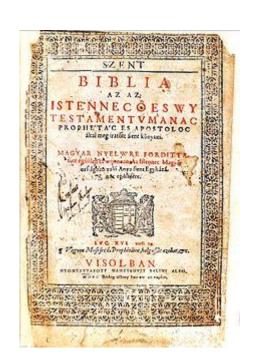
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- Hungary a Christian country since 1000
- First school in Hungary 996
- St. Martin Hill (Pannonhalma) by the Benedicten

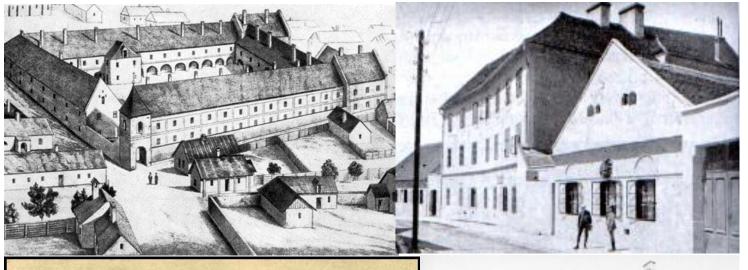
- The reformation was very strong in Hungary even because the young people studying in Germany, Netherland, Switzerland, Scotland
- Dedication and vision for public education
- Strong counter-reformation

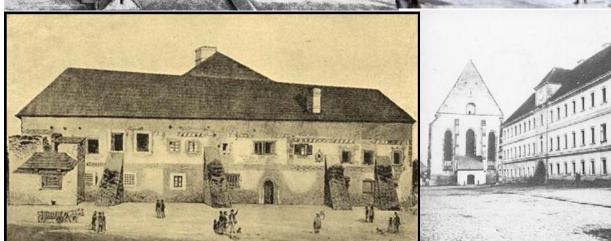


- "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you." (Math 28:19-20)
  - → Public schools, education
  - → National language, national culture



#### Famous Reformed colleges





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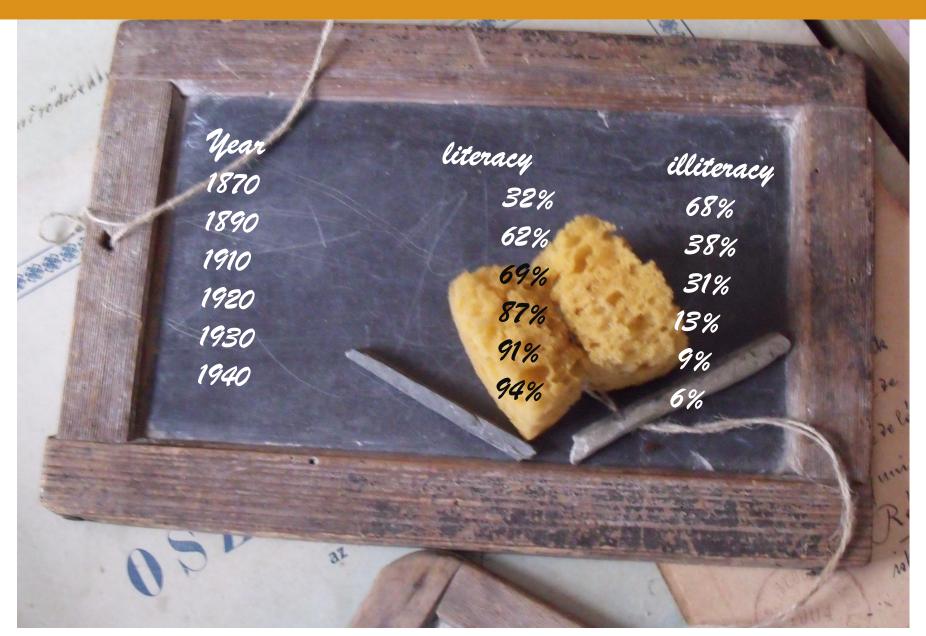
- 1777: Ratio Educationis
  - → State regulated educational system
  - → Four-year elementary schools
  - → Textbooks
  - → Teacher training

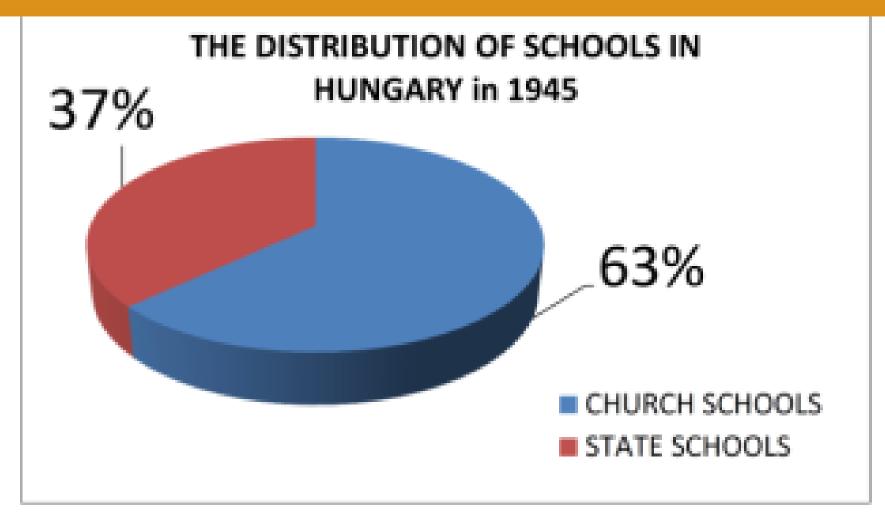


Maria Theresa

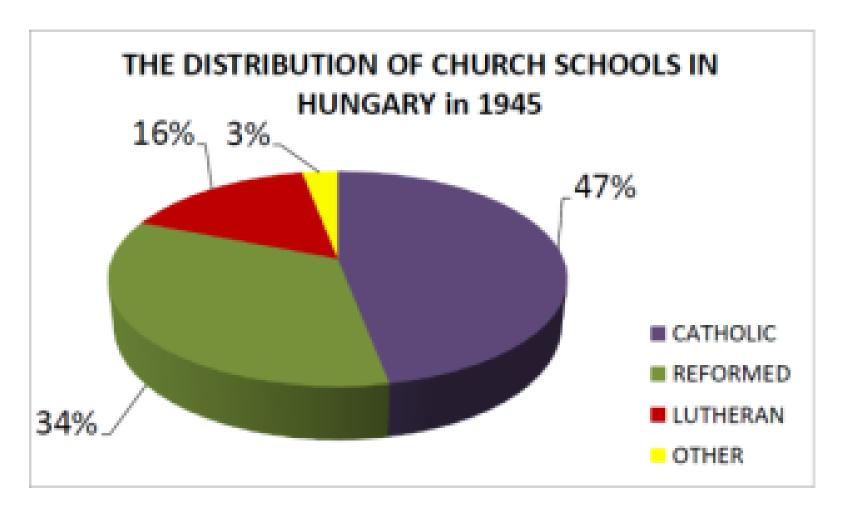
- 1848/1849: legislative act on education
- 1867: Austro-Hungarian Empire
  - → Modern education system
  - → Education Act (József Eötvös)
  - → Six years of compulsory education







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#### After the Second World War

**1948:** the State brought the church-schools under the control

Only 8 Catholic, 1 Calvinistic and 1 Jewish secondary grammar school was left in denominational hands.

In **1978** new schedules and new plans of training and education enacted

**1985:** Act of Education: system of counselling instead of school-inspectors, innovations in teachers' authority and stuffs' suspensory veto in case of headmasters nomination.



## 1990: Political changeover



1990 was the starting point of denominational – and Calvinistic - schools' reorganization.

Schools - derived from other countries - with special programs (such as Waldorf- and Rogers-schools) were also started.

In **1993**, the parliament passed the New **Act on Public Education**. The law reconfirmed the duration of compulsory education between 6 and 16 and declared the freedom of school foundation and maintenance.

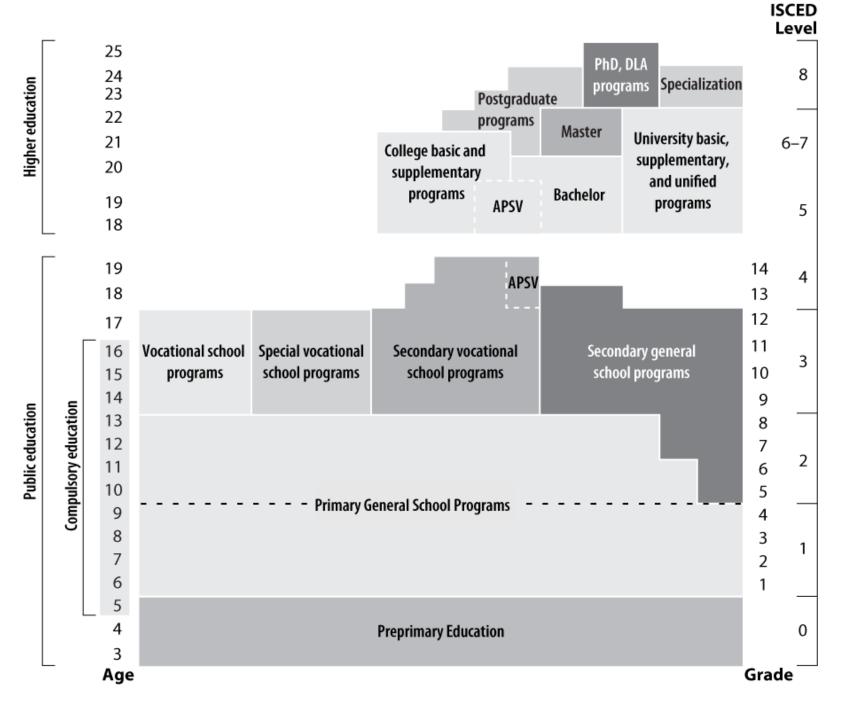


The Act of 2011 on National Public Education

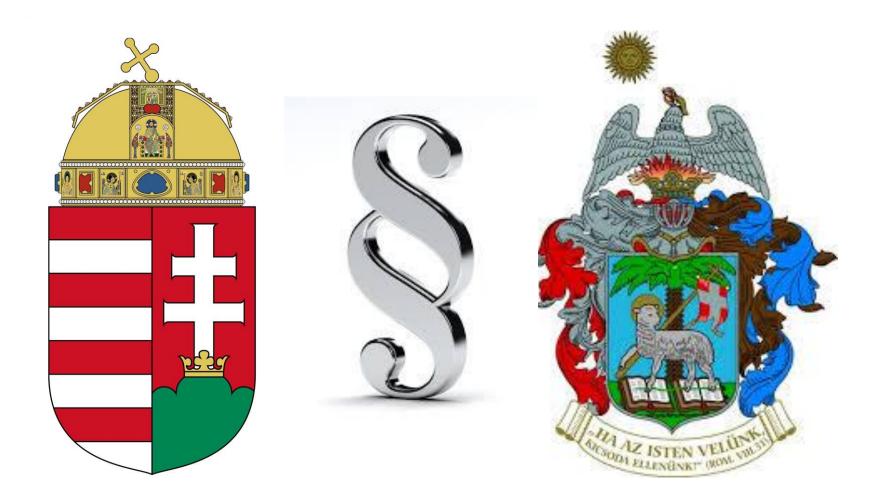
This law, executive decrees and ministerial regulation followed it, basically renewed the system of public education in Hungary.

According to The Act all the children living in Hungary have to take part in education and fulfil obligations, the compulsory education.

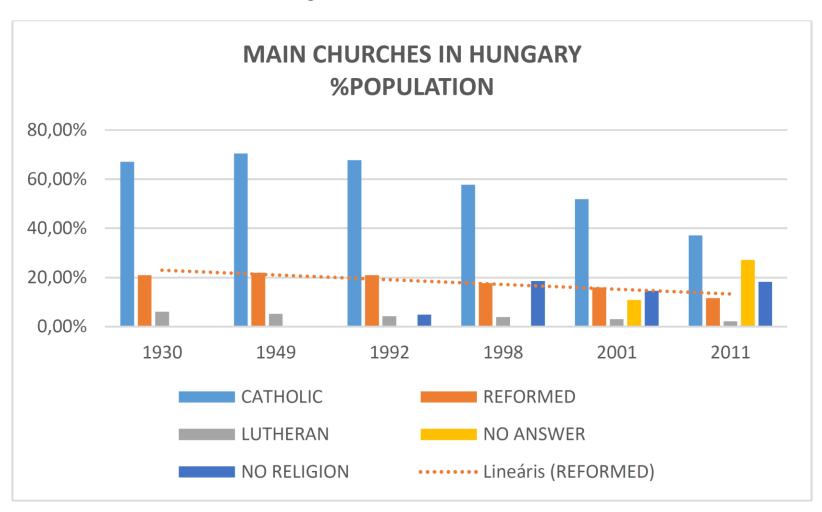




APSV = Accredited post-secondary vocational



#### Social background, REFORMED CHURCH

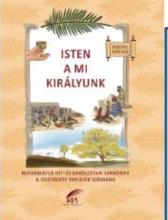










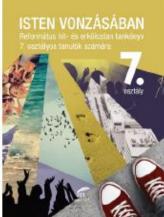


## Teaching tools for teachers and students:

- Printed materials: textbook and workbook for every ages
- Free digital tools: teacher quide, online task collection
- Trainings for teachers







#### Where we teach Christian Education?

- Optional
- 1 classes/week
- CE teacher belongs to local Other private reformed church schools, goverment

nurseries and other CE classes in the local reformed

Public

schools

churches

Reformed Church **Schools** 

(Private schools)

Other Church **Schools** 

- Compulsory subject
- •2 classes/week
- Reformed school employs the CE teachers

Compulsory subject: ethics or CE

CE teacher (pastor) belongs to local reformed church

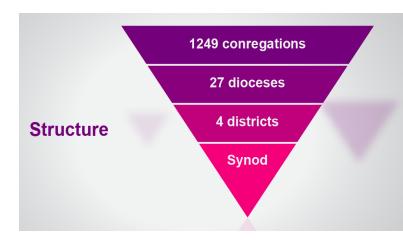
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#### Who can teach Christian Education?

- Reformed pastor
- Reformed primary school CE teacher
- Reformed high school CE teacher
- Special permission for teachers (every subjects)
   who have 60 credits/hours CE teacher trainings

#### Who can employ CE teacher?

- Hungarian Reformed Synod
  - In 1249 congregations (local churches)
  - In 4739 groups in other private schools and church classes
- Reformed private schools
- Students ages: 3-18



# Reformed Hungarian Church

This structure is from the point of view of reformed CE.

**RPI** 

(Reformed Pedagogical Institute)

Educational Office of Hungarian Reformed Church

Kalvin Publishing

Profession and methodology:development CE textbooks, teaching tools, trainings and resourses for teachers and students.

Financial and procedural questions of CE in public schools, private school-

The employer of CE teachers (expects from reformed church school)

Publish and distribute the printed tools for CE.

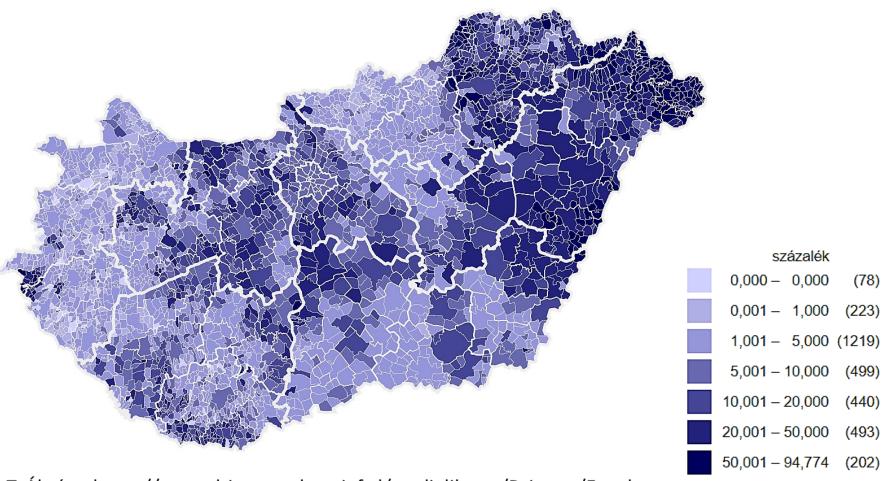
#### **Numbers**

		in reformed church	Students in CE classes in other private schools and other church classes (ages: 3-18)	
Oct. 2017	75.753	37.123	39.205	152.081

	in public schools	reformed church schools	Groups in CE classes in other private schools and other church classes (ages: 3-18)	
Oct. 2017	12.992	2.033	4.739	19.764

Teachers and pastors: about 2000 (we do not have exact number)

#### THE SOCIAL ENVIRONMENT 2011

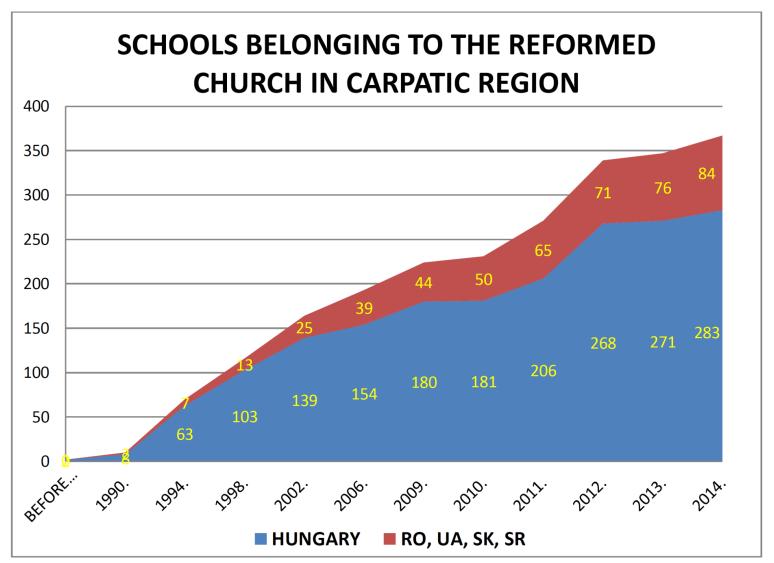


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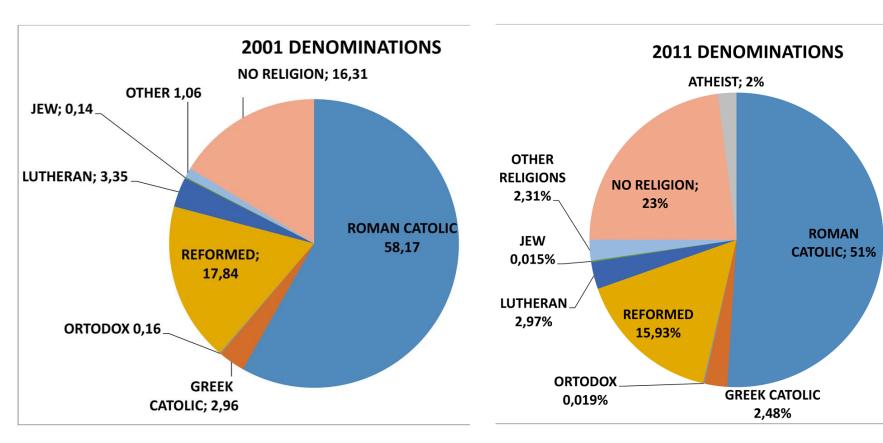
• The religion-social environment in Hungary

(Is the freedom by itself enough to have more religious society?)

- Freedom of (christian) education in Hungary
  - Legal background
  - Infrastructural background
  - Economical background
  - Strategical background
- Measurable results

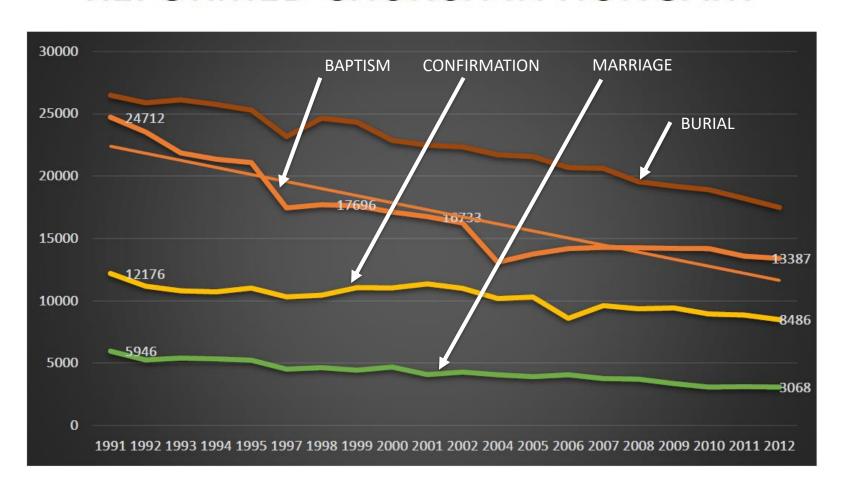


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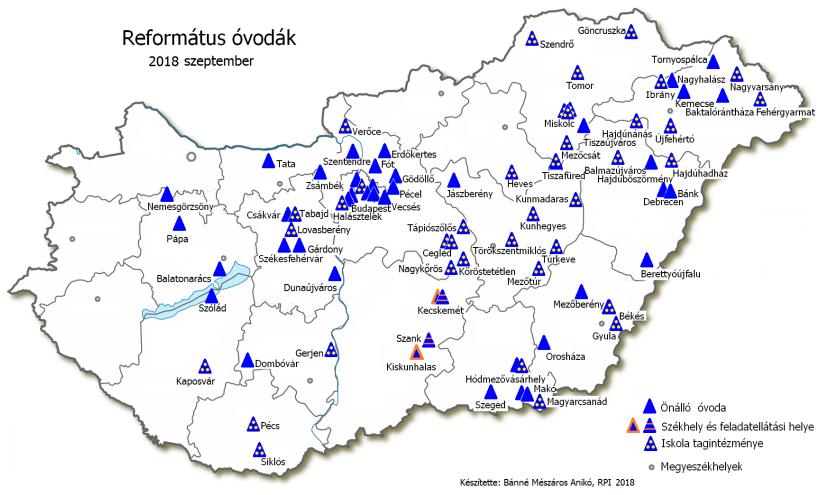


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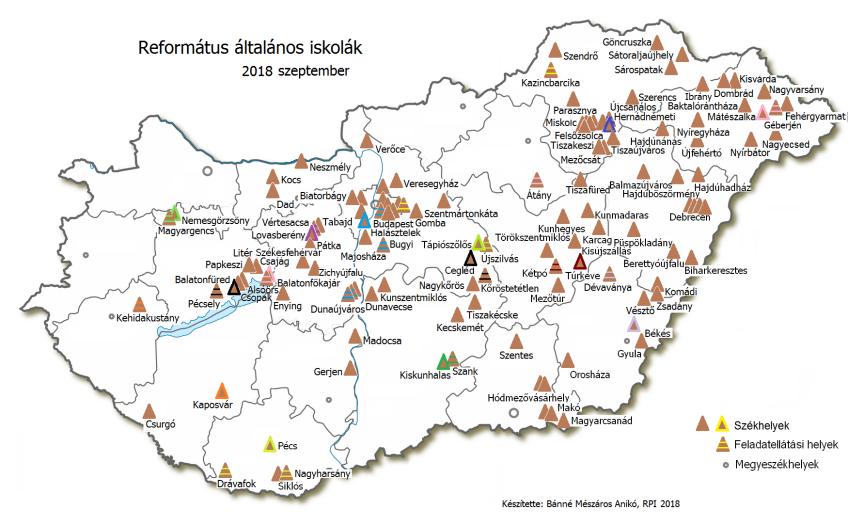
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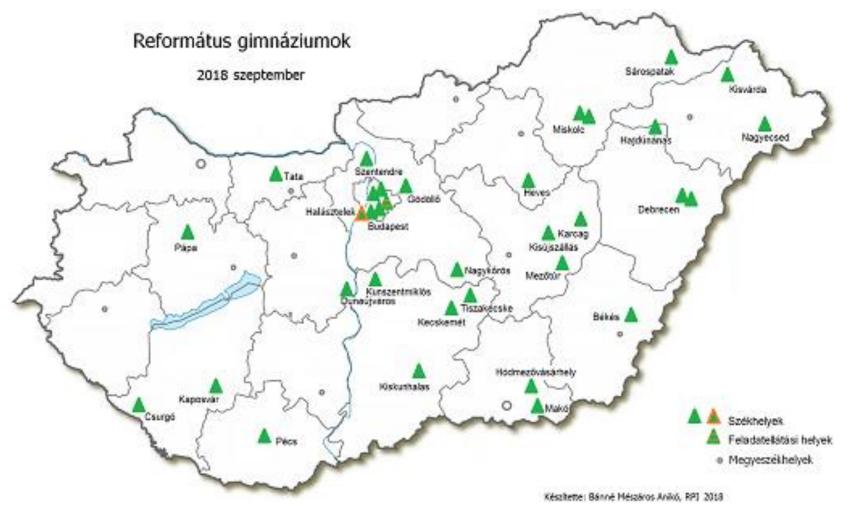
# Cavinistic kindergardens



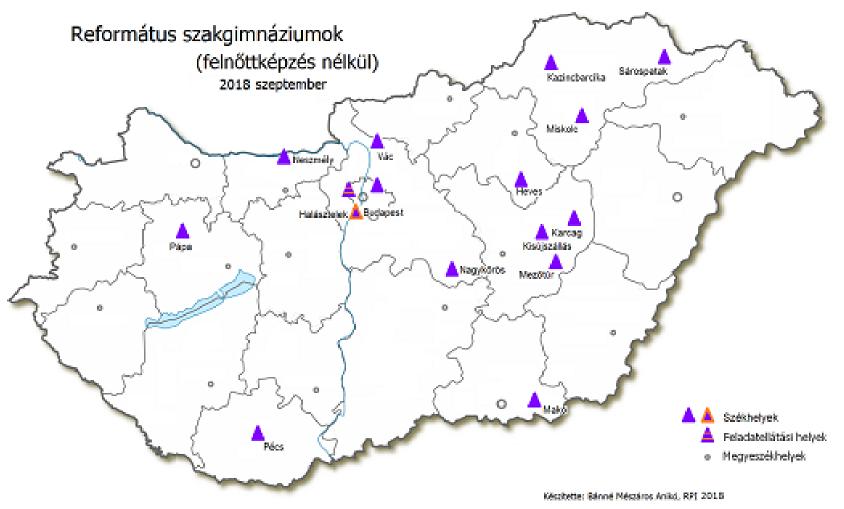
# Calvinistic primary schools



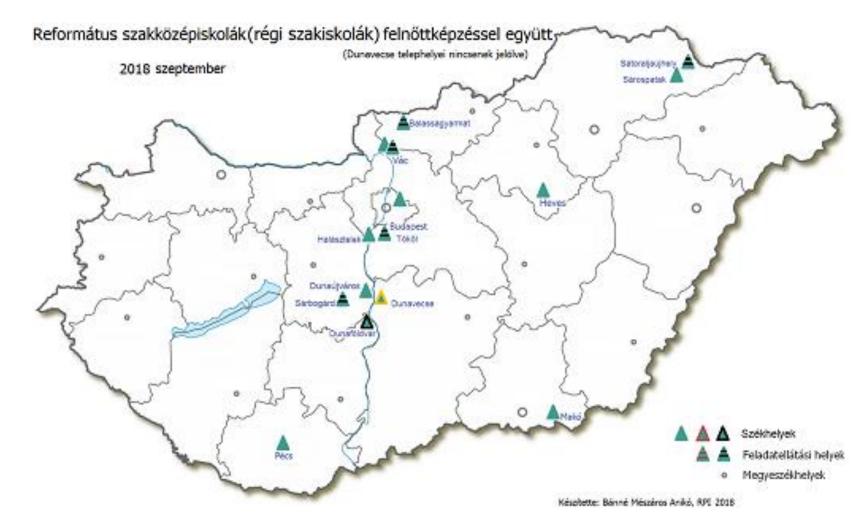
# Calvinstic secondary grammar-schools



# Calvinistic vocational secondary schools



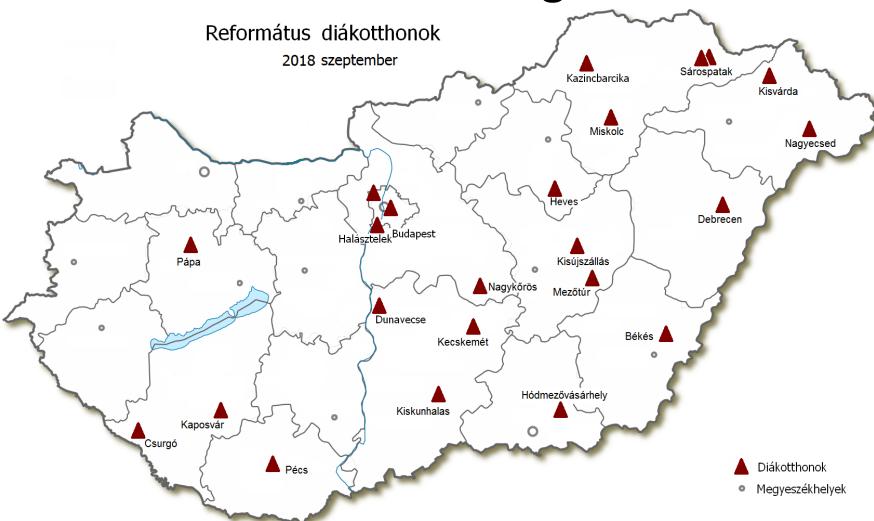
## Calvinistic vocational schools



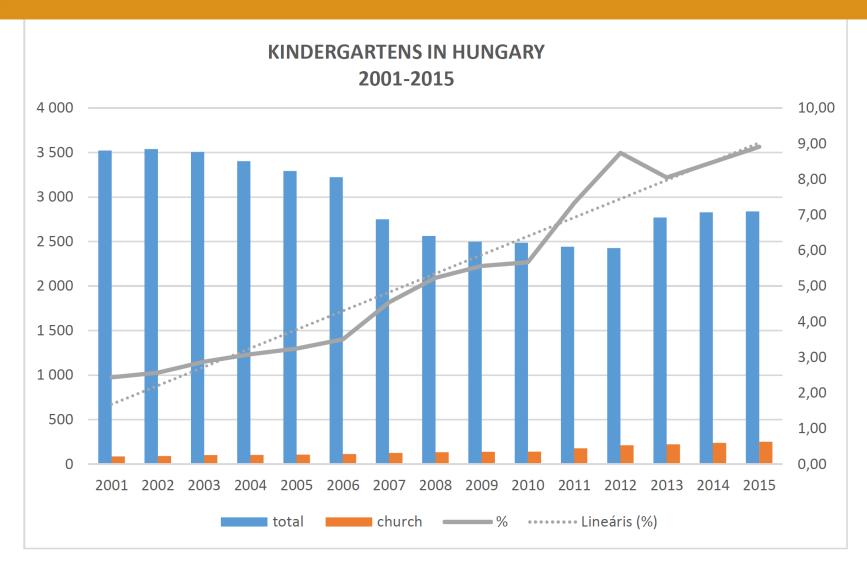
## Calvinistic art-schools



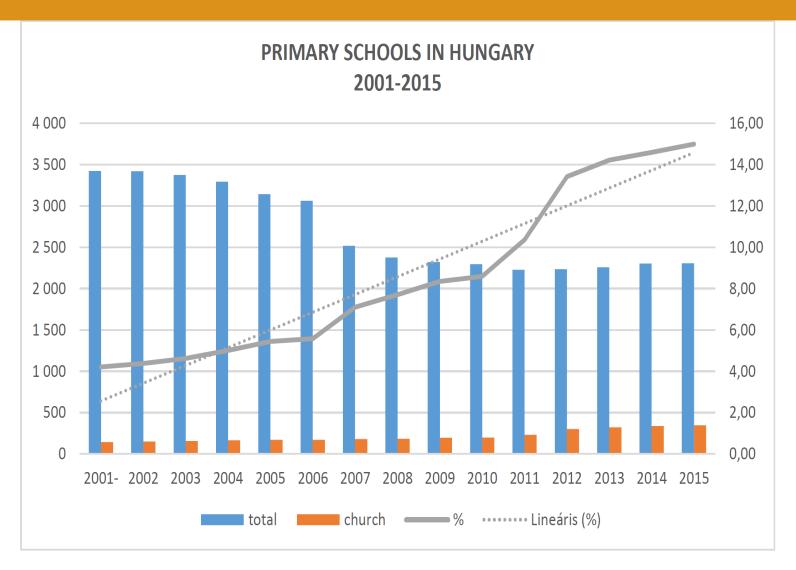
# Calvinistic boarding-schools



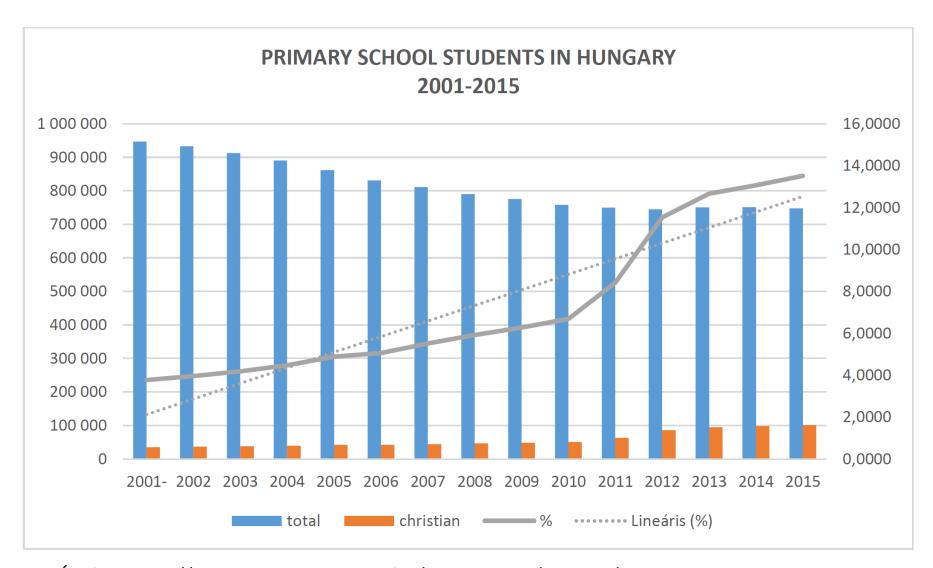
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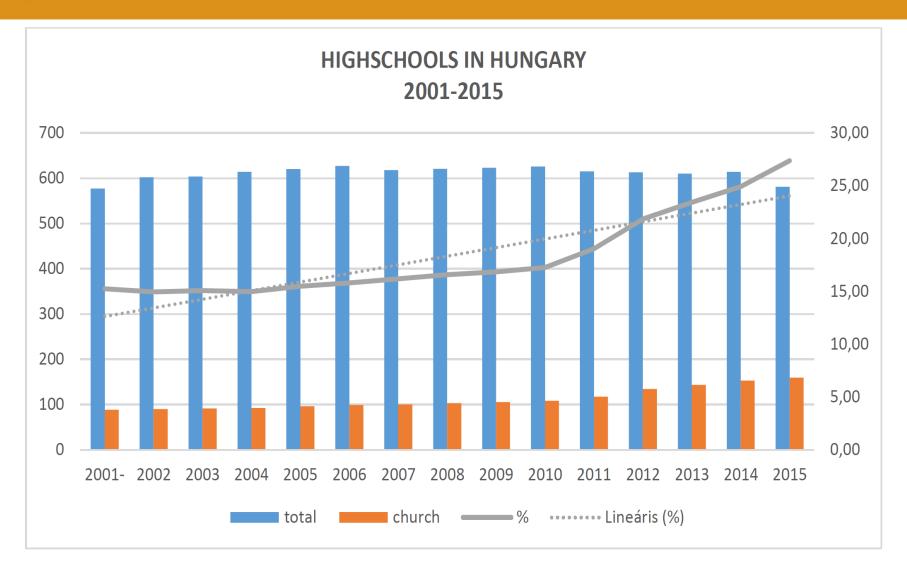
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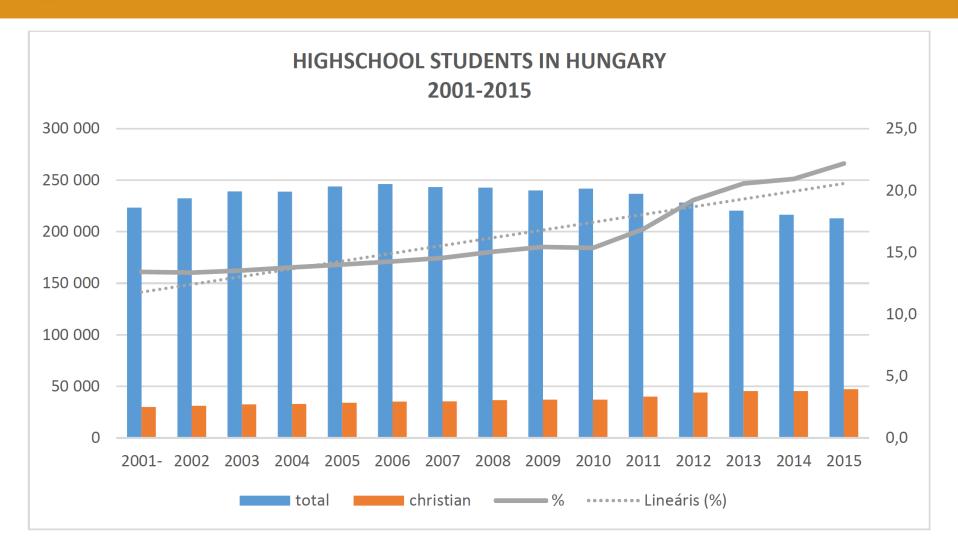
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## 3 BIG PROJECTS



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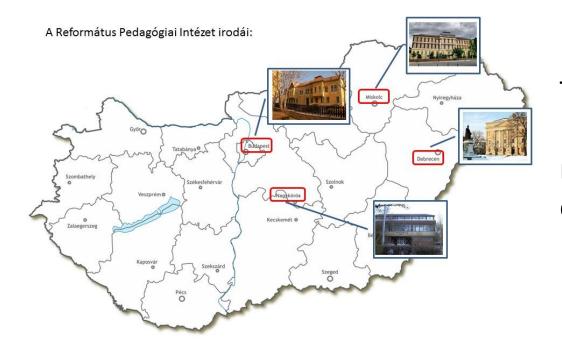






# **RPI** Counselling





The Reformed Pedagogical Institute provides these mentioned functions for calvinistic schools.

# Counselling by pedagogical institute

- ✓ subject-supporting counselling
- ✓ educational management advisory
- ✓ assessment and evaluation
- ✓ teacher informing
- ✓ competition organization
- ✓ in-service teacher training
- ✓ student informing







#### Thank You very much for Your kind attention!





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