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Evaluation of

**The Hungarian Energy and  
Public Utility Regulatory  
Authority (HEA)**

with regard to E<sup>n</sup>R Membership



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## Evaluation process

- **Letter of Interest** from HEA in February 2017 – just before M60 in Zurich.
- **Invitation to present itself** at EnR Regular Meeting M61, June 2017, in Bucharest and **appointment of evaluation team**.
- **EnR Questionnaire for New Members** in September 2017.
- An **on-site visit** by the evaluation team in November 2017.  
The visit lasted half a day and was dedicated to presentations in the field of the activities of HEA, the Hungarian energy landscape and EnR activities and responsibilities.
- In December, based on the **report and recommendation** from the evaluation team, the secretariat of EnR conducted a **written procedure for acceptance** of HEA as new member of EnR.
- February, EnR M62 London, **signing of EnR Charter**



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## Results according to Selection Criteria

### Institutional similarity with EnR Members

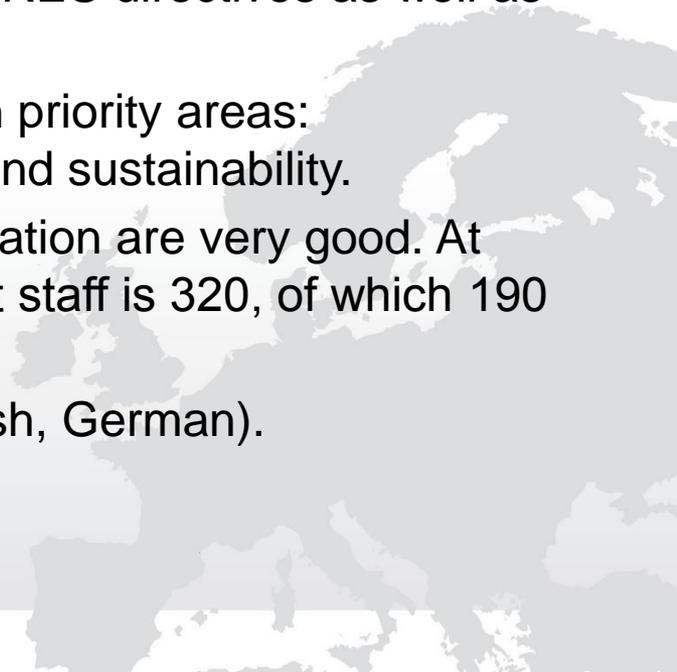
- independent supervisory authority responsible for electricity, natural gas, district heating, water utility and waste management services
- strong and formalised role in the preparation and execution of energy efficiency programmes in Hungary
- mandate in regard to renewable energy
- provides expert support to relevant governmental institutions in preparing policies and programmes for both EE and RES. These tasks are strongly linked to the implementation of EU directives in these fields.
- responsible for tasks related to national energy statistics
- communication tasks



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## Results according to Selection Criteria

### Organisational capability

- HEA's primary objective has been as the regulator of the energy markets, but has been broadened to cover the EE and RES directives as well as water and waste issues.
  - HEA's key activities are focused on four main priority areas: security of supply, affordability, quality of life and sustainability.
  - The skills base and capabilities of the organisation are very good. At present, the total number of HEA's permanent staff is 320, of which 190 are devoted to energy issues.
  - Language skills appear to be excellent (English, German).
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**Results according to Selection Criteria**

## **Financial capacity**

HEA's budget is part of the central state budget.

HEA covers its expenditures from its own revenues e.g. surveillance fee, fines imposed by HEA, and administration service fees.

The organisation seems also to have a relatively high degree of freedom to commit itself to collaboration of the EnR type.





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**Results according to Selection Criteria**

## **Capacity to participate in joint projects**

HEA has been involved with EU projects for a number of years. In the field of EE and RES: CA-EED 1-2, CA-RES 1-3, and Odysee-Mure.

International organisations or networks that HEA is in close contact with: IEA, The Energy Community, European Commission, etc.

In addition, HEA is an active member of more than 60 working groups of the Agency for the Cooperation of Energy Regulators (ACER), the Council of European Energy Regulators (CEER) and the Energy Regulators Regional Association (ERRA).



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## Results according to Selection Criteria

### HEA's reasons for joining EnR

- enhanced exchange of information and experience
- added value of the networking opportunities on the senior managing staff level as well as on the energy expert level - within the EU and wider Europe
- strengthen Hungary's participation EU Horizon 2020 projects
- HEA has expressed special interest to participate in the following Working Groups of EnR: Energy Efficiency, Renewables and Industry.



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## Summary of evaluation

HEA's role is considered to comply well with the E<sup>n</sup>R Charter.

HEA's reasons for joining coincide well with the priorities and objectives of E<sup>n</sup>R.

HEA has sufficient capacity – both expertise, experience and staff as well as financial means - to participate actively in E<sup>n</sup>R working groups and joint projects of E<sup>n</sup>R.



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## Recommendations

According to our judgement and on the basis of this evaluation it is our recommendation that **The Hungarian Energy and Public Utility Regulatory Authority (HEA)** is invited to become a member of E<sup>n</sup>R.

*Thank You!*

