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Activity Report of the Hungarian National Contact Point for  
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to the  
OECD Investment Committee

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## **A. Institutional Arrangements**

Since the new Government assumed office last June, the Hungarian National Contact Point (the NCP) has been operated by the Ministry for National Economy.

Within the Ministry, the NCP is part of the International and EU Affairs Department of Deputy State Secretariat for International and EU Affairs. The day-to-day business of the NCP is run by officials of the Ministry for National Economy (NCP Secretariat).

After the entry into force of the updated Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises in May 2011, the Hungarian NCP will readapt its present structure so as to find the most suitable form to promote the Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises among the stakeholders in an effective and appropriate way.

### **Relations to other government agencies**

The NCP maintains regular contacts with different government agencies dealing with issues covered by the OECD Guidelines.

During the review period of the Guidelines, the NCP cooperated closely with these government agencies in order to develop the Hungarian position regarding the update of the Guidelines.

### **Relations with other initiatives e.g. the UN Global Compact**

The NCP aims to work closely with other agencies and interested parties in order to promote the initiatives laid down in the Guidelines.

The Global Compact Network in Hungary has 20 members listed on the web including main actors of oil and telecommunication sectors<sup>1</sup>. The latest participant - “Magyarországi Egyesület az Erőszak és a Megkülönböztetés Ellen” (Hungarian Association Against Violence and Discrimination) - joined the Network in June 2010.

## **B. Information and Promotion**

The NCP has published its own internet page providing the necessary information related to the Guidelines and the functioning of the NCP. The web page is regularly updated.

The website of the NCP includes<sup>2</sup>:

- a description of the role of the NCP,
- a link to the Guidelines,
- an introductory guide to the Guidelines and its processes,

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<sup>1</sup> [http://www.unglobalcompact.org/participants/search?commit=t&country%5B%5D=82&page=1&per\\_page=25](http://www.unglobalcompact.org/participants/search?commit=t&country%5B%5D=82&page=1&per_page=25)

<sup>2</sup> <http://www.kormany.hu/hu/nemzetgazdasagi-miniszterium/kulgazdasagert-felelos-allamtitkarsag/hirek/oecc-magyar-nemzeti-kapcsolattarto-pont>

- the contact details of the NCP,
- a link on the NCP website to the OECD Risk Awareness Tool for Multinational Enterprises in Weak Governance Zones,
- links to the relevant Committees on the OECD website.

The Guidelines are available in Hungarian as well as in English from the NCP in both written and electronic form.

### **Co-operation with state owned agencies in matters concerning information and implementation of the Guidelines**

The Hungarian EXIMBANK (a public-owned bank supporting Hungarian export) published a summary of the Recommendation on Bribery and Officially Supported Export Credits by the OECD Council<sup>3</sup>.

On the homepage of the Hungarian Export Credit Insurance Pte Ltd. (MEHIB) there is an implemented OECD document on Bribery and Anti-corruption and a direct link to the OECD webpage.<sup>4</sup>

### **OECD Risk Awareness Tool for Multinational Enterprises in Weak Governance Zones**

The NCP has its own internet page providing the necessary information related to the Guidelines and the functioning of the NCP. It also contains information on the OECD Risk Awareness Tool for Multinational Enterprises in Weak Governance Zones<sup>5</sup>.

### **Enquiries of the NCP**

#### **Have enquiries been received from:**

##### **(a) other NCPs;**

No.

##### **(b) the business community, labour organisations, other non-governmental organisations, or the public;**

No.

##### **(c) governments of non-adhering countries**

No.

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<sup>3</sup> <http://www.eximbank.hu/szabalyzatok-kondiciok/OECD-ajanlas/>

<sup>4</sup> <http://www.mehib.hu/Default.aspx?menuid=105&block=1>, [www.mehib.hu/Default.aspx?menuid=10739&block=9](http://www.mehib.hu/Default.aspx?menuid=10739&block=9)

<sup>5</sup> <http://www.kormany.hu/hu/nemzetgazdasagi-miniszterium/kulgaszdasagert-felelos-allamtitkarsag/hirek/oecd-magyar-nemzeti-kapcsolattarto-pont>

### **C. Implementation in specific instances**

No specific instance was brought to the attention of the NCP during the period reported.

### **D. Other**

#### **Visibility**

It is a priority for the NCP to enhance its visibility among stakeholders via its renewed and regularly updated website and through direct contact with interested parties. The Hungarian translation of the Guidelines is available. Our aim is to make the NCP well known to NGOs, claimants and researchers so they know where to turn whenever a concrete instance or request arises.

#### **Accessibility**

The NCP makes Guidelines related information available on its website and on request in hard copy. The NCP is ready to respond all inquiries and requests for information received. The NCP Secretariat can be contacted by telephone, e-mail or post and will react to all requests within a reasonable time period.

#### **Transparency**

The NCP carries out its activities in a transparent manner. According to the NCP's rule of procedure published on the website, all inquiries concerning the Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises should be submitted in a written format and the NCP has the obligation to reply to all requests within short deadlines. The NCP publishes its annual activity report on its website.

#### **Accountability**

The NCP is accountable to the Government and to the Parliament through the Minister for National Economy.

## **Annexes:**

### **Annex 1**

No update is required for Annex 1.

### **Annex 2**

The contact details for the Hungarian National Contact Point require updating, according to the followings:

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### **Annex 3**

No update is required for Annex 3.

### **Annex 4**

No update is required for Annex 4.