

# LUDOVIKA *festival*



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LUDOVIKA

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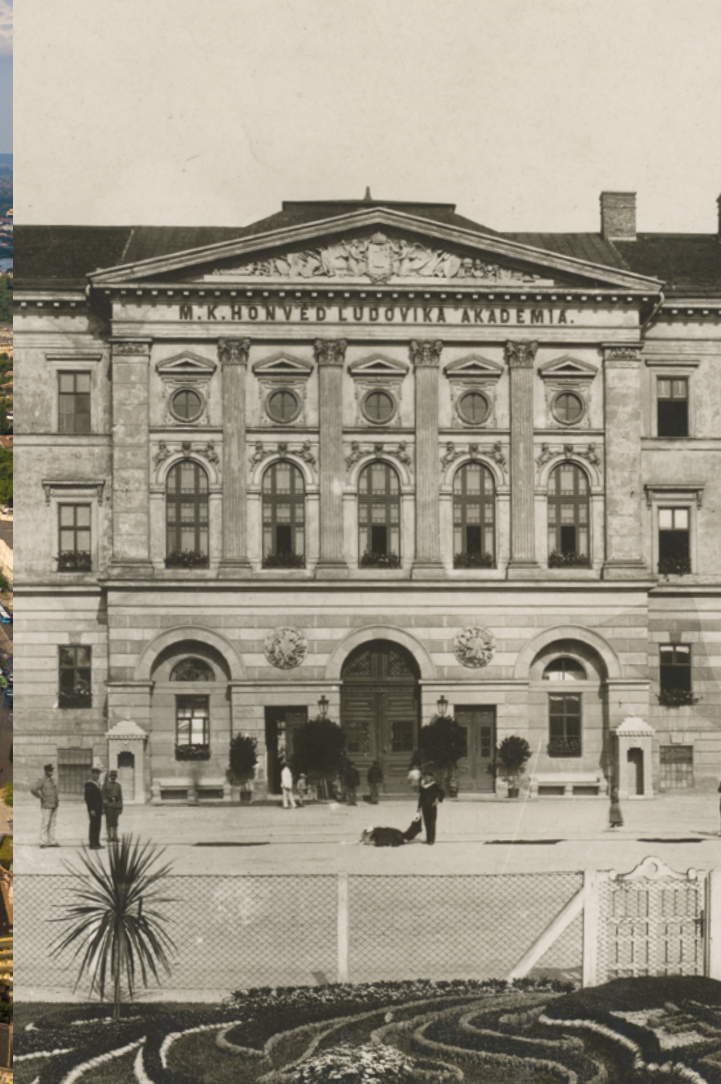




## UNIVERSITY OF PUBLIC SERVICE

### “Pro Patria”

The University of Public Service (Ludovika-UPS) is one of Hungary’s youngest and most modern higher education institutions. Still, its predecessor institutions have a long history. Accordingly to its motto, “Pro Patria”, it provides an outstanding and unique education in the fields of public administration, law enforcement, military science, national security, international and European public service. Having a history of over half a century, the water management training in our Baja campus is one of the most essential supply bases for the Hungarian water sector.



### Historical background

One of the oldest and most illustrious legal predecessors of the University of Public Service was the Ludovika Royal Military Academy, the first Hungarian military officer training institution, founded in 1808. However, it was not until 1872 that the military academy actually became operational, which was made possible by the Austro-Hungarian Compromise of 1867. The institution not only aimed to create Hungarian military literature in the Austro-Hungarian Empire but also served as a military training school for the training of junior and senior officers. Traditionally, until 1943, newly graduated students were commissioned as officers during a ceremony in the Orczy Park, but this tradition had to be broken in 1944 due to the vicissitudes of the Second World War.



Similarly to the former Ludovika Academy, the University of Public Service is committed to tradition and remembrance. The names of all the cadets and officers of Ludovika who fell in battle are inscribed in the Hall of Heroes. The names of the university student halls, units and the Ludovika Historical Exhibition also pay tribute to the distinguished predecessors. One of the most important manifestations of preserving traditions is the 100-day Celebration, an essential milestone in completing military training, the last step 100 days before the swearing-in of new military officers.





## LUDOVIKA FESTIVAL

### Diverse science and culture

The Ludovika Festival, a series of university events, is a tradition-rich festival of the 100-day Celebration. It aims to give an insight into the life of the professionals, bringing their world and everyday life closer to the broader public through family, children's and sports activities. The first festival was organised more than ten years ago in Orczy Park, but was completely renewed in 2022. Keeping the festival's traditions and core programs, it grew into a three-day event with concerts and lectures of the Ludovika Free University. The family day feature sports demonstrations, combat vehicles, the Hungarian Military Forces, several law enforcement agencies and related interactive displays, and children can test their skills on the obstacle courses.





## LUDOVIKA FREE UNIVERSITY

### Topical issues in plain language from inter/national experts

The festival also features a series of unconventional lectures. Besides the topics representing the portfolio of the University of Public Service, current social issues and exciting public questions are discussed by leading thinkers, experts, well-known public figures and Olympic athletes.



In 2022, nearly 50 national and international experts spoke about current issues affecting our country and the world; among others, **Judit Varga**, minister of justice; **Michael Anton**, a senior federal security official in the Trump administration; **Susanne Keppler-Schlesinger**, deputy director of the Diplomatic Academy in Vienna, **Balázs Mártonffy**, director of the Institute for American Studies; **Csaba Krasznay**, associate professor, head of the Cybersecurity Research Institute, founder of the cybersecurity startup incubator, called OXO Cybersecurity Lab and **András Szöllősi-Nagy**, professor and former chair of the UNESCO International Hydrology Programme. The event covered scientific topics of public interest, such as artificial intelligence, space and climate change; the economic impact of the coronavirus epidemic and the wars; and the water crisis in Hungary and the world. The visitors were also shown the future military equipment and could get an insight into the world of forensics.





## LUDOVIKA FESTIVAL IN 2023

May 11<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup>, 2023 the festival doors will open again on the Ludovika Campus, with a wide range of activities, professional presentations, concerts, lectures and discussions by the Ludovika Free University. The three-day event follows the traditions: in addition to music, dance and the presentations of the military and law enforcement professionals, we will again welcome the visitors on the Ludovika Free University with interesting performances and discussions on May 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>. We are devoted to set up a program that builds on the university's researches, the knowledge material available in the training courses, as well as on important topics of public life, for which we would like to invite the leading Hungarian and international actors of our time.



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