

## **ALMOST 20 THOUSAND PEOPLE VISITED THE INTERACTIVE DISPLAY OF PAKS II. AT THE SUMMER FESTIVALS**

**Some 18 thousand visited this year's mobile exhibition of Paks II. during eight summer festivals. A survey was conducted among the youth, which shows that more than 80% thinks nuclear energy is cheap and climate friendly.**

The visitors – about 50% more compared to the previous festival round trip – could gain information about the peaceful use of nuclear energy, the currently operating 4 power plant units of the Paks NPP and the establishment of the 2 new Paks NPP units via interactive displays. About 18 thousand people visited the mobile exhibition on 8 festivals, and they learnt about the importance, social and economic role of the Paks II. project – told dr. György Mészáros, Chairman of the Board at his press conference in Paks on 5 September. They could also gain knowledge about the 3+ gen. VVER-1200 power plant unit among other things via short films, and they could take a virtual tour in a nuclear power plant, which is similar to the one designed for Paks. The visitors were informed in great details about the management of the radioactive waste, and the most modern nuclear safety solutions which will be used in Paks II.'s case.

The guests could fill a questionnaire after viewing the display. Beside the high number of visitors, another important feedback is that more than 80% of the responders think nuclear energy is cheap and climate friendly, while 90% answered that new information was gained at the interactive display.

The information truck started its country round trip back in 2009, and since then it visited every settlement with the population over 5000 in Hungary, and had more than 270 thousand guests – added István Mittler, Communications Director of the project company. The vehicle already visited popular domestic events, cultural and family festivals before. This year the renewed truck introduced itself at the VOLT festival in Sopron, where it hosted more than 3 thousand visitors. Following this in July that truck visited Balaton Sound in Zamárdi, EFOTT in Velence, the Campus festival in Debrecen and East Fest in Mezőtúr. In August the interested could meet the mobile display at Island of Freedom and at the Debrecen Flower Carnival, while the last station of the summer was SZIN.

Following the summer festival season during autumn the vehicle is going to visit the regions of the national radioactive waste management: Püspökszilágy and its adjacent settlements in Pest county, Western Mecsek, and Bátapáti and its surroundings in Tolna county. The mobile exhibit will start a tour in Northern Hungary in autumn, which will affect Nógrád, Heves and Borsod-Abaúj-Zemplén counties.

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