The role of national Academies

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Science academies are not uniform

Hungarian Academy of Sciences:

Learned society
• 365 members, 2600 doctors of the Academy, 13000 members in „public body”
• 11 classes including Social Sciences and Humanities

Research network
• 3000 research staff, 15 research centres, ~ 140 research groups at universities

Research funding
• grants, fellowships, infrastructure development, mainly for its own research network
The role of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences was crucial in

- dismissing unfounded panic over the released toxic and radioactive materials
- providing psychological support on how to help the victims
- neutralizing the waste
- recovering from environmental damage.