



## Factsheet<sup>1</sup>:

# The Hungarian National Assembly















### 1. At a glance

Hungary is a republic and a parliamentary democracy. The Hungarian National Assembly (*Országgyűlés*) is a unicameral body. The 199 Members of the National Assembly are directly elected by the citizens being at least 18 years old.

Elections to the National Assembly must take place every four years at the latest, and are based on the principles of proportional representation. In May 2014, last elections, 106 Members were elected in individual voting districts while 93 Members were elected from lists at national-level, which could be put forward by a political party or a national minority. The Assembly includes 14 standing committees, which debate and report on bills and supervise the work of ministers. In addition to them there are two special committees with special tasks, powers and structure. The Committee on Legislation compiles proposed amendments submitted by committees into a summary and decides which of them will come before the National Assembly for a vote. One special committee is dedicated to the spokespersons of the 13 minorities (nationality advocates) present in Hungary.

The current Hungarian government under Prime Minister Mr Viktor Orbán (FIDESZ/EPP) is composed of the FIDESZ/EPP - KDNP/EPP coalition. The current President of Hungary is Mr János Áder, a former MEP of FIDESZ/EPP.



### 2. Composition

Results of the parliamentary elections on 6 April 2014*				
	Party	EP affiliation	Election %	Seats
 	<b>FIDESZ- Magyar Polgári Szövetség (FIDESZ)</b> FIDESZ - Hungarian Civic Union <b>Kereszténydemokrata Néppárt (KDNP)</b> Christian Democratic People's Party		<b>66,83%</b>	<b>133</b>
	<b>Magyar Szocialista Párt (MSZP)</b> Hungarian Socialist Party		<b>19,1%</b>	<b>38</b>
	<b>Demokratikus Koalíció (DK)</b> Democratic Coalition			
	<b>EGYÜTT - PM</b> Together - Dialogue for Hungary			
	<b>Magyar Liberális Párt (MLP)</b> Hungarian Liberal Party			
	<b>Jobbik Magyarországért Mozgalom (JOBBIK)</b> Movement for a Better Hungary	<b>Non-attached</b>	<b>11,56%</b>	<b>23</b>
	<b>Lehet Más a Politika (LMP)</b> Politics Can Be Different		<b>2,51%</b>	<b>5</b>
			<b>100%</b>	<b>199</b>
<b>Turnout: 61,2%</b> <b>The next National Assembly elections must take place in spring 2018 at the latest</b>				

\*Source: National Election Office ([http://www.valasztas.hu/hu/ogyv2014/861/861\\_0\\_index.html](http://www.valasztas.hu/hu/ogyv2014/861/861_0_index.html))

<sup>1</sup> In cooperation with the Office of the Hungarian National Assembly

### **3. Officeholders**

<b>President of the Hungarian National Assembly</b>    Mr László Kövér (FIDESZ/EPP) since 6 May 2014	<b>Chair of the Committee on European Affairs</b>    Dr. Richárd Hörcsik (FIDESZ/EPP) since 6 May 2014
<b>Director-General of the Hungarian Parliament:</b> Dr György Such, since 1 January 2013	

### **4. Relations with Members of the European Parliament**

<b>Participation rights for Hungarian MEPs in plenary sittings</b>	Partially (If the orders of the day is related to European Union issues)
<b>Participation rights for Hungarian MEPs in committee meetings</b>	Yes (Invited to all public committee meetings in consulting capacity)
<b>Availability of videoconferencing system in the Hungarian National Assembly</b>	No

### **5. Information links**

- Official website: <http://www.parlament.hu>
- The operation of the National Assembly
- List of standing committees
- Recent documents submitted by the National Assembly to the Interparliamentary EU Information Exchange (IPEX)
- European Parliament Information Office in Budapest

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