

## SPRING 2018 REFORM BAROMETER – HUNGARY

### European Semester - Overall assessment of 2017 cycle

	To what extent do you agree with these statements:		Detailed comments
1.	The National Reform Programme submitted by your Government (April 2017) is appropriate.	To a large extent	
2.	The Commission's country specific recommendations for your country are appropriate.	To a large extent	
3.	The Commission assessment of reform implementation the year before is appropriate.	To a large extent	
4.	The Commission assessment of excessive imbalances (in-depth review) is appropriate.	Yes, absolutely	

### Assessment of Country Specific recommendations 2017 in detail

		Q1: The recommendation is:	Q2: implementation on effort is:	Detailed comments
CSR 1	Pursue a substantial fiscal effort in 2018 in line with the requirements of the preventive arm of the Stability and Growth Pact, taking into account the need to strengthen the ongoing recovery and to ensure the sustainability of Hungary's public finances.	Extremely important	No progress	

		Q1: The recommendation is:	Q2: implementation on effort is:	Detailed comments
CSR 2	Complete the reduction of the tax wedge for low-income earners and simplify the tax structure, in particular by reducing the most distortive sector-specific taxes. Strengthen transparency and competition in public procurement, by implementing a comprehensive and efficient e-procurement system, and strengthen the anti-corruption framework. Strengthen regulatory predictability, transparency and competition in particular in the services sector, notably in retail.	Extremely important	Unsatisfactory	
CSR 3	Better target the public works scheme to those furthest away from the labour market and provide effective support to jobseekers in order to facilitate transitions to the labour market, including by reinforcing active labour market policies. Take measures to improve education outcomes and to increase the participation of disadvantaged groups, in particular Roma, in inclusive mainstream education. Improve the adequacy and coverage of social assistance and the duration of unemployment benefits.	Extremely important	Unsatisfactory	

## **Reform Progress in your Member State in 2017**

How would you assess reform progress in 2017, for the following broad areas:

<b>Taxation and Public Finances</b>	Unsatisfactory
<b>Business environment (regulation/access to markets)</b>	Unsatisfactory
<b>Labour market</b>	Mixed
<b>Innovation and skills</b>	Unsatisfactory
<b>Access to finance and Financial stability</b>	Excellent

## Reform priorities for 2018

	I. Policy Area	II. Concrete Recommendations	III. Are the proposed recommendations already in the agenda of your Government?
<b>Priority 1</b>	Business Environment – Regulatory Barriers to entrepreneurship		No
<b>Priority 2</b>	Pension and health care reforms		No
<b>Priority 3</b>	Labour market mismatch and labour mobility		Yes
<b>Priority 4</b>	Tax reforms		Yes
<b>Priority 5</b>	Bank lending conditions		Yes