

# **Hungary as a potential country to host your next career step – lessons to learn from the region**

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➤ **Policy / Research landscape**

➤ **Programme**

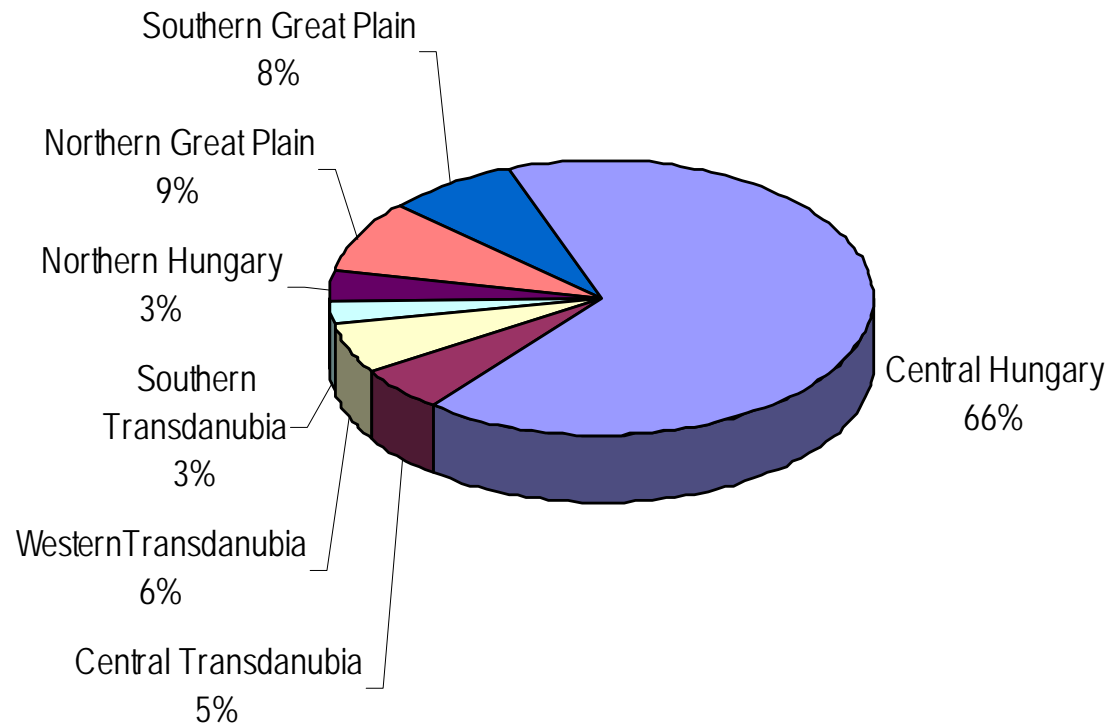
➤ **Implementation**

# Research and Development funding in Hungary

- 250-280 billion HUF/year to R&D&I (2008)
- Public funding: ~170 billion HUF/year
  - Domestic sources
    - Research and Technological Innovation Fund  
40-50 billion HUF/year
    - Hungarian Scientific Research Fund  
5-7 billion HUF/year
  - EU sources
    - New Hungary Development Plan:  
64-79 billion HUF/year
    - FP7: 10-20 billion HUF/year
- Business funding: ~120 billion HUF/year

1 Eur = ~270 HUF

# R&D expenditure of R&D units by regions



# Regional characteristics

- **Small governmental RTD budget; low (but growing) private sector investment in research**
- **Emphasis on applied research and innovation**
- **Traditionally strong in basic research (not necessarily apparent from the funding structure)**
- **Effects of recent EU enlargement**
- **Influence of EU Framework Programmes on national RTD priority setting**
- **Ongoing alignment of legal & administrative framework (although very diverse according to each country)**

# Programme: Funding agencies

## ➤ **NKTH – National Office for Research and Technology**

<http://www.nkth.gov.hu/english>

- Mobility/Cofund scheme,
- ERC national 'runner up' scheme

## ➤ **OTKA – Hungarian Scientific Research Fund**

<http://www.otka.hu>

## ➤ **Potential regional funding sources (e.g. funding from projects linked to Structural/regional funds)**

**Priority setting, programme announcement and administration**

# Research Landscape – the main players

## ➤ Universities and Colleges

<http://www.mrk.hu/eng/?id=3>

> 70 BUT not all research intensive! (about 10%)

Novelties at Hungary (particularly in relation to social sciences):

⇒ Central European University <http://www.ceu.hu>

⇒ Collegium Budapest <http://www.colbud.hu>

## ➤ Research Institutes of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences

~40 from which 17 in the area of social sciences and humanities

<http://www.mta.hu/index.php?id=676>

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# Implementation: Strategy

- **Topic/Topics of research focus**
  - Research alone
  - Research and other (teaching) activities
- **Timing**
  - At a given moment => how much for a given activity (FTE proportion)
  - Timeline => sequence of project activities during the coming years
  - Research and other (teaching) activities

**The goal is to find and obtain the appropriate complementary funding structure (one to several grants and institutional funding, if any) !!!**

# Implementation: Strategy (cont.)

**'Translate':**

**Project idea => Activities =>**

**Resources => Expenses => Costs**

# Implementation: Resources / costs

## ➤ Total

- Eligible (contribution from the funder, co-financing, etc...)
- Non eligible  
and in most case:
  - Legitimate costs but not covered by the grant (for example over a certain limit set by the funder!)

## ➤ Importance of understanding flow of funding (pre-financing, reporting periods, closure of the project, etc.)

## ➤ Interpretation of rules and diverse terminology !

## ➤ (Language issues)

# IGLO

**An informal association of Brussels based RTD liaison offices (currently members from 22 countries)**

**=> Excellent starting point and source of information!**

**<http://www.iglortd.org/>**

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