

*Environmental  
Performance  
Reviews*



# Hungary 2017-18

**REVIEW PROCESS**



## About the OECD

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### OUR MISSION

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The Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) provides its 35 member countries with a forum to work together, share experiences and seek solutions to common problems.

We work with governments to understand what drives economic, social and environmental change. We analyse and compare data to predict future trends. We set international standards on a wide range of subjects, from agriculture and tax to chemicals safety.

The common thread of our work is a shared commitment to market economies backed by democratic institutions and focused on the well-being of all citizens.

### PEER REVIEWS

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With the support of the OECD Secretariat, countries examine and assess one another's performance in order to improve their policies. The reviews provide an independent, fact-based assessment and targeted recommendations to encourage further reforms from a whole-of-government perspective. Reviews are conducted to:

- Help countries measure their progress in terms of domestic and international commitments,
- Promote dialogue between countries and peer learning,
- Enhance countries' accountability to the public and to one another.

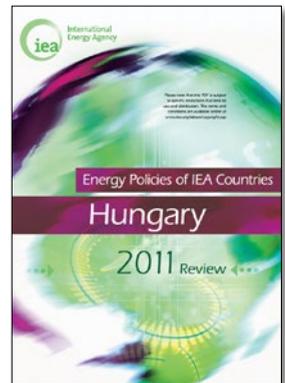
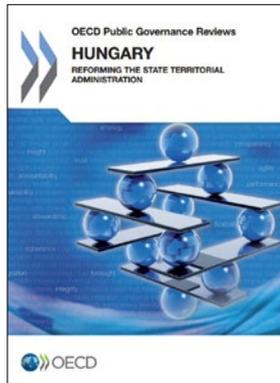
# Hungary and the OECD

**Hungary joined the OECD in 1996. Its Permanent Representation and national experts are actively involved in the OECD's thematic groups.**

**The OECD recently published several reports on Hungary's policies. Member countries have reviewed and approved the recommendations, on an equal basis.**



Diána Üрге-Vorsatz, Director of the Center for Climate Change and Sustainable Energy Policy (3CSEP), speaks at the OECD Forum 2016.



The OECD publishes an *Economic Survey* of Hungary every two years, and policy reviews on a regular basis. The *Better Life Index* compares the quality of life in Hungary with that in other member countries.



# Environmental Performance Reviews

Since 1992, the OECD has conducted over 80 Environmental Performance Reviews of its member and partner countries.

## WHAT'S IN THE REVIEWS?

- **The Assessment and Recommendations** summarise the main findings of the review and present policy recommendations to help the country improve its environmental performance.
- **Key environmental trends** describe the country's progress in using energy and natural resources efficiently; reducing the carbon intensity of its economy; managing its natural asset base; improving the environmental quality of life.
- **Environmental governance and management** reviews the country's environmental governance system and legislation framework, and how the country ensures compliance with environmental regulations.
- **Towards green growth** presents the country's efforts to mainstream environment into the country's economic policy and to promote the greening of the economy, for example through the use of taxes and other pricing instruments.

Each country also chooses two topics for in-depth analysis. Hungary picked:

- Biodiversity
- Waste, materials management and circular economy.



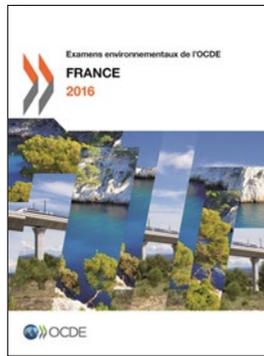
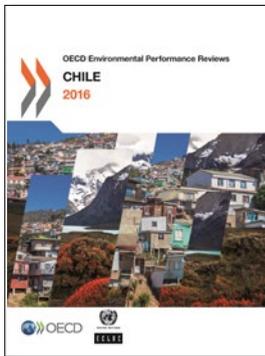
« The OECD is holding a mirror up to our faces, not only showing us what we are currently doing right, but also what is open to improvement: for example, with respect to the quality of our water, soil, and air. »

*Sharon Dijksma, Minister for the Environment of the Netherlands*

« The report gives us an external viewpoint on the problems we are discussing, and it helps us put them in the right perspective. It will also help us in practice, as a roadmap to improve our environmental policies. »

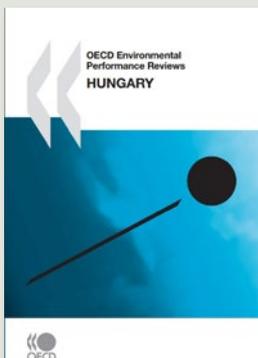
*Ezio Costa, Executive director of the Chilean NGO FIMA.*

## RECENTLY PUBLISHED



**TO BE PUBLISHED IN 2017:** Estonia, Korea, New Zealand, Canada, Switzerland.

**IN 2018:** Czech Republic, Hungary.



The previous *Environmental Performance Review* of Hungary dates back to 2008.

It looked at environmental management (air, water, nature and biodiversity), the integration of environmental issues into economic, agricultural and social policies, and international co-operation. The new *Environmental Performance Review* of Hungary will take stock of the progress made since 2008.

# Key steps of the review

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## REVIEW PREPARATION AND INFORMATION COLLECTION

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Oct. 16  
to Jan. 17

- **Questionnaire replies**, in co-operation with relevant ministries and agencies (by end January 2017).
- **Data and documentation compilation.**
- **Preparation of the review mission**, involving a team of analysts and specialists, including experts from two reviewing countries.

## REVIEW MISSION

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30 May -  
2 June  
2017

- **Meetings with environmental policy stakeholders:** representatives of the Ministry of Agriculture, Ministry for National Economy, other ministries, government agencies, as well as independent experts, representatives of NGOs, industry, trade unions and sub-national governments.
- **Field visit** on a chosen in-depth theme.



## POLICY MEETING

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Oct/Nov  
2017

- **High-level discussion** of the main findings and recommendations of the EPR.

## DRAFT REPORT

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Dec.  
2017

- **The draft report is made available** to the government of Hungary and representatives of the OECD Working Party on Environmental Performance.

## PEER REVIEW

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Jan/Feb  
2018

- **Presentation of the report to the Working Party** with a high-level delegation from Hungary.
- **Delegates discuss** and ask questions about the subjects covered in the review.
- **Approval of the review's Assessment and Recommendations**, which reflect the collective views of OECD Member countries.



Every OECD member country and the European Commission are represented in the Working Party on Environmental Performance (WPEP).

The review's Assessment and Recommendations are endorsed by the Working Party. The report is published under the responsibility of the OECD Secretary-General.

## LAUNCH

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Summer  
2018

- **The report is published** and made freely accessible on line to civil society and the media.
- **Press conference**, publication of the *Highlights* brochure and other online communication tools.



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*recommendations aimed at  
improving policies that impact the  
environment.*

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Review of Hungary will take stock of  
the progress made since 2008.*

*OECD Member countries will approve  
the recommendations of this report in  
early 2018.*

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