

COUNTRY FACT SHEET ON RBs: HUNGARY

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	1991	2014	2015	2020
Name	Subsistence minimum	Reference budget for social participation	Pilot project for the development of a common methodology on Reference Budgets in Europe	ABSPO project for testing feasibility of the development of a common Reference Budgets in Europe
Year of first construction	1991	2014	2015	2020
State of use	Program terminated by the HCSO in 2015, continued by an NGO	In use for cross-national research	In use for cross-national research	In use for cross-national research, and European feasibility on constructing RB
Key moments		<p>2012: Start of the project.</p> <p>2012 - 2014: Compiling the baskets</p> <p>October 2013: Collecting the prices for food budget</p> <p>January 2014: Test focus group</p> <p>February - March 2014: Focus group discussions</p> <p>April 2014: Collecting the prices for clothing, food, health and personal hygiene.</p> <p>Summer 2014: Collecting the prices for other baskets</p> <p>Autumn 2014: Calculating the full budget</p> <p>Winter 2015: Calculating the poverty line based</p>	<p>12/2013: Start of European Reference Budgets Network project (run by CSB & Applica, Belgium)</p> <p>2014: review of guidelines & literature and expert consultations for the development of the Food Basket, Personal & Health Care, and preparation guideline on Rest and Leisure.</p> <p>March 2015: Three Focus Groups in Budapest</p> <p>April 2015: Pricing procedure for the Food and Personal & Health Care baskets.</p> <p>May 2015: Final Results for the Healthy Food Basket, Personal and Health Care. Finalised R&L Guideline</p>	<p>July 2020: Start of the ABSPO project</p> <p>August 2020: Revision/updating of EURB (food) and Improve (other) baskets</p> <p>August 2020: Extension of all the baskets to 3 year olds and 70 year olds</p> <p>October 2020: Focus groups (cancelled due to Covid-19)</p> <p>December 2020: online price collection</p>

		on the reference budget		
Geographical focus	Entire country	Budapest	Budapest	country with limitation
Data used	- Expert knowledge - (Inter) national or regional guidelines - Household Budget Survey	- Expert knowledge - Other survey data - Focus group decisions - (Inter)national or regional guidelines	- Expert knowledge - Other survey data - Focus group decisions - (Inter)national or regional guidelines	Expert knowledge - Other survey data - (Inter)national or regional guidelines
Household types	<i>HH with active age</i> 1 adult 1 adult, 1 child 1 adult, 2 children 2 adults 2 adults, 1 child 2 adults, 2 children 2 adults, 3 children 2 adults, 4 children 3 adults 3 adults, 1 child 3 adults, 2 children 3 adults, 3 children 3 adults, 4 children <i>HH with person above retirement age</i> 1 adult 2 adults 3 adults	Adults at active age (30-50 years old) and children in primary and secondary education: (1) a single person (man/woman); (2) a couple; (3) a single woman with a child (boy, 10 years old) (4) a couple with 2 children (one boy, 10 years old and one girl, 14 years old).	1) a single person household (man/woman); 2) a single parent household (woman) with 2 children; 3) Couple (man & woman), plus 2 children (boy 10 y old, primary school; girl 14y old, secondary education).	1) a single person household (man/woman); 2) a single parent household (woman) with 2 children; 3) Couple (man & woman), plus 2 children (boy 10 y old, primary school; girl 14y old, secondary education) addition of 3 year olds and 70 year olds
Institutions involved	Hungarian Central Statistical Office (till 2015) Policy Agenda Institute (since 2016)	Six institutions involved, run by CSB, Belgium. in HUN: TÁRKI and National Institute of Pharmacy and Nutrition	54 institutions involved, run by CSB and Applica in HUN: TÁRKI	4 institutions involved, run by JRC-Ispra in HUN: TÁRKI
Key publications	annual data releases	see below	see below	not yet
Updates	on an annual basis	no	no	no
Last update	2020	2014	2015	2020

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All available publications about RBs in Hungary

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