

OSH Authorities — Hungary

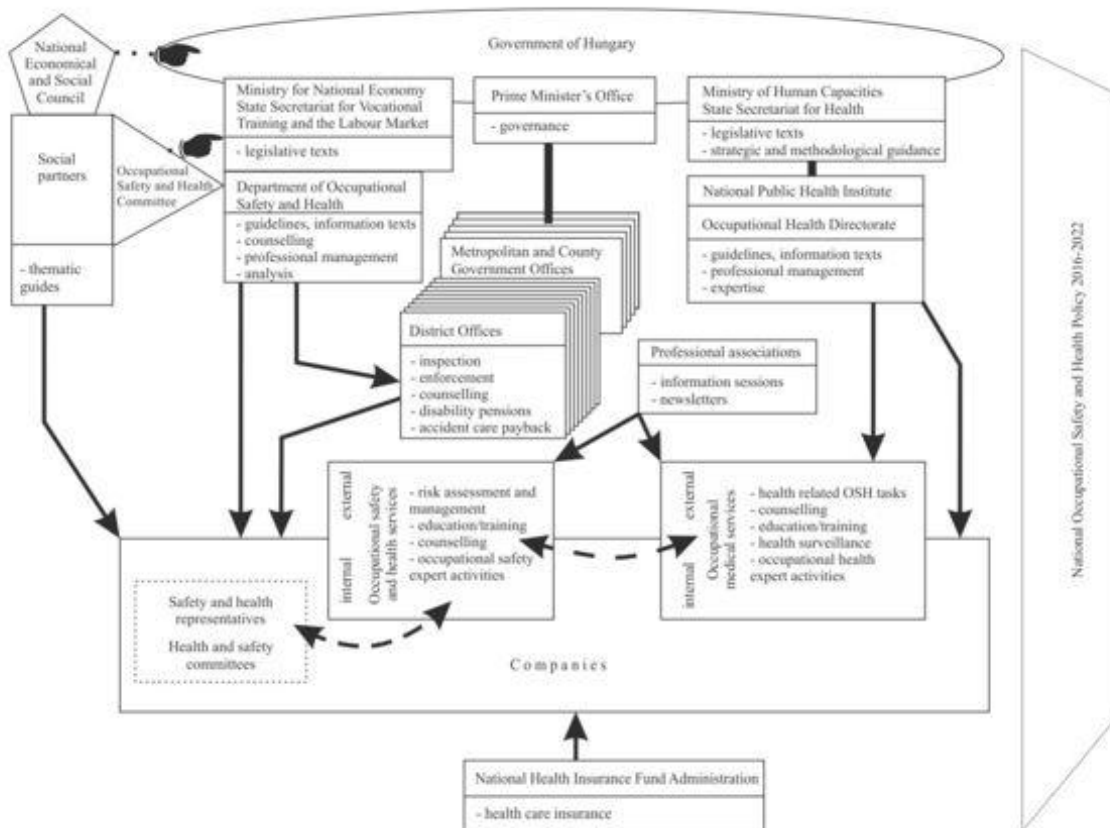
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OSH authorities

Name of authority	Ministry of National Economy (<i>Nemzetgazdasági Minisztérium</i>)
Link	http://www.kormany.hu/en/ministry-for-national-economy
Short abstract	This ministry is responsible for employment policy and professionally controlling the field of occupational health. It is also the authority for occupational safety and health (OSH) inspection activities of the district offices of the government departments that act as OSH authorities. The Department of Occupational Safety and Health (<i>Munkavédelmi Főosztály</i>) is within the State Secretariat for Vocational Training and the Labour Market (<i>Munkaerőpiacért és Képzésért Felelős Államtitkárság</i>). The department performs legislative, coordination and functional activities. Its most important tasks are authoritative and professional control tasks, state control tasks and supervision tasks related to occupational safety, data collection and statistical analysis. Furthermore, it informs and counsels the public on issues concerning OSH. The department performs certain authoritative activities as occupational safety expert and operates the information technology (IT) system of the OSH authority. In addition to this, the department participates in national and international committees and operates the Hungarian focal point of the European Agency for Safety and Health at Work (EU-OSHA).
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Name of authority	National Public Health Institute (OKI — <i>Országos Közegészségügyi Intézet</i>)
Link	https://www.antsz.hu/
Short abstract	OKI is the background institution of the ministry responsible for health (EMMI). It was founded by merging other institutes (National Centre for Epidemiology, National Public Health Centre, Office of the Chief Medical Officer), delegating tasks to the ministry and reducing personnel. Its Occupational Health Directorate (<i>Munkahigiénés és Foglalkozás-egészségügyi Igazgatóság</i>) is the successor of the National Institute of Occupational Health (<i>Országos Munkahigiénés és Foglalkozás-egészségügyi Intézet</i>). As the organisational part of OKI — the body that has been granted national occupational health powers — the directorate is tasked with professionally controlling the field of occupational health (occupational medicine and work hygiene). Its most important tasks in professional control, expertise, training, further education and information provision, and international professional fields are (i) developing standard protocols, (ii) providing background support and expertise, (iii) implementing activities specified in legislation, (iv) carrying out assessment and analysis, (v) providing (further) education, (vi) publishing professional journals, and (vii) encouraging international cooperation. In addition to this, the directorate performs laboratory measurements and special medical examinations.
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Name of authority	Occupational safety and health units of the Metropolitan and County Government Offices (<i>Fővárosi és Megyei Kormányhivatalok munkavédelmi egységei</i>)
Link	http://www.kormanyhivatal.hu/
Short abstract	<p>The organisation of the Metropolitan and County Government agencies belongs to the Prime Minister's Office. District offices in county seats perform OSH inspections. There are occupational safety and occupational health experts available to control compliance with legal requirements (inspection, sanctions), counselling and the investigation of work accidents and occupational diseases. The units can ask for support from other departments within the office (e.g. public health).</p> <p>Other supervisory entities also perform occupational safety tasks, such as the Hungarian Office for Mining and Geology (<i>Magyar Bányászati és Földtani Hivatal</i>). In the case of certain distinct areas (armed forces, law enforcement and disaster management bodies, etc.), the given sector issues safety and health regulations pursuant to special authorisation in the law. Furthermore, these bodies supervise the enforcement of the OSH regulations that fall within their competence. Recently, there has been an approximation towards civilian legislation.</p>
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■ Compensation and insurance bodies

Name of body	n/a
Link	
Short abstract	<p>Current Hungarian regulations do not separate the accident insurance system, although the issue of its introduction is repeatedly being raised in national strategies. The employer pays social contribution tax after its employees, which also partly covers healthcare costs. The value of the contribution, which is set out in legislation, is the same for every employer and employee and does not take into account the dangerous nature of the job. As a result, the employer is not directly interested in reducing risks inherent in the work environment.</p> <p>Following the dissolution of the National Office for Rehabilitation and Social Affairs (<i>Nemzeti Rehabilitációs és Szociális Hivatal</i>), tasks such as the establishment of a disability pension, an accident disability pension, an accident-related allowance, a rehabilitation allowance, health damage annuity for miners, and the establishment of the degree of lasting health damage and the portion that has arisen from a worker's occupation are administered in various places. Generally, cases are handled in district offices, but some are handled by the Rehabilitation Department of the Government Office of Budapest (<i>Budapest Főváros Kormányhivatala Rehabilitációs Főosztálya</i>) and the Social Affairs and Child Protection Government Office (<i>Szociális és Gyermekvédelmi Főigazgatóság</i>) at the national level.</p>
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▪ Research institutes

Name of authority	n/a
Link	
Short abstract	There is no national OSH research institute in Hungary. The Occupational Health Directorate of OKI performs research related to work hygiene, epidemiology, applied occupational physiology — ergonomics — and work psychology. Certain universities deal with research related to occupational safety.
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▪ Prevention services

Name of service	Not specified
Link	
Short abstract	There are a number of market-based, well-equipped occupational health and occupational safety service providers across the country that are aimed at satisfying the requirements for prevention services.
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▪ Other OSH services

Name of association	Főcze Lajos Foundation for Safety and Health Representatives
Link	http://www.mvkepvisele.hu/
Short abstract	The foundation aims to promote the possibilities of workers for occupational safety reconciliation and representation of their interests.
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Name of association	Hungarian Scientific Society for Occupational Health and Medicine (MÜTT — <i>Magyar Üzemegészségügyi Tudományos Társaság</i>)
Link	http://www.mutt.hu/
Short abstract	MÜTT aims to practise and develop occupational medicine, improve the knowledge of its members and provide medical ethics education.
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Name of society	Hungarian Ergonomics Society (MET — <i>Magyar Ergonómiai Társaság</i>)
Link	http://met.ergonomiavilaga.hu/
Short abstract	The objective of MET is to strengthen and coordinate the position of ergonomics as a profession to facilitate the enforcement of human aspects in production, products and services promoting the implementation of economic objectives.
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Name of society	Hungarian Scientific Society for Occupational Hygiene and Chemical Safety (MMKBTT — <i>Magyar Munkahigiénés és Kémiai Biztonsági Tudományos Társaság</i>)
Link	No web page
Short abstract	This civil organisation promotes the enforcement of primary prevention in workplaces and public health safety throughout the country, and aims to improve quality of life. Furthermore, it promotes carrier prospects and the upgrading of its members' skills.
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Name of society	Hungarian Chamber of Engineers — Department of Occupational Safety (<i>Magyar Mérnöki Kamara Munkabiztonsági Tagozata</i>)
Link	http://mmk.hu/szervezet/tagozat
Short abstract	This department represents occupational safety engineers across different forums, distributes information and organises training.
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Name of association	Work Safety and Occupational Medical Association (MUFOSZ — <i>Munkabiztonsági és Foglalkozás-egészségügyi Szövetség</i>)
Link	http://www.mufosz.hu/
Short abstract	MUFOSZ brings together prevention specialists, represents the interests of the safety and health profession, and promotes a healthy and safe working environment via professional meetings, publications, analyses and networking.
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▪ Standardisation bodies

Name of the body	Hungarian Standards Institution (MSZT — <i>Magyar Szabványügyi Testület</i>)
Link	http://www.mszt.hu/
Short abstract	The MSZT is an independent, non-profit public body. Its main activities and services include standardisation, certification, adult education, issue of standards, distribution of standards and information supply.
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