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Preventing corruption and promoting integrity
in central governments (top executive functions) and
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COMPLIANCE REPORT ON HUNGARY

Summary

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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 5th Round Compliance Report on Hungary was adopted by GRECO at its 97th plenary meeting (17-21 June 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 Fifth Round Compliance Report on Hungary¹.

154. **In the light of the foregoing, GRECO concludes that Hungary has implemented satisfactorily none of the twenty-nine recommendations set out in the Fifth Round Evaluation Report.** Of the outstanding twenty-nine recommendations, five recommendations have been partly implemented and twenty-four have not been implemented.

155. More specifically, recommendations vii, viii, xiii, xix and xxiv have been partly implemented and recommendations i, ii, iii, iv, v, vi, ix, x, xi, xii, xiv, xv, xvi, xvii, xviii, xx, xxi, xxii, xxiii, xxv, xxvi, xxvii, xxviii and xxix have not been implemented.

156. With regard to top executive functions, although not much progress has been made with the recommendations made for PTEFs, some (limited) action has taken place. For instance, state of emergency provisions that allowed exceptions or derogations to the freedom of information have been repealed and promising amendments have been introduced to existing legislation with the aim of promoting the practical implementation of public consultations. The National Anti-Corruption Strategy for 2024-2025 foresees looking into mechanisms developed to prevent corruption to also apply to PTEFs and their advisers. It also contains a mandate for the Government to call upon the relevant bodies to draw up codes of ethics for PTEFs to specifically deal with conflicts of interest, gifts and other benefits, post-employment restrictions, rules on contact with lobbyists etc. These are, however, anticipated plans that need to effectively materialise in practice.

157. With regard to the law enforcement agencies, not much progress has been made and the authorities mostly refer to legislative provisions that were already in place at the time of the evaluation. GRECO underscores that the scope of the compliance procedure is to assess the implementation of the

¹ GrecoRC5(2024)12.

recommendations, not to re-assess the situation already described at the time of the evaluation. Some positive action has been taken regarding the carrying out of a mapping exercise of jobs and positions with a high risk of corruption (which will be further developed under the National Anti-Corruption Strategy for 2024-2025), the regulation of donations and their publicity, and whistleblower protection.

158. GRECO calls on the authorities to implement targeted measures, and undertake more conclusive action, to address all outstanding recommendations. In the light of the foregoing, GRECO notes that further progress will need to be made within the next 18 months to achieve an adequate level of compliance with the recommendations. In accordance with Rule 31 revised bis, paragraph 8.2, of its Rules of Procedure, GRECO calls on the head of the delegation of Hungary to submit additional information with regard to the implementation of outstanding recommendations, namely recommendations i to xxix, by 31 December 2025.

The adoption of the present summary does not in any way substitute for the publication of the full 5th Round Compliance Report. GRECO therefore invites the authorities of Hungary to authorise its publication as soon as possible.