

Presenting Government Control Office

The Control Scope of the Office

The Government Control Office (GCO) performs government control tasks laid down in law and other tasks defined in public regulatory instruments or in acts concerning the enforcement of government control policies, under Government Decree No. 355/2011 of 23 December 2011 on the Government Control Office. Referred to its remit, its control activities are carried out under separate legal acts, government decisions or are prescribed by the Prime Minister of Hungary.

The Office performs its government control activities on the basis of an annual control plan approved by the Government. Pursuant to a government decision or the directive of the Prime Minister, the President of the Office shall also order controls on an extraordinary basis.

In accordance with Article 63(1) of Act CXCV of 2011 on Public Finances, the control scope of the Office embraces the following:

- a) the control of the implementation of government decisions
- b) control of the use of aid given from EU sources or from other programs financed in compliance with international agreements concluded on behalf of the State, the government control of central-managed appropriations under chapters controlled by the Government, of chapter-managed appropriations, of funds appropriated to Social Security, of State funds appropriated to specific purposes, and that of budgetary institutions under the control or supervision of the Government,
- c) the control of budgetary or other support allocated from the central subsystem of public finance - including support and aid received under international treaties - given to business entities, public foundations, public bodies, foundations and associations, and the control of the use of property granted by the State gratuitously to the above-mentioned organisations for specific purposes,
- d) the control of companies which, with respect to national economy, form priority part of national property and are permanently in state ownership, and of those - other than the National Bank of Hungary - in which the Government is a majority shareholder,

- e) the control of foundations and public foundations the founder rights of which are exercised by budgetary institutions subject to the control or supervision of the Government, or which receive state support from the central subsystem of public finance,
- f) the control of the legitimacy of granting or drawing-down of State guarantees, including the control of the central budget and the compliance with the provisions of the guarantee agreement both as regards the initial obligor and the obligee under the contract,
- g) *repealed*
- h) the control of legal relationships arising in connection with points a) - f), and of contracting parties who are directly or indirectly taking part in the fulfilment of the conditions of such a relationship,
- i) *repealed*
- j) in the case of a budgetary aid granted with the purpose of relieving operational costs, the control of the beneficiary's operations and their allocation of these funds.

The Office's Reporting Obligation

The President of the GCO shall report on its activities to the Government on an annual basis via the Prime Minister until 30 June each year following the one during which the controls were carried out.