

**European Green Party
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Adopted resolution

Laws must also be respected by the Ministry of Defense

In a resolution drawn during its Council Meeting held in Helsinki on May 5-6, 2005, the European Green Party condemned the building of a military surveillance tower on illegally occupied private forestlands on Kánya Hill in the Zemplén highlands of Hungary.

Every European citizen is indirectly impacted when the government of a young democracy fails to uphold the rule of law. When such a government appears to so openly serve the interests of the international military lobby, it challenges every European citizen's interest in the maintenance of constitutional government and the rule of law.

On a level of European importance, the exploitation of Kánya Hill for military purposes illustrates a peoples rights to a healthy environment and regional self-determination . It follows that the EGP feels a special obligation to do everything in its power to resolve this issue through democratic and constitutional means.

Considering the above, we call on the Hungarian government to:

1. Disclose the true purpose of the tower to the public, whilst respecting all classified NATO confidentiality agreements
2. Disclose publicly, any information that can not be classified as confidential for the national interest.
3. Pursue all zoning and construction procedures according to civil, rather than military, regulations.
4. (a) Initiate all the necessary investigations to identify and assign liability for all illegal actions, any damage incurred, and anticipated damage caused by public bodies and the institution responsible for the construction. (b) Decide the fate of the tower, including future dismantling and restoring the land to its original condition. If the tower is to be maintained, steps must be taken to make compensation for any environmental damage and the prevention of further damage. Particular attention should be paid to the fact that the tower site is in the buffer zone of the NATURA 2000 Zemplén Regional Landscape Protection Area.
5. Ensure adequate compensation for local communities and support for regional development plans that protect natural, architectural, and cultural heritage of the area and that contributes to the prosperity of the local population