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University Doctoral Students Union of Eötvös Loránd University
Report of EDÖK President András Gombás

1 July - 30 September, 2026

Event Calendar

Date	Activity	Participants
2026. 07. 07.	Dokháló Picnic	Dokháló members
2026. 07. 09.	University Doctoral Council (EDT)	EDT members
2026. 07. 10.	EDÖK Strategic Working Group	working group members
2026. 07. 21.	Consultation	Zoltán Kovács, President of EDÖK Supervisory Board
2026. 07. 27.	EDÖK Strategic Working Group	working group members
2026. 07. 30.	BTK DÖK Assembly of Delegates	BTK DÖK KGY members
2026. 08. 04.	Consultation	EHSZÖB student members
2026. 08. 06-09.	11th NIT x MIK Summer University	
2026. 08. 11.	EDÖK Strategic Working Group	working group members
2026. 08. 14.	Consultation	Zoltán Kovács, President of EDÖK Supervisory Board
2026. 08. 19-22.	EDÖK Assembly of Delegates electronic voting	EDÖK KGY members
2026. 08. 28.	TTK DÖK Assembly of Delegates	TTK DÖK KGY members
2026. 08. 28-30.	VIII. DOSZFESZT Summer University	
2026. 08. 31.	Consultation	Levente Szemerédi, Presidential Commissioner for Strategic Affairs
2026. 09. 01.	EDÖK Supervisory Board meeting	EDÖK EB members
2026. 09. 03.	ELTE Welcome Ceremony	
2026. 09. 04.	ELTE Academic Year Opening Ceremonial Senate Meeting	Prime Minister Péter Magyar, State Secretary Sándor Katz, etc.
2026. 09. 11.	Consultation	Elizabet Végh, TáTK DÖK President
2026. 09. 11.	Consultation	Anna Dorottya Nagy, EHÖK President
2026. 09. 14.	Consultation	Dorka Lippai, BTK DÖK President
2026. 09. 16.	Consultation	EDÖK Presidency members

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2026. 09. 18.	ELTE Honorary Doctorate Awarding Ceremonial Senate Meeting	László Krasznahorkai, etc.
2026. 09. 18.	Consultation	Gábor Dragonya, GTK DÖK President
2026. 09. 19.	InSINC Intercultural Training	International Freshmen Camp organizers
2026. 09. 21.	Consultation	Zsófia Bányi, President of EDÖK Supervisory Board
2026. 09. 21.	EHÖK Presidency meeting	EHÖK Presidency members
2026. 09. 22.	University Student Social and Scholarship Committee	EHSZÖB members
2026. 09. 23.	Committee for Educational Organization and Student Affairs	OHÜB members
2026. 09. 24.	University Doctoral Council	EDT members
2026. 09. 24-27.	1st ELTE International Freshmen Camp	
2026. 09. 28.	University Leadership Meeting	University Leaders
2026. 09. 28.	Senate	Senate members
2026. 09. 28.	EHÖK Presidency meeting	EHÖK Presidency members
2026. 09. 29.	Consultation	Zsófia Bányi, President of EDÖK Supervisory Board
2026. 09. 29.	Consultation	Róbert Nagy, ELTE KMRI website editor

Detailed Report

National doctoral student representation

During the summer period, I had the opportunity to participate in numerous events where we engaged in dialogue with youth and advocacy organizations, as well as decision-makers, in both formal and informal settings regarding public issues affecting doctoral students. Although no concrete steps have been taken so far to consolidate the funding of state universities or the value of doctoral scholarships, it can be interpreted as meaningful progress compared to the previous situation that both topics are on the agenda of the competent ministry. Regular consultations are taking place involving the relevant representative bodies and among the competent government agencies. Prime Minister Péter Magyar's participation in the opening ceremonial senate meeting of ELTE's 392nd academic year can be considered a gesture, where he accepted Rector Lénárd Darázs's remarks concerning ELTE's underfunding in his speech, however, no substantive political announcement was made by the head of government.

University-level representation

Cooperative doctoral program

The admission, enrollment, and contracting periods of the cooperative doctoral program starting from the 2026/27 academic year caused numerous acute tasks to be solved for the university's administrative system and implementation mechanism. Despite the difficulties that inevitably occur in such cases, the new training system has successfully begun. With effective advocacy efforts and the support of the university's legal department, we managed to declare to the affected faculties and doctoral schools that the other employment of PhD students participating in the cooperative program cannot be arbitrarily

restricted either. I also represented the students' perspectives in the drafting and finalization of the mandatory contract detailing the study obligations to be signed with the doctoral student participating in the cooperative doctoral program.

Artificial Intelligence use and mandatory AI course

For doctoral students admitted from the 2026/27 academic year, it is mandatory to complete a course on the use of AI before obtaining their pre-degree certificate (absolutorium). However, the rector's directive regarding the use of AI in doctoral training has not yet been finalized, so the exact content of the course cannot be determined for the time being. We submitted comments on the draft of the rector's directive on behalf of the Faculty of Law (ÁJK) DÖK, to which we have not yet received feedback from the university leadership.

EDÖK General Assembly

Due to the stepping down of former EDÖK Supervisory Board President Zoltán Kovács, we had to delegate a new member to the EDÖK Supervisory Board, which we could now do via electronic voting based on the EDÖK Statutes amended in June. The vacant position has been filled by Zsófia Bányi, an IT faculty student, since September 1st, meaning the handover of the SB presidency was successfully completed before the start of the regular autumn election of representatives.

Strategic Working Group

During the summer, under the coordination of Levente Szemerédi, Presidential Commissioner for Strategic Affairs, we successfully launched our workshop activities supporting strategy-based planning, which is undoubtedly essential for adapting to the changing environment and for effective succession training. The newly established Strategic Working Group held several meetings during the summer, and alongside supporting strategic thinking, several workshop-style session plans were developed. These serve both to provide input content for drafting the written strategy and to improve the advocacy awareness of the participants.

Faculty-level representation

BTK DÖK presidential handover

Due to the obtainment of the pre-degree certificate (absolutorium) by former BTK DÖK President Boglárka Fanni Tóth, the Assembly of Delegates of the Faculty of Humanities Doctoral Student Union held an extraordinary presidential election in the summer. Since July 30th, the vacant position has been filled by Dorka Lippai, a member of the BTK DÖK Assembly of Delegates. We actively supported her handover and onboarding from the EDÖK side as well, ensuring she can carry out her work smoothly.

Regular election of representatives

As part of the annual renewal process, and in accordance with the provisions of the Statutes amended in June, we launched the application period for the regular election of representatives on September 21st with greater publicity, preparedness, and transparency than before. The success of our recruitment strategy is demonstrated by the number of candidates, their faculty, disciplinary, and international diversity, and the elaboration of their candidate introduction texts. The tasks related to the conduct of the election are carried out by the Supervisory Board under the leadership of President Zsófia Bányi, with whom we consult regularly about current tasks to ensure the election is conducted as smoothly as possible and without unnecessary delays.

Information

Annual Report

During the summer, I sent a report to all doctoral students regarding EDÖK's activities for the 2025/26 academic year. Based on the doctoral OHV (Student Evaluation of Teaching) questionnaires, it can be concluded that PhD students do not receive sufficient information about the operation and activities of the doctoral student union, and this format might prove suitable for providing this information. I also encouraged the leaders of the faculty student unions to prepare summaries of their faculty DÖK's activities over the past academic year, and I was pleased to see that several took advantage of this opportunity.

For detailed official information, visual social media content was also created and published, which showed significant reach numbers.

Community

1st International Freshmen Camp

With the participation of over 100 students and 40 organizers, ELTE's first freshmen camp for international students was successfully completed. EDÖK also participated in its organization and implementation together with the EHÖK, ISAC, and ESN ELTE student organizations and the InSINC university center. I had an indispensable role in the financial processes and registration of the event, primarily based on my experience as a main organizer of specific, more cost-effective freshmen camps, gained previously as TTK HÖK president, compared to the joint EHÖK-organized camps. Levente Szemerédi, Presidential Commissioner for Strategic Affairs, and Emmanuel Owusu-Acheampong, Presidential Commissioner for International Integration, also participated in the organizing work on behalf of EDÖK. Although a negligible number of international PhD students attended the camp, the joint work with co-organizing bodies can serve as an engine for further collaborations, so we can trust that our involvement and invested working hours will indirectly benefit EDÖK members in the future. We currently do not know the reasons for the low doctoral student participation; summarizing the experiences and formulating an integration strategy for the future is ongoing.

Thank you for reading my report. Please feel free to contact me with any questions or remarks you may have!

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