

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**

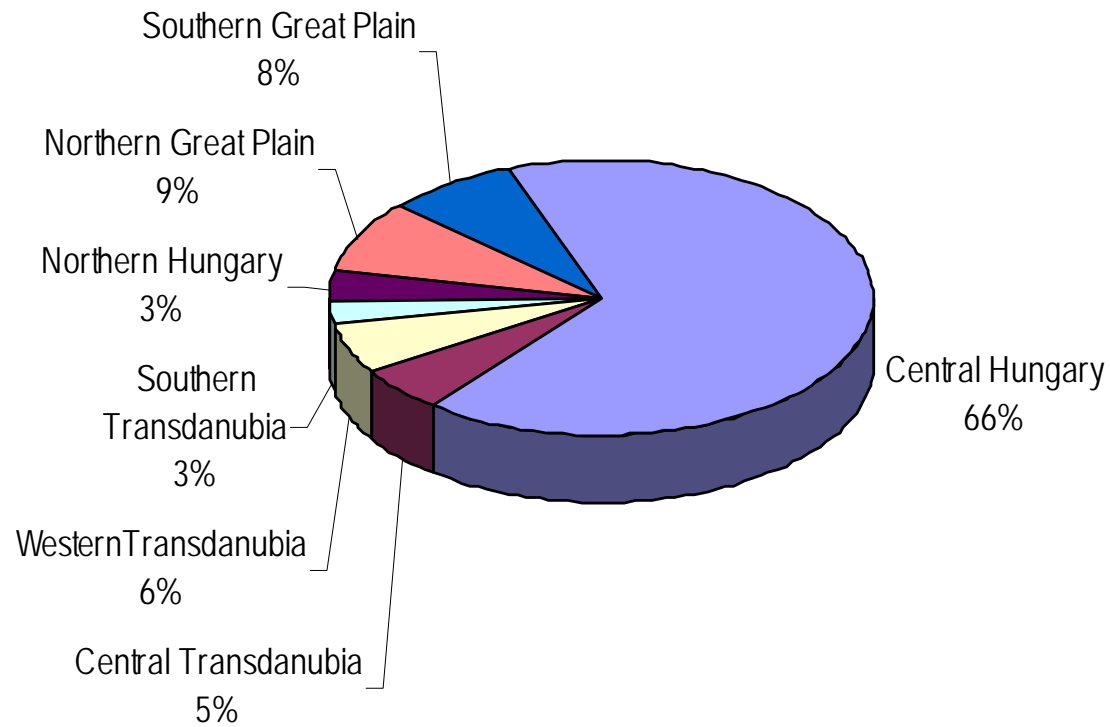
➤ **Implementation**

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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