

**Action Plan**  
**The Fiscal Council of Hungary**  
**2013**

The Fiscal Council of Hungary (hereinafter: FC or Council) shall carry out its tasks, first of all, according to the stipulations of the Fundamental Law of Hungary and Act XCXIV of 2011 (hereinafter: Stability Act) that is a cardinal law. On the basis of Article 44 of the Fundamental Law of Hungary the Fiscal Council is a body supporting the legislative work of the National Assembly and shall examine the soundness of the central budget.

According to its most important task, the Fiscal Council shall participate in the preparation of the central budget bill. The acceptance of the bill shall require the prior consent of the Fiscal Council, in order to observe the stipulations of Indents (4) and (5) of article 36 of the Fundamental Law. According to these stipulations:

- The National Assembly shall not accept any central budget bills that would contain the amount of public debt exceeding the half of the gross national product;
- As long as the public debt exceeds the half of the gross national product, the National Assembly shall accept only a central budget bill that contains the decreasing of the proportion of public debt to the gross national product.

According to Indent 2 of Paragraph 23 of the Stability Act, the Governor of the Central Bank and the President of the State Audit Office of Hungary – as member of the Fiscal Council – shall put at the disposal of the Council all analyses and findings prepared by their respective staff that are related to the issues discussed by the FC.

## **1. Preparation of the 2013 Action Plan**

- 1.1. Drawing up and distributing the draft of the Fiscal Council's 2013 Action Plan requesting an opinion and seeking advice from the members of the Council:

Deadline: 15<sup>th</sup> April 2013

Responsible: the Secretariat of the FC

- 1.2. Corporate harmonisation of the tasks of the Fiscal Council: the approval of the annual Action Plan. Exchange of opinions regarding the requirements related to the work of the Council, the contents of the cooperation – especially the direct cooperation of the staffs - about external networking, aspects of communication, the rules of proceedings concerning the delivering of opinions on the draft bills, topical affairs with special regard to the preparation of the six-month' evaluations in the second half of 2012 and the first half of 2013

Deadline: 2:00 p.m. 16<sup>th</sup> May 2013

Responsible: for the preparation of the meeting: the Secretariat of the FC

## 2. Mandatory tasks

2.1. Law amendments concerning the principal amounts of the revenues and expenditures entered as well as those concerning the deficit, in Act CCIV of 2012 on the 2013 central budget of Hungary

a) Delivering opinion on the basis of Paragraph 24 of the Stability Act

Deadline: within 10 days following the receipt of the draft sent by the Government

Responsible: for the preparation of the meeting and the draft decisions: the FC Secretariat;  
For sending the opinion: the Chairman of FC

b) Giving prior approval for the submission for the final voting, on the basis of Paragraph 26 of the Stability Act

Deadline: immediately, following the receipt of the draft sent by the National Assembly

Responsible: for the preparation of the meeting and the draft decisions: the FC Secretariat  
For sending the opinion: the Chairman of FC

2.2. The bill on the 2014 central budget of Hungary

a) Delivering opinion on the bill, on the basis of Paragraph 24 of the Stability Act

Deadline: within 10 days following the receipt of the draft sent by the Government

Responsible: for the preparation of the meeting and the draft decisions: the FC Secretariat  
For sending the opinion: the Chairman of FC

b) Delivering a uniform opinion from the aspect of the debt rule, on the basis of Indent (3), Paragraph 25 of the Stability Act

Deadline: within three days following receipt

Responsible: for the preparation of the meeting and the draft decisions: the FC Secretariat  
For sending the opinion: the Chairman of FC

c) Giving prior approval for the submission of the bill for final voting, on the basis of Paragraph 25/A of the Stability Act

Deadline: within one day following receipt  
Responsible: for the preparation of the meeting and the draft decisions:  
the FC Secretariat  
For sending the opinion: the Chairman of FC

- 2.3. Delivering the FC opinion on the execution of the annual budget, the expected trend of public debt (the joint discussion of the processes in the second half of 2013 and the first half of 2013), on the basis of Indent (1) of Paragraph 23 of the Stability Act

Deadline: 16<sup>th</sup> July 2013  
Responsible: for the preparation of the meeting and the draft decisions:  
the FC Secretariat  
For providing the opinion for those concerned and for the publication of the opinion: the Chairman of the FC

### **3. Further tasks**

- 3.1. Does the debt rule appropriately reflect on the economic contents of decreasing public debt? (Analysis by the SAO)

Deadline: October 2013  
Responsible: for the preparation: the SAO  
For the publication: the Chairman of the FC

- 3.2. On the basis of Point d), Indent (1), Paragraph 23 of the Stability Act, the Fiscal Council shall have the option to deliver an opinion on law proposals setting the foundations for the central budget

Deadline: when the need emerges  
Responsible: for the preparation of the meeting and the draft decisions:  
the Secretariat of the FC

- 3.3. “The Situation of the German Economy, its Characteristic Features and Effects on Prospects of the Hungarian Economy” is the title of the monograph in preparation by KOPINT-TÁRKI that would be discussed and debated internally

Deadline: first half of June 2013  
Responsible: for the preparation: the FC Secretariat  
For bringing the monograph to public notice, if justified:  
Chairman of the FC

- 3.4. Professional Forum about monographs to be prepared about the forecasts of macroeconomic processes by Századvég Economic Research Co. and GKI Economic Research Co.

Deadline: second half of September, 2013

Responsible: for the preparation of the Forum: The Secretariat of FC;  
For bringing the monograph to public notice, if justified:  
Chairman of the FC

- 3.5. Following with attention the characteristic features and processes of the public finance and macro economy

Deadline: continuous

Responsible: for the preparation: the Secretariat of FC

#### **4. Supporting the activities of the Council**

- 4.1. Based on Indent (2) of Paragraph 23 of the Stability Act, both the SAO and the Central Bank of Hungary – in the framework of their respective authorities and related to the issues discussed by the Council – shall prepare analyses and findings and shall put these materials at the disposal of the Council

Deadline: continuous, but especially concerning items 2.1, 2.2 and 3.1.

Responsible: members of the FC

- 4.2. Establishing various documents – related to the Rules of Proceedings concerning the preparation of the resolutions of the FC and the execution thereof as well as other materials – and preparation of the respective amendments of the Rules of Proceedings

Deadline: for the submission of the memorandum: 30<sup>th</sup> June 2013

Responsible: for the preparation: the Secretariat of FC

#### **5. Responsibilities of the Secretariat of the FC**

- 5.1. The Secretariat shall carry out its responsibilities under the guidance of the Chairman of the Fiscal Council. It shall prepare the meetings of the body, coordinate the tasks, compile the draft opinions, resolutions and memorandums; shall take care of the preparation and mailing out of the documents approved by the Chairman.

Deadline: according to the Rules of Proceedings

Responsible: the Secretariat of the FC

**Resolution**

At its meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> May 2013 the Fiscal Council discussed and accepted the 2013 Action Plan of the Council.

16<sup>th</sup> May 2013

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