The National University of Public Service (NUPS) was established in January 1st 2012. The new university has three predecessors – the Zrínyi Miklós National Defense University, the Police College and the Faculty of Public Administration of Corvinus University of Budapest.

Being a part of the Hungarian higher education the objective of the National University of Public Service (NUPS) is threefold:

- to train professionals carrying out administrative, defense and law enforcement activities
- to provide officer supply for the Hungarian public administration, defense and law enforcement organs
- to create an opportunity for interoperability among various public service career paths.

The two-year-old University plays a key role in the education of the Hungarian public service. The military officer training, the law enforcement officer (police, correction officer, customs officer, etc.) training and various types of public administration training are conducted in this university. The University has roughly 8,000 students and 600 instructors and runs a budget of a magnitude of about 17 million Euros. In terms of research capacity the university offers three doctoral programs having an ambitious plan to set up a further one in the near future.

The National University of Public Service - governed by the Minister of Public Administration and Justice, the Minister of Defense and the Minister of the Interior - started its operation as the key educational institute and think-tank of the Hungarian public service in January 1st 2012. In spite of being the youngest higher educational institution in Hungary through its predecessors – the Zrínyi Miklós National Defense University, the Police College and the Faculty of Public Administration of Corvinus University of Budapest – it claims remarkable achievements in public service training.

The goal behind the integration of the legal predecessors was to set up an institution that strengthens national commitment and professionalism within the Hungarian public service based on harmonized and planned staffing and on a common institutional base. This effort requires the collaboration of civil public administration, military, law enforcement and home security. Moreover, effective operation and the support of mobility among public sector career paths are also key objectives.

The establishment of the University creates a new way and many new chances to a more integrated structure of education in the field of undergraduate (bachelor) and graduate (master, PhD) levels as well as special education programs, further training and re-training. Harmonization also serves mobility and transparency of the diverging career paths including military and police officers and civil servants. The University is operating in close cooperation with the Hungarian government guaranteeing quality supply for central and local administration based on changing government and state needs.
Structure of the University

NUPS' educational structure consists of three faculties and four centralized institutes. The three faculties are:

- Faculty of Military Sciences and Officer Training (FMSOT)
- Faculty of Public Administration (FPA)
- Faculty of Law Enforcement (FLE)

The four centralized institutes are the following:

- Institute of National Security (INS)
- Institute for International Studies (IIS)
- Institute of Disaster Management (IDM)
- Institute of Management Development and Lifelong Learning (IMDLL).

Fig. 1: The educational structure of National University of Public Service
THE FACULTY OF MILITARY SCIENCES AND OFFICER TRAINING

The Faculty of Military Sciences and Officer Training of the National University of Public Service was established on the basis of the Faculty of Military Sciences of the Zrínyi Miklós National Defense University on January 1st, 2012. The Hungarian officer training with a history of nearly 200 years continues within these frameworks.

The Faculty main Campus is located near the downtown of Budapest (Hungária krt. 9-11.), commanding spectacular views from many of the classrooms, seminar rooms, special language labs, a library with more than 500 thousand books, sport facilities, restaurants and a buffets are all at the disposal of the Faculty’s cadets and students. The department of Air Force of the Faculty is located in Szolnok, which is a medium-size city, with a helicopter base and air force support facilities 110 km south of Budapest.

The structure of the Faculty

With over 2,000 students and close to 300 instructors, the Faculty of Military Sciences and Officer Training carries out the training of cadets, officers and experts of security sector with retaining its more than two hundred-year-old higher education tradition, complying with the challenges of the 21st century, and at the same time fulfilling the needs of the government and the Ministry of Defense. The aim is to provide personnel that are able to facilitate the functional state in peace, crisis and wartime.

Beyond conveying up-to-date knowledge, the Faculty put emphasis on deepening the cadets’ commitment to their country and the respect of the national and military traditions.

Under the umbrella of FMSOT 3 institutes provide the quality of education and training as follows:
- Institute of Military Training
- Institute of Military Logistics
- Institute of Maintenance

The Faculty has 4 centers that play very important role in the training and support of education:
- Language and Language Exam Center
- Career Evaluation and Examination Center
- Military Physical Training Center
- Military Post-graduation and Retraining Center
fig. 2: The structure of the Faculty of Military Science and Officer Training