Hungary has halved its fiscal deficit between 2007 and 2014, and exited from the Excessive Deficit Procedure of the European Union

Hungary’s fiscal balance was -2.6% of GDP in 2014. At the same time its gross debt – according to the System of National Accounts definition – has gradually increased from 71.8% in 2007 to 96.6% in 2013 and to just above 100% (100.1%) in 2014. This remains below the OECD average that was 74.5% in 2007, and 109.3% in 2013.

Chapter 2: Public finance and economics
- General government fiscal balance as a percentage of GDP
- General government debt as a percentage of GDP

Hungary does not yet make full use of its e-procurement systems

Hungary, like other OECD countries, announces procurement opportunities, provides tender documents, and notifies participants about the awarding of contracts through its e-procurement systems. But it does not utilise tools allowing for two-way communication, in particular electronic submission of bids, e-tendering and, as part of it e-auctions, electronic ordering and submission of invoices, and ex post contract management. These practices could further improve transparency and efficiency of public procurement. Development of e-procurement is one of the key priorities of the Hungarian government. A new procurement law is currently in front of Parliament aiming to implement new EU directives and e-procurement methods.

Chapter 9: Public Procurement
- Functionalities provided in e-procurement systems
- Main challenges to the use of e-procurement systems

Satisfaction with public services is lower in Hungary than across the OECD while trust in government has improved between 2007 and 2014

60% of Hungarians are satisfied with health care services, compared to an average of 71% in OECD countries. 56% are satisfied with the education system, compared to 67% on average across the OECD. 44% express confidence in the judicial system, compared to 54% on average in OECD countries. At the same time confidence in government has increased by eight percentage points from 25% in 2007 to 33% in 2014, although it is still below the OECD average of 42%.

Chapter 12: Serving Citizens
- Citizens’ satisfaction with the health care system
- Citizens’ satisfaction with the education system
- Citizens’ confidence with the judicial system
- Confidence in national government in 2014 and its change since 2007
Public Finance and Economics

Government revenues (2013, 2014) % of GDP

Government expenditures (2013, 2014) % of GDP

Public investment (2013, 2014) % of total govt. expenditures

Government gross debt * (2013, 2014) % of GDP

Fiscal balance * (2013, 2014) % of GDP

Public Employment and Compensation

Public sector employment as % of total employment (2013)

Public sector employment filled by women (2013)

Share of women ministers (2015)
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**Satisfaction and confidence across public services (2014)**

% of citizens expressing confidence/satisfaction

- Health care: 60% (Hungary), 71% (Average)
- National government: 33% (Hungary), 42% (Average)
- Education system: 56% (Hungary), 67% (Average)
- Judicial system: 44% (Hungary), 54% (Average)

Source: Gallup World Poll

**Access to healthcare (2012)**

Out of pocket expenditure as a % of final household consumption

- Hungary: 4.2%
- Average: 2.8%

Source: OECD Health Statistics 2014

**Equity in learning outcomes (2012)**

PISA mathematics score variance by socio economic background

- Hungary: 23.1%
- Average: 14.8%

Source: OECD, PISA 2012 results: Excellence through equity, 2013

**Changes in household disposable income, by income group (2007-2011)**

Source: OECD Income Distribution Database

**Limited government powers (2014)**

- Hungary: n.a.
- Average: 0.76

Source: The World Justice Project

**Notes**

- Fiscal balance as reported in the System of National Accounts (SNA) framework, also referred to as net lending (+) or net borrowing (-) of government, is calculated as total government revenues minus total government expenditures.
- Structural fiscal balance, or underlying balance, represents the fiscal balance adjusted for the state of the economic cycle (as measured by the output gap which resulted as the difference between actual and potential GDP) and one-off fiscal operations.
- Government gross debt is reported according to the SNA definition, which differs from the definition applied under the Maastricht Treaty. It is defined as all liabilities that require payment or payments of interest or principal by the debtor to the creditor at a date or dates in the future. All debt instruments are liabilities, but some liabilities such as shares, equity and financial derivatives are not debt.

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