

LEGISLATIVE EXPERIENCE OF A NEW MEMBER STATE

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Introduction

The proper functioning of the Internal Market is the key of the EU integration.

The quality regulatory environment and the proper implementation of the Internal Market rules are essential for competitiveness, jobs and growth.

Internal Market of EU-25

Concerns before, facts after enlargement.

- The Internal Market of EU 25 functions.
- The accession of new Member States has not caused shocks – smooth integration.
- New Member States are able to cope with the challenges.
- The EU decision-making functions.
- New Member States are active in the decision-making, they have supported compromises.

Further development of the Internal Market

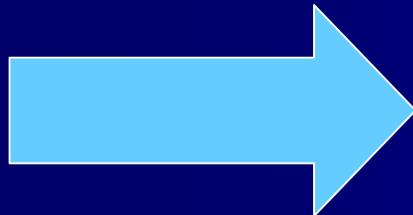
= Planning and setting further steps for “what could be better done” for the EU as a whole at EU level, at national level.

- challenges of the changing world, global competitiveness,
- proactive legislation,
- citizen and business friend legislative environment.

Member States have to set up mechanisms to cope with legislative tasks

Goals:

- effective participation in the EU decision-making process = achieve the goals at EU level
- proper implementation of the EU legislation = achieve the goals at national level



steps and actions to learn and apply the „Brussels know-how“

Participation in the EU decision-making – Hungary's priorities

- horizontal coordination system within the Government – „speak one voice” ,
- integration of the National Parliament to the EU decision-making,
- establish dialogue with Members of the EP ,
- put a wide-ranging public consultation system of EU affairs into motion involving social partners, representatives of citizens and businesses.

For these priorities Hungary has set up a comprehensive coordination system of EU affairs

- Coordination system for the adoption of the Government's positions on EU affairs:
 - Office for European Affairs underneath the Prime Minister's Office,
 - Interministerial Committee for the Coordination of European Affairs and its expert groups,
 - European Affairs Cabinet of the Government,
 - Government.
- Act on Scrutiny Procedure of the Parliament on the Government's positions to be represented in the EU legislative process,
- Regular consultations with the Members of the EP,
- Debates, consultations with social partners, citizen and business organisations on EU proposals.

Proper implementation of Community legislation = key of the Internal Market

Hungary is strongly committed to the implementation and transposition of EU legislation.



**special procedure has
been set up**
/already before accession/

- Coordination = by the Ministry of Justice and the Office for European Affairs.
- Transposition proposals = by the line Ministries.

Instruments for transposition - Hungary

- transposition plans,
- transposition tables,
- transposition clause in legal norms,
- early warning system of transposition delays
- priority in the Government legislative program = National Parliament legislative program,
- transposition and infringement issues on the agenda of the Interministerial Committee for European Affairs.

The transposition results of the the new Member States

New Member States perform better in transposing Internal Market directives on time than the EU-15 Member States, despite having had to absorb the whole acquis in a short time frame.*

Hungary is at the second place with its transposition deficit of 0,7%.*

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Quality of regulatory framework is a key for competitiveness

- Quality of regulatory framework is not only a legislative technique but key for competitiveness, jobs, growth
 - for the EU in the global economy,
 - for the Member States in the Internal Market.
- The benefits of better regulation are crucial
 - on EU level,
 - on national level,
 - during the legislative process,
 - during implementation.
- Coordination between these levels is in our common interest.

Better regulation is on the top of the EU agenda

Priority

- for EU institutions
- for Presidency
- for Member States

Lisbon Strategy

Lisbon National Action Plan

Better Regulation National Program

Instruments

- Simplification of legislation
- Deregulation, consolidation
- Impact assessments
- Ex-post evaluation

Current issues on the EU agenda

- **To strengthen the Internal Market**
 - Community method should be reinforced,
 - Community policies should be implemented.

- Existing barriers should be abolished
 - Free movement of workers
 - Services Directive

BEST PRACTICES FROM THE POINT OF VIEW OF A „NEW” MEMBER STATE

Thank you for your attention!

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