

**To the attention of Matjaž GRUDEN**

Dear Mr Gruden,

In response to the alert with regard to Hungary that has been submitted to the Platform for the Promotion of the Protection of Journalism and Safety of Journalist concerning the Media Council's refusal to renew broadcasting licences of two radio stations, I would like to convey the following information received from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade of Hungary:

“According to the Hungarian law, the NMHH is an autonomous regulatory body responsible for radio frequencies in the country. Companies has rights to apply or to extend their contracts on open tenders for frequencies.

The Sláger FM severely violated the media law on several occasions according to NMHH, mostly by airing inappropriate content for minors. Also, they did not comply many times with the law required date requests, and had an outstanding debt when they filed for renewal. Due to this fact, their application has been rejected.”

Yours sincerely,

Agnes Kertész  
Ambassador