

Mission Statement of the National Archives of Hungary

As part of the country's democratic institutional system and as a guardian of the national cultural heritage, the National Archives of Hungary aspires to be a modern public archives institution of the 21st century.

Our goal is to ensure that our collection reflects and documents the written heritage of the nation, and that through our archival materials, we contribute to shaping the identity of the nation, of both larger and smaller local communities, and, not least, of individuals. We must help sustain democracy and promote the transparency of state operations. We aim to serve as a point of reference for citizens in understanding their role in society and to help them comprehend how their settlement, environment, and community have developed and evolved.

We seek to become a relevant and indispensable memory institution of the information society. To achieve this, we must be capable of receiving, preserving long-term, and providing access to electronic records. Through a high-standard information technology system, we must connect with the services of central public administration. By mass digitization and online accessibility of our traditional archival holdings, we aim to integrate into the offerings of domestic and European content providers.

We strive to provide rapid and effective access to documents recording decisions made in the course of public duties. Through the authentic and reliable management of archival records, we guarantee the integrity of the state's democratic institutional system. By organizing archival materials, developing finding aids and databases, and through mass digitization, we expand the framework for scientific and personal research. Our programs aim to inspire interest in understanding our shared history and the experiences of our predecessors.

We wish to be active participants in professional training and public life, to utilize the achievements of the international archival community, and to contribute to the enrichment of collective knowledge.

Our key tasks include:

1. The development of our collection and the expansion of archival holdings through the lawful transfer of records, as well as through systematic acquisition (purchase, donation, deposit), thereby enhancing the expressive power of archival materials.
2. The management of electronically created and digitized documents, and the establishment of a national competence center.

3. Ensuring access to archival materials for the widest possible range of domestic and international researchers and the general public.
4. The development of public relations and services, and the creation of an open, attractive, and cooperative institutional image.