

Hungary

National Higher Education Equity Policy

Governance

The Ministry of Human Capacities is responsible for defining national policies in higher education, with the support of its State Secretariat for Higher Education, who covers the higher education agenda. The Hungarian Rectors' Conference (HRC) represents higher education institutions in the country. The HRC, which was created in 1988, helps to shape legislation and national higher education policy.

Higher Education Policy Documents

What are the current official documents defining the national higher education strategy / policies?

- Act CCIV of 2011 on National Higher Education
- 2014 Higher Education Strategy: *A Change of Pace in Higher Education. Guidelines for Performance Oriented Higher Education Development*
- “Investing in the Future 2020” strategy

Equity in Policy Documents

What broad and specific equity objectives do the policy documents identify?

- Equal opportunities for: disadvantaged students, students who are on unpaid leave for childcare purposes, or receive maternity benefit, childcare assistance, child-raising allowance or childcare benefit, disabled applicants, minority applicants.

Which equity target groups are identified in the policy documents?

- Low-income students
- Minority groups
- Students with disability
- “Disadvantaged students”
- Students who are on unpaid leave for childcare purposes, or receive maternity benefit, childcare assistance, child-raising allowance or childcare benefit
- Students whose families receive particular social benefits; whose parents have a low educational attainment; who are from low work intensity

households; who experience severe housing deprivation or come from segregated neighborhoods; who have dependent children.

Does the country have concrete targets for the participation of specific equity groups?

- No

Hungary does not have a standalone policy document dedicated to equity promotion in higher education.

Are there specific anti-discrimination provisions?

- Act CXXV of 2003 on Equal Treatment and Promotion of Equal Opportunities

What specific interventions and/or instruments of equity promotion are included in the official strategy and policy documents (monetary and non-monetary)?

Monetary Policy Instruments

- Needs-based scholarships and grants / Other grants targeted for equity groups:
 - Scholarships for Hungarian (linguistic) minorities to access tertiary education in their mother tongue.
 - Grants
- Student loans
 - Students who study on non-state funded places can borrow loans to cover the fees (more than 50 % of the total student population)
 - all students can take out loans to cover living costs

Non-Monetary Policy Instruments

- Academic and career guidance and counseling
 - Mentoring programs: the HÖÖK (National Student Organisation) Mentoring Programme is designed to assist first-year students, who enter higher education with disadvantages (due to their social circumstances). Eligible students are supported for one academic year.
- Flexible pathways and transfers / Recognition of prior learning:
 - Recognition of prior learning for progression of studies.
- Reformed admission procedures / Affirmative action programs:
 - Students from under-represented groups can be awarded extra points in the admission procedure. These students meet the

following characteristics: students whose families receive particular social benefits; whose parents have a low educational attainment; who are from low work intensity households; who experience severe housing deprivation or come from segregated neighborhoods; who have disabilities or who have dependent children.

- Some programs offered in minority languages

Financial Resources

What financial resources does the country devote to equity promotion measures?

- Not available

Quality Assurance

The Hungarian Accreditation Committee, which is responsible for QA in Higher Education, does not take equity into account as part of its quality assurance criteria.

Monitoring and Evaluation

- No specific responsibility for that

Dedicated Equity Promotion Agency

Hungary does not have an agency dedicated to equity promotion in higher education?

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