

Taxing the richest in the EU

FOR A JUST, SOCIAL AND GREEN TRANSITION IN HUNGARY

Wednesday, **29 May 2024, 17:30 – 19:30**

Beer&More Campus

Vitéz utca 24, 6722 Szeged

DESCRIPTION AND BACKGROUND

In Hungary, wealth disparities have widened over the past decade, with the incredible growth of oligarchs linked to the Orban government, while the continued decline of the vulnerable is also present. Government policy is characterised by a redistribution of resources in favour of the wealthy. These policies undermine health systems, public services, environmental protection and the fight against poverty.

Therefore, the Foundation of European Progressive Studies (FEPS) collaborates with the Institute for Social Democracy (Szociális) to boost the “Tax the Rich” European Citizens’ Initiative (ECI) in the Hungarian context to raise public awareness and help collect signatures in Hungary.

“Tax the Rich” aims to tax great wealth to finance the ecological and social transition. If 1 million signatures from citizens across the EU are collected, the European Commission will have to propose legislation on the issue.

This event will be held in Hungarian.

PROGRAMME

17:30 – 18:00

INTRODUCTORY REMARKS

Gabor HARANGOZO, Director, Institute for Social Democracy

18:00 – 19:00

KEYNOTE SPEECH

Gabor HARANGOZO, Director, Institute for Social Democracy

19:00 – 19:30

PANEL DISCUSSION

- **Zoltán LAKNER**, Political Analyst and Editor-in-chief of *Jelen* weekly
- **Ferenc BÜTTL**, Economist and CEO of the Metropolitan Foundation for Social Policy
- **Lola GIAY**, Student Activist

Chair: **Gabor HARANGOZO**, Director, Institute for Social Democracy