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Corruption prevention in respect of members of
parliament, judges and prosecutors

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The publication of Evaluation and Compliance Reports shortly after their adoption is a long-standing practice among GRECO member States. This serves two important purposes: ensuring overall transparency of the GRECO process and facilitating the implementation of recommendations at domestic level by raising awareness of GRECO's findings across society.

The Fourth Round Second Compliance Report on Hungary was adopted by GRECO at its 98th plenary meeting (18-22 November 2024) and the authorities were invited to authorise, as soon as possible, its publication, to translate it into the national language and make the translation public. Since then, confidentiality of the report has not been lifted.

At its 102nd plenary meeting (27 March 2026), GRECO decided that, pursuant to Rule 35, paragraph 2 of the Rules of Procedure, and in the absence of authorisation from the authorities to publish the entire report, a summary of the report be made public within six months from its adoption. Accordingly, this summary is made public on 1 June 2026.

The following are the conclusions from the Fourth Round Second Compliance Report on Hungary¹.

72. **In view of the foregoing, GRECO concludes that Hungary has implemented satisfactorily or dealt with in a satisfactory manner 10 of the 18 recommendations contained in the Fourth Round Evaluation Report.** Of the remaining recommendations, four have now been partly implemented and four remain not implemented.

73. More specifically, recommendations iv, v, vii, viii, ix, x, xi, xiii, xv, and xviii have been implemented satisfactorily or dealt with in a satisfactory manner. Recommendations i, vi, xiv and xvii have been partly implemented and recommendations ii, iii, xii and xvi not implemented.

74. In respect of members of parliament, although some progress has been noted, GRECO underlines that more determined measures are still needed to improve the integrity framework of Parliament. Some progress has been made with respect to the level of transparency and consultation in the legislative process – nevertheless important legislative texts tend not to be subject to public consultation, defeating the purpose of the consultative process. Codes of ethics for MPs and Parliament Office employees are in the pipeline as is training on integrity awareness that will take into account these future codes of ethics; these plans have not yet materialised. The need remains to further develop rules obliging MPs to disclose, in an ad hoc manner, potential conflicts of interest between their parliamentary work and their private interests. It is also important that an effective supervision and enforcement of rules of conduct, conflict of interests and asset declarations be ensured.

¹ GrecoRC4(2024)14.

75. As regards judges, notable progress has been made with respect to the three remaining recommendations, two of which have now been implemented. GRECO welcomes the entry into force, on 1st June 2023, of Act X of 2023 amending certain Acts Governing Justice. This increased the role and powers of the National Judicial Council to effectively counterbalance the powers of the President of the National Judicial Office in the appointment/promotion of candidates for judicial positions. It also ensures that the National Judicial Council provides motivated and binding opinions on individual decisions and on the transfer of judges (including secondments) to another court by the President of the National Judicial Office. However, the issue of the far-reaching immunity of judges remains a concern.

76. As regards prosecutors, no progress has been made with the three remaining recommendations. In this respect, GRECO reiterates that disciplinary proceedings are still not handled outside the direct hierarchical structure, which remains a concern. Furthermore, no progress has been made with respect to the prolongation of the term of the Prosecutor General and the broad immunity enjoyed by prosecutors.

77. In view of the fact that eight out of 18 recommendations are yet to be implemented, GRECO, in accordance with Rule 31 revised, paragraph 9, of its Rules of Procedure, asks the Head of the delegation of Hungary to submit additional information, namely regarding the implementation of recommendations i, ii, iii, vi, xii, xiv, xvi and xvii by 30 November 2025.

The adoption of the present summary does not in any way substitute for the publication of the full Fourth Round Second Compliance Report. GRECO therefore invites the authorities of Hungary to authorise its publication as soon as possible.