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Miklós Szócska; Dr. former Minister of State for Health at the Ministry of National Resources of the Republic of Hungary. Miklós graduated at Semmelweis University of Medicine in 1989. His interest in the management of health services organisations emerged in the late ‘80s when he was a student president elected from the opposition. After graduation, he and his colleagues initiated the creation of the Health Services Management Training Centre. Since then Dr. Szócska has leading responsibilities in the development of the Centre as an institution and the development and implementation of its training programmes.

Between 1995, the official creation of the Centre and June 2000, he was responsible for the every day operations as deputy director. In June 2000 he has been appointed as acting director of the Centre, of which he became the director in October 2009. Next year, in 2010 he has been appointed as dean of the Faculty of Health and Public Administration of the Semmelweis University in Budapest. He also had critical role in establishing the Centre’s international relationships and recognition. At present, the Centre also serves as the Partner Institute of the World Bank Institute for its Flagship programme on health reform and sustainable financing. He serves on the boards of the European Health Management Association and the European Health Property Network. The Centre is the Hungarian representative in the European Health Property Network, the organisation that aims the renewal of European health infrastructure investment strategy.

His research activities cover various domains of health management and policy. His recent research projects address the critical aspects of management of change, migration of health professionals and the implications of social network studies on the organisation of health care systems. He holds a Master of Public Administration degree from John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University, and a Ph.D. from the Semmelweis University in the field of change management. Among other public service duties, Dr. Miklós Szócska was member of the Supervisory Board of the National Health Insurance Fund in 1992-1993, elected by National Parliament.