

1-30 April, 2026

1. EVENT CALENDAR

Date	Activity	People
02/04/2026	Consultation	Péter Vámosi, DOSZ President
08/04/2026	EHÖK Presidency Meeting	Members of the EHÖK Presidency
09/04/2026	Consultation	Réka Judit Boros (EHÖK), Emmanuel Owusu-Acheampong, Rita Albittar, and Hiba Zerouali (ISAC)
10/04/2026	Scientific Council	Members of the Scientific Council
13/04/2026	University Leadership Meeting	University Leaders
13/04/2026	Senate	Senate Representatives
13/04/2026	Consultation	Lili Karácsony, ÁJK DÖK President
14/04/2026	Consultation	Dr. Marianna Nagy, EDT Vice-Chair
16/04/2026	EDÖK General Assembly	Members of the EDÖK General Assembly
17/04/2026	EHÖK Scientific Committee	Members of the EHÖK Scientific Committee
23/04/2026	University Doctoral Council	Members of the EDT
24/04/2026	University Student Social and Scholarship Committee	Members of the EHSZÖB
29/04/2026	Quality Development Committee	Members of the MFB

2. DETAILED REPORT

2.1. University Leadership Meeting

Rector Lénárd Darázs reported on his visit to China, which may lead to the launch of AI-based and educational methodology collaborations with Chinese universities, and potentially even a joint double-degree program in the future. Chancellor Gyula Scheuer provided a briefing on the risk elements of the budget.

2.2. Senate

The main topic of the third meeting of the year was the adoption of the university budget. While it still shows significant underfunding from the maintainer's side, it provides slightly more financial room for maneuver compared to previous years, primarily through an increasing number and amount of "earmarked" subsidies arriving on top of normative funding. It was noted that this nature of the budget is not sustainable in the long term, and the distribution of subsidies for different purposes between internal units complicates transparency and may provoke tension. The university leadership expressed optimism that the new government structure might reshape the higher education financing system in a way that is more favorable for ELTE. I believe the student-centered realization of this goal can be supported by the further active involvement of the Students Union in decision-making processes.

I further note that the potential restructuring of the foundation-based university maintenance system may once again bring the question of model change, change of maintainer, or the choice between state-budgetary or extra-budgetary operation to the agenda for ELTE, though I currently have no specific information on this.

2.3. University Doctoral Council (EDT)

The heaviest workload of the month was the active participation in the ad-hoc committee formed to perform regulatory tasks related to the launch of the cooperative doctoral program. Previously, I formulated several questions, observations, and proposals regarding the draft regulations. In line with the commitment made in my last report, I involved the General Assembly as the supreme decision-making body in the process of review and position-forming, so that they might authorize me to exercise the Union's right of consent and establish a clear set of criteria for our position. As of my information, the cooperative doctoral program will be available for those international students too, who are EU citizens.

At its April meeting, the EDT discussed the draft amendment to the University Doctoral Regulations necessary for the cooperative program; our proposals were part of the submission. Before the meeting, we consulted with Professor Marianna Nagy regarding our proposals. Lili Karácsony, President of ÁJK DÖK, assisted in facilitating this consultation, acting as a mediator between the parties, ensuring the discussion was smooth and constructive.

Undoubtedly, the most defining issue was the proposal to pass on the normative reimbursement pursuant to Section 6/B of Government Decree 389/2016 (X. 2.). Following the consultation and the EDÖK General Assembly's resolution, the proposal that would have allowed for the partial or full passing on of the normative reimbursement was removed from the submission brought before the EDT. I consider this a significant achievement for the Union's advocacy capacity; however, if the legislative environment remains unchanged, the issue of reimbursement may logically resurface in the future for both traditional and cooperative doctoral students. Regarding sectoral management, I

consider it justified to represent the review of the decree itself (which creates the repayment obligation for the university) in the medium term, preferably in agreement with DOSZ and the National Doctoral Council. To create an effective and fair system, which may include financial sanctions, I believe a dialogue between doctoral representation, university leadership, and the maintainer, as well as the full resolution of the financial instability associated with doctoral studies, is essential.

2.4. EDÖK General Assembly

The ordinary General Assembly, previously planned for the end of March, was held in April. It unanimously approved my previous reports (with my abstention), which now results in official resolutions. Furthermore, a decision was made regarding the regulatory amendment proposals related to cooperative doctoral training, based on which I received a mandate to exercise my right of consent regarding the material brought before the Senate and to record our position. The General Assembly also adopted our first-quarter report on internationalization, presented by Emmanuel, as well as a memorandum of understanding regarding the integration of ISAC to EHÖK. We also modified the work plan of the General Assembly, rescheduling the next meeting to late May. We accepted the conceptual foundations of a two-package charter amendment process and decided to increase the amount of the EDÖK presidential scholarship. The increase was supported by the President of EHÖK, who is a permanent guest of the meeting, but it was passed by secret ballot with a significant number of abstentions. In the absence of floor speeches, I do not know the reasons behind the abstentions; however, from the perspective of transparent and accountable operation, I see the next step as the creation of an anonymous feedback system to channel observations and criticisms without the burden of personal conflicts or potential retaliation.

2.5. EHÖK Presidency

Following the spring break, at the invitation of EHÖK President Anna Dorottya Nagy, I attended the EHÖK Presidency meeting. I provided information on the opportunities offered by cooperative doctoral training and the issues surrounding the regulatory amendments to highlight the student-relevant aspects of the materials before the Senate. I also detailed the amounts and legal basis of scholarships for Union officials and presented our practice introduced over the past semester of publishing monthly reports to ensure transparency and accountability.

In my experience, there is currently an exemplary active, effective, and mutually respectful cooperation between EHÖK and EDÖK at the university level. However, we must focus on resolving the palpable personal and organizational frustrations between the faculty-level HÖK and DÖK sub-units. Close, constructive cooperation that strengthens rather than weakens each organization can result in effective representation for students and doctoral candidates alike, whereas the persistence of conflicts may weaken advocacy.

2.6. Strategy-Based Operation

In the transforming government structure, I consider it paramount to develop strategy-based operations to maintain and strengthen the Union's active and well-founded position for proposals and negotiations. This involves defining our short- and long-term goals, our external communication strategy, and the internal operational mechanisms to ensure clear and constructive communication toward doctoral students, university leadership, and the maintainer, while keeping our position bottom-up and transparent.

In contrast to ill-founded or radical manifestations driven by sudden ideas, I believe strategy-based operation provides a safety net that protects us from unwanted consequences while allowing us to consistently and effectively represent the interests of doctoral students amidst changing circumstances. To this end, we will focus heavily on strategy development in the coming period, with details first being discussed within the Board of Presidents.

2.7. Internationalization

Together with Emmanuel Owusu-Acheampong, Presidential Commissioner for International Integration, we reported to the General Assembly on the status of the internationalization process in the first quarter and our future plans. We continued detailed consultations with EHÖK and ISAC regarding the integration of ISAC into student representation, which I believe is a forward-looking initiative even at the national level. A tripartite declaration of intent was prepared and adopted; the drafting of the ISAC statutes is currently in progress. Work slowed slightly during this period due to the organization of the Cultural Connection Day (CCD), which was again a great success, but the process remains a priority.

In addition to CCD, Emmanuel and I represented the Union at other programs for international students, including a presentation on EDÖK to American guests and a session on grant opportunities for international doctoral students studying here. Furthermore, the organization of a "Raise Your Voice" student forum and an international freshmen camp is underway, where we are collaborating as partners in InSINC coordination.

2.8. Internal Communication

To optimize internal correspondence, I have revived three previously existing but forgotten mailing lists:

- edok@edok.elte.hu: A public list for sharing information of public interest, of which all EDÖK and faculty DÖK representatives are currently members (adding delegates is in progress).
- kgy@edok.elte.hu: For voting members of the EDÖK General Assembly.
- elnok_edok@listbox.elte.hu: For members of the EDÖK Board of Presidents.



Thank you for reading my report; please feel free to contact me with any questions or observations you may have!

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