

No. 1104/2012. (IV. 6.) Government Decision

On governmental actions against corruption and the adoption of the Corruption Prevention Programme of the Public Administration

With the aim of establishing a clean public life and the Good State, the Government of Hungary adopts the following decision:

1. The Government, aware of the fact that public institutions share particular responsibility in the common social issue of reducing corruption, declares its commitment to the work of pressing back corruption. The Government agrees that all public institutions have to take part in this work, primarily by strengthening the organization's resistance capacity against corruption. The Government commits itself to take more definite measures than ever before against every kind of corruption. Through its own activity, the Government would like to set an example for all members of the society as a participant of the common work of repressing corruption and taking common social responsibility.

2. The Government adopts the Corruption Prevention Programme enclosed in this decision as a frame for its actions against corruption.

3. The Government of Hungary requests the Minister of Public Administration and Justice to review the legislation on whistleblower-protection and to make a proposal for the necessary corrections and complementations with detailed procedural and organizational rules.

Responsible: Minister of Public Administration and Justice

Deadline: 30th of September 2012

4. The Government request the Ministers to, with the coordination of the Minister of Public Administration and Justice, establish a mechanism within their Ministries that is capable of receiving, processing and investigating direct reports about risks and acts of corruption respective the controlled institutions and is capable of receiving, processing and investigating formal requests based on reports arrived in the central whistleblowing system.

Responsibles: ministers

For the coordination: Minister of Public Administration and Justice

Deadline: 15th of November 2012

5. The Government requests the Minister of Public Administration and Justice to make a proposal on regulating the reception of persons from outside the state administration, representing whole or in part private interest and not being considered as clients or complainants, by civil servants.

Responsible: Minister of Public Administration and Justice

Deadline: 30th of May 2012

6. The Government requests the Minister of Public Administration and Justice to prepare – with the aim of facilitating a harmonized ethical regulation – a green paper on the appropriate regulatory fields and possible contents that should be included in the Code of Ethics,.

Responsible: Minister of Public Administration and Justice

Deadline: 31st of July 2012

7. The Government requests the public bodies of the public service profession and, in types of legal relationships where such an institution does not exist, the office leaders of the budgetary institutions to prepare and to issue their own professional and organizational codes of ethics by 31 August 2012 by taking the corruption prevention programme and the green paper on codes of ethics into account.

8. Preliminary impact assessments of proposals to be discussed by the Government and those of draft ministerial regulations have to be supplemented by the examination of their corruption risks.

Responsible: Minister of Public Administration and Justice
Deadline: in accordance with the re-examination of the impact assessment system

9. The experiences of the application of the public procurement law and the regulatory system of the national and community financial support systems have to be reviewed from the point of view of corruption risks, with special attention to the implementation of legislation concerned with the electronic freedom of information and a report or, in case an intervention is necessary, a proposal should be submit to the Government on the results of the review. Among the different areas of intervention, particular attention should be paid to the form at content of the possible enlargement of publicity.

Responsibles: Minister of National Development
Minister of National Economy
Deadline: 31st of January 2013

10. The Government requests the Minister of Public Administration and Justice to organize meetings with the participation of public institutions bearing particular responsibility in the field of corruption prevention, to facilitate or, in case of government institutions, make sure that detailed agreements regulate the cooperation of the institutions in pressing back corruption in all cooperation fields, evaluate the implementation of these agreements based on the information of these institutions and submit a report to the Government.

Responsible: Minister of Public Administration and Justice
Deadline: for the conclusion of the co-operation agreements: 30th of June 2012
for the publication of the first report: 31 January 2013, then annually

11. The Government requests all government institutions bearing particular responsibility in the field of corruption prevention to give a general summary on their activities and cooperation to the Minister of Public Administration and Justice.

Responsibles: Minister of Interior
Minister of Defense
Minister of National Development
Minister for National Economy
for the co-ordination: Minister of Public Administration and Justice
Deadline: 31st of May of each year

12. The Government invite the independent state organs bearing particular responsibility in the fight against corruption (namely, the State Audit Office of Hungary, the National Office of the Judiciary, the Hungarian Competition Authority, the Public Procurement Authority, the Hungarian Financial Supervisory Authority, the Prosecutor General's Office and the National Authority for Data Protection and Freedom of Information) to give a report on their respective activities and coopera-

tion including numeric data to the Minister of Public Administration and Justice each year until 31 May.

13. The Government requests the Minister of Public Administration and Justice to run a pilot project on the introduction of the integrity officer institution and based on it, on the introduction of the integrity management system at state organs based on the experiences of the State Audit Office, and, depending on the results of the pilot project, to make a proposal on the method of introduction of the system in the whole organization of the public administration.

Responsible: Minister of Public Administration and Justice
Deadlines: start of the pilot project: 31st of August 2012
conduction of the pilot project: 30th of April 2013
proposal on the method of introduction: 30th of June 2013
start of the introduction 30th of September 2013

14. The Government requests the Minister of Public Administration and Justice to ensure of holding integrity and anti-corruption trainings.

Responsible: Minister of Public Administration and Justice
Deadline: continuous

15. The Government requests the concerned ministers to review the opportunities of the qualitative and quantitative strengthening of departments dealing with pressing back corruption at investigative authorities and other law enforcement agencies and the financial background of such measures and to make proposals on solutions regarding the necessary developments and enlargements, primarily by internal redeployment.

Responsibles: Minister of Interior
Minister of National Economy
Deadline: 31st October 2012

16. The Government requests the Minister of Public Administration and Justice to review the legislation on the criminal liability of legal persons and to make proposals on the necessary amendments.

Responsible: Minister of Public Administration and Justice
Deadline: 31st December 2012

17. Campaigns that are based on unified principles, but differentiated according to target groups have to be initiated in order to improve the knowledge and awareness of members of the society in connection with acts of corruption and the correct behavior and countermeasures against them.

Responsibles: ministers
Deadline: 31st of October 2012, then continuous
For the coordination
and for establishing
the unified principles: Minister of Public Administration and Justice
Deadline: 30th of June 2012

18. In the field of public education, it is necessary to make sure that certain values and pieces of knowledge in connection with acts of corruption and the forms of behavior and countermeasures that can be taken against such acts are included in the National Core Curriculum.

Responsible: Minister of Human Resources
Deadline: 31st of May 2012, then continuous

19. With the aim of practical implementation of the Convention on Combating Bribery of Foreign Public Officials in International Business Transactions, an information campaign has to be initiated for the Hungarian enterprises in connection with bribes committed in international relations.

Responsibles: Minister of National Economy
Minister of Foreign Affairs
Deadline: continuous

20. With the aim of more effective implementation of the Convention on Combating Bribery of Foreign Public Officials in International Business Transactions the concerning legislation has to be reviewed based on the reports evaluating Hungary.

Responsible: Minister of Public Administration and Justice
Deadline: 31st December 2012

21. The Government requests the Minister of Public Administration and Justice to make a proposal on joining the declaration on open government (Open Government Declaration), signed by the United States of America, the United Kingdom, Norway and 5 other countries on 20 September 2011, and to establish a monitoring system capable for the follow-up the actions made on the basis of the declaration.

Responsible: Minister of Public Administration and Justice
Deadline: 31st of May 2012

22. The Government appoints the Minister of Public Administration and Justice as the person responsible for coordinating the establishment of the national viewpoint to be represented on international forums.