

Government Regulation 1129/2004 (XI. 24.)

on government tasks related to the implementation of the objectives of the national strategy on the reduction of the drug problem

The Government adopts the following regulation for the implementation of the tasks defined under OGY Resolution 96/2000 (XII.11.) point 2 on the adoption of the national strategic programme prepared to reduce the drug problem:

1. In order to have complete and realistic indices and knowledge on the extent of the Hungarian drug scene, on its magnitude and actual components, the Government

a) calls upon the concerned ministers to organise well coordinated research projects in order to find out what types of drugs are being used by the different age groups and to what extent, and to carry out latency research in order to be able to follow the complete range of the changes in the habits of drug use. The surveys made among students of public education and higher education institutions should be reviewed regularly and should be repeated from time to time so that changes could be followed. The staff members of the National Public Health and Surgeon General's Service, of the National Addictology Institute, of the National Focal Point and of Mobilitás National Drug Prevention Institute, among others, shall be included in the preparations and implementation of the surveys;

In charge: Minister of Youth, Family, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities
(also for coordination)
Minister of Health
Minister of Education
Minister of the Interior
Minister of Defence

Deadline: ongoing

b) calls upon the concerned ministers to participate in data collection connected to the National Strategy prepared to reduce the drug problem, in the provision of such data for the development of these data collecting systems, with special regard to information transmission regarding drug prevention, and monitoring;

In charge:: Minister of Youth, Family, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities
(also for coordination)
Minister of Health
Minister of Education
Minister of the Interior
Minister of Justice
Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development
Minister of Defence
Minister of Economy and Transport

Deadline: ongoing

c) calls upon the concerned ministers to order surveys made with the means available to them on the amount of seized drugs and precursor substances. Information collection on drugs and precursors must meet UN and EU expectations;

In charge: Minister of Finance

Deadline: Minister of the Interior
annually ongoing

d) calls upon the Minister of Education to order a survey made, involving the concerned ministries, on the prevention and health promotion programmes used in the public education institutions and on to what extent they are wide-spread. In connection with this task, the Minister of Education shall review the international experience on the results of prevention programmes, and taking the Hungarian special characteristics into consideration, utilize them in the development of school health promotion programmes.

In charge: Minister of Education
Minister of Health
Minister of Youth, Family, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities
Deadline: every two years, the first time in 2006

2. In order to provide wide ranging basic training programmes to experts working with drug users, and to provide a full range of further training and special training courses to experts on the drug problem, the Government

a) calls upon the concerned ministers to work out an assistance system so that graduate – higher education – training and further training special modules be included in the curricula that tackle issues of the drug problem, especially related to health promotion, drug prevention, and in special cases demand reduction. In order to do so, the concerned ministries shall provide the necessary support to the implementation of such training systems. The forms of training should be defined, as well as its organisational frameworks, and the conditions for trans-passability among the different forms of training are to be created. Experts on occupational rehabilitation must also be given place in courses organised for experts on drug users.

These should apply, above all, to the training and further training of experts on the problems of teenagers and adolescents:

- doctors, psychologists, pharmacists, nurses, certified nurses, district nurses,
- experts on social, child protection and child welfare issues,
- priests, and religious workers,
- social workers and social educators,
- school coordinators of drug issues (teachers, health promoters, school psychologists, child and youth protection officers),
- training of peer helpers and peer teachers,
- training members of the professional network of drug prevention experts of the Hungarian Defence Forces, their further training and leverage training,
- probation officers and law enforcement experts;

In charge: Minister of Youth, Family, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities
(for coordination)
Minister of Education
Minister of Defence
Minister of the Interior
Minister of Health
Minister of Employment Policy and Labour
Minister of Justice
Deadline: ongoing

b) orders the development of such education systems and methods whose use in schools effectively help in the implementation of the development objectives defined in the National

Basic Curriculum and in the framework curricula in connection with health promotion and within it prevention of drug use;

In charge: Minister of Education
Minister of Health
Minister of Youth, Family, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities

Deadline: ongoing

c) calls upon the concerned ministers that in order to have a more efficient control and monitoring over the use of chemicals necessary for illicit drug manufacturing, to work out through the concerned authorities – based on Government Regulation 272/2001 (XII. 21.) on the regulation of control and monitoring of certain activities with chemicals that are also used for illicit manufacturing of drugs and psychotropic substances – a training and information plan for 2005-2006 in order to train experts and to widen regularly their knowledge, in harmony with other training courses that involve the same target group.

In charge:: Minister of Economy and Transport
Minister of the Interior
Minister of Finance
Minister of Health

Deadline: for working out the information plan: 31 December, 2004
for the implementation of the programme: in the course of 2006

3. In order to have law enforcement tasks carried out successfully, the Crime Prevention Academy should also be involved in the organisation of further training courses related to drug supply and demand reduction, furthermore, joint training courses should be organised for experts working in drug supply and demand reduction on the special features of the crime of drug abuse and on the features of drug user and drug addict offenders.

In charge: Minister of the Interior
Minister of Finance

Deadline: 31 December, 2005

4. The Government agrees that the Hungarian Defence Forces and organisations under the Minister of the Interior, the law enforcement organisation and the customs and finance guard organisations prevent the spreading of drugs using the most effective and efficient methods and tools and by increasing cooperation. For this reason the number of professional staff must be increased by the necessary amount, and the financial conditions to purchase special equipment, to regularly up-grade tools and assets, to purchase more drug sniffing dogs and to train them and keep them must be created.

In charge: Minister of Defence
Minister of the Interior
Minister of Justice
Minister of Finance

Deadline: 2005 December 31., after that ongoing

5. Organisations under the Customs Guards and the Minister of the Interior must coordinate their action to prevent illegal export and import of drugs and chemicals needed for their production to and from Hungary, and their transit in Hungary.

In order to achieve this, the conditions defined in Government Regulation 272/2001 (XII. 21.) on the regulation of the control and monitoring of certain activities with chemicals that are also used for illicit manufacturing of drugs and psychotropic substances shall be reviewed to see if the organisational environment is suitable and what further measures are needed to enhance such activities.

In charge: Minister of Economy and Transport
Minister of the Interior
Minister of Finance
Minister of Health

Deadline: for the elaboration of the action plan: 31 December 2004
for practical implementation: 30 September, 2005

6. In order to provide the right amount and quality of information on the risks and consequences of drug use conveyed via the health promotion and drug prevention programmes to young people, the Government calls upon the concerned ministers to work out comprehensive sectoral drug prevention and health promotion programmes – outside the education institutions (especially in the areas of culture, community development and sport) – and take care of their practical application and implementation. The programmes must cover the widest possible range of young people and other groups at risk, thus

- participants in public education and higher education,
- school drop-outs,
- unemployed young people,
- others at risk for other psycho-social reasons,
- pregnant mothers-to-be, drug addicted new-born babies,
- drug users at risk of HIV and infectious hepatitis,
- those struggling with other psychiatric problems,
- young generations serving at the Hungarian Defence Forces,
- juveniles and adolescents held in penitentiary institutions.

In charge: Minister of Youth, Family, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities
(also for coordination)
Minister of the Interior
Minister of Health
Minister of Defence
Minister of Justice
Minister for National Cultural Heritage
Minister of Education

Deadline: ongoing

7. In order to handle the drug problem better and to inform the concerned age groups and families as precisely as possible, to publish the necessary amounts of information materials, text books and auxiliary books on the topic and to distribute them, as well as to increase the number of media events, the Government calls upon the concerned ministers to work out – at the national level – the conditions for organising and promoting such information publications and supporting media events.

In charge: Minister of Youth, Family, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities
(also for coordination)
Minister of Health
Minister of Education

Minister of the Interior
Minister of Defence
Minister for National Cultural Heritage
Minister of Finance
Minister of Employment Policy and Labour

Deadline: ongoing

8. In order to make families more susceptible to the drug problem and to handling it, the Government calls upon the concerned ministers to work out the conditions for supporting parent groups involved in the drug problem. Prevention and health promotion programmes must reach parents too, for a more effective implementation.

In charge: Minister of Youth, Family, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities
Minister of Health
Minister of Education
Minister of the Interior

Deadline: 31 December 2006

9. The Government orders the development of such school health strategies that give priority to the school drug strategy. The creation of school health development and drug coordination groups must play a key role in this so that the drug problem be handled in the schools as part of the education programme and health culture. The Government calls upon the concerned ministers to work out a support system making school prevention and health development programmes accessible all over the country.

In charge: Minister of Education
Minister of Youth, Family, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities
Minister of Finance
Minister of Health

Deadline: 31 December, 2005

10. The Government calls upon a Minister of Employment Policy and Labour to work out, together with the concerned ministers, a work place drug policy that, in the course of enlarging the drug-free work place programme, is important for safe work to protect employees and work place communities especially in dangerous work places. Special attention is to be given in this to launching work place prevention and treatment programmes and to the stressed role of the occupational health services.

In charge: Minister of Employment Policy and Labour
Minister of Health
Minister of Youth, Family, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities
Minister of Defence

Deadline: for the elaboration of the programme : 30 September, 2005
for implementation: 31 December, 2006

11. In order to increase the number of the so out reach programmes (in the course of which early intervention and early treatment become possible), and based on available data and information to develop the requirements of the care system and harm reduction methods

a) it is justified to increase the number of programmes that help to motivate drug users to participate in therapy; to develop harm reduction programmes (e.g.: telephone services, counselling, needle exchange programmes in places where there are a lot of needle using drug

users); to develop the maintenance treatment centres, and the addictology units. The number and the capacity of child addictology units are to be increased.

In this connection it is important to run county drug ambulances to treat patients with drug problems, and to develop addictology special care units providing out-patient services;

In charge: Minister of Health
Minister of Youth, Family, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities
Deadline: ongoing

b) the concerned ministries shall work out the different forms of community care for drug users and their relatives (providing social, legal, employment, and prevention-information help), the possibilities for the establishment of a nation-wide network (providing low threshold services, day care, family help centres and using other networks), and the conditions for supporting such a system;

In charge: Minister of Youth, Family, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities
Minister of Health
Minister of Finance
Deadline: 30 June, 2006

c) special attention shall be paid to drug users with HIV and hepatitis infections, furthermore, to drug users with other psychiatric problems (dual diagnosis, co-morbidity); to them, special forms of care must be provided. Also special programmes are necessary for pregnant women and drug addicted new born babies.

In charge: Minister of Health
Minister of Youth, Family, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities
Deadline: ongoing

12. In order to reduce social and health damages and risks caused by drug use, the Government calls upon the concerned ministers to create the conditions to improve the accessibility, capacity and efficiency of health and social care related to the handling of the drug problem and investigate further possibilities of government support for all this.

In charge: Minister of Youth, Family, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities
Minister of Health
Minister of Finance
Deadline: to built full coverage: 31 December, 2006

13. In order to handle life-style problems of drug users, and to implement re-integration programmes aimed especially at certain target groups,

a) the Government calls upon the concerned ministers to work out the requirements for a more differentiated institutional re-integration and re-socialization care of cured addicts and the government support thereof;

In charge: Minister of Youth, Family, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities
Minister of Health
Minister of Finance
Deadline: to create the system of conditions for support 31 December, 2005

b) the concerned ministers shall work out the conditions for participation in the re-socialization and re-integration programmes for homeless people in order to create the chance for the homeless to get re-integrated into society, with special consideration of the spreading of drug use, and to provide follow-up care to those who have successfully finished the programme;

In charge: Minister of Youth, Family, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities
Minister of Health
Minister of Employment Policy and Labour
Deadline: to elaborate the programme: 31 August, 2005
to launch the programme: 30 November, 2006

c) a suitable re-socialization and re-integration programme needs to be worked out and made into a general practice for those held in penitentiary institutions and for those who have been released from there;

In charge: Minister of Justice
Minister of Health
Minister of the Interior
Minister of Employment Policy and Labour
Minister of Youth, Family, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities
(for coordination)
Deadline: to elaborate the programme: 31 August, 2005
to implement the programme: 30 November, 2006

d) services provided to former drug users aimed at re-socialization must be increased; furthermore, the development of self-help groups established by them should be supported with the involvement of NGOs.

In charge: Minister of Youth, Family, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities
Minister of Health
Deadline: 31 December, 2005

14. In order to provide the necessary care to prisoners struggling with drug problems,

a) the Government calls upon the Minister of Justice to take the necessary steps towards the required legal regulation in connection with accessible drug addiction curing, drug use treatment and drug use harm reduction programmes available in the penitentiary institutions for involved prisoners. Furthermore, the Government calls upon the concerned ministers to guarantee the ongoing development of the existing programmes and their accessibility;

In charge: Minister of Justice
Minister of Health
Minister of Youth, Family, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities
Deadline: ongoing

b) in the penitentiary institutions – police detention centres, correction institutions – specialised care and treatment of drug user prisoners and of those under parole officer supervision must be provided.

In charge: Minister of the Interior
Minister of Justice
Minister of Health

Minister of Employment Policy and Labour
Minister of Youth, Family, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities
Deadline: ongoing

15. In order for all health institutions dealing with drug users function according to a unified set of professional requirements, wide ranging professional consensus based, uniform professional protocols are to be elaborated.

In charge: Minister of Health
Minister of the Interior
Minister of Youth, Family, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities
(for coordination)
Deadline: to elaborate the quality assurance system: 31 December, 2005
to run the system: ongoing

16. In order to make the activities of medical experts on drug issues unified in the entire nation, the Government calls upon the concerned ministers to take care that unified professional terms and requirements be developed to declare the fact of drug addiction.

In charge: Minister of Health
Minister of the Interior
Minister of Justice
Deadline: to draw up the system of terms: 30 June, 2005
to implement the single, unified activity: 30 June, 2006

17. In order to comply with European Union requirements, the Government calls upon the concerned ministers to review detection concepts related to drug crimes, and to develop quality information exchanges between Hungarian law enforcement and detection services and the concerned international customs and police organisations.

In charge: Minister of the Interior
Minister of Finance
Minister of Foreign Affairs
Minister of Defence
Minister heading the Office of the Prime Minister
Deadline: 31 December, 2005

18. As corresponds to the National Strategic Programme to reduce the drug problem, and to promote the reduction of the drug problem in Hungary, a communication strategy is to be used – making use of the opportunities provided by the media – that expresses government priorities on drug prevention, and at the same time provides efficient answers to the spreading of drug use.

This communication strategy systematically disseminates basic knowledge and raises awareness of the dangers and risks of drugs, points out positive life models and values, shows the possibilities of and access to the care system and the consequences of legal regulation.

In charge: Minister of Youth, Family, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities
concerned ministers
Deadline: ongoing

19. In order to implement the Regulation successfully, the Chair of the Drug Coordination Committee does ongoing coordination, in which the Chair of the National Crime Prevention Committee provides help and support.

20. Recognising the special importance of the provisions of the Regulation, the Government calls upon the concerned ministers to take care of their implement within the frameworks of the budget allocated in the 2005 Budget Act, and in the future when preparing the annual budget – taking into consideration the priorities defined in the Budget Guidelines and in accordance with other expectations and requirements – they plan the necessary funds for the implement of the tasks defined in the regulation.

In charge: concerned ministers

Deadline: ongoing, simultaneously with the development of the budget

21. The present Regulation shall enter into force on the 5th day after its publication, and simultaneously Government Regulation 1036/2002 (IV. 12.) on the implementation of the short and medium term objectives of the National Strategic Programme on the reduction of the drug problem shall be repealed.