

Bio

István Hegedűs (1957) is the chairman of the Hungarian Europe Society, a Budapest-based NGO. Since the turn of the century, HES has organised numerous conferences and workshops on current international affairs, focusing especially on European Union issues.

Hegedűs has become politically active at the very beginning of the Hungarian regime-change. In 1989 he participated at the national roundtable negotiations on the transition to democracy as a delegate of the opposition groups. He was a permanent member of the media committee during the talks. He became a liberal member of the first free elected Hungarian Parliament in 1990 and also served as the vice-chairman of the Foreign Affairs Committee.

Following this period, Hegedűs worked as a free-lanced scholar and lecturer in several higher education institutions. Amongst others, he had courses on Hungarian and European politics for students participating at the Education Abroad Program of the University of California located at the Eötvös Loránd University of Sciences in Budapest.

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