

# TERRITORIAL AND LOCAL ADMINISTRATIVE SYSTEM IN HUNGARY

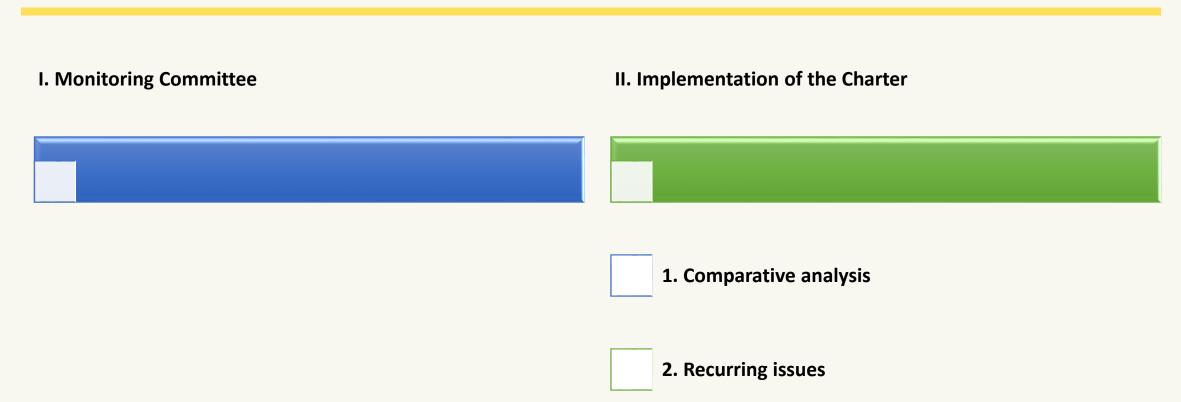
## VII. EXAMPLES FROM THE EXAMINATION OF LOCAL AND REGIONAL DEMOCRACY BY THE PRACTICE OF THE CONGRESS

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7. Examples from the examination of local and regional democracy by the practice of the Congress



### Map of presentation



#### Monitoring of the application of the Charter

#### Situation of local and regional democracy

#### **Monitoring Committe**

- Responsibility for monitoring
- Monitoring visits
- Draft report
- Recommendation
- Post-monitoring political dialogue

#### **Tools**

- General regular country-by-country monitoring visit
- Every 5 years
- Examinations from particular aspect
- Fact-finding missions specific cases

#### Implementation of the Charter – Comparative analyses

#### decentralisation

ongoing process

#### consultation

Common and persistent failure

country reports, recommendations

### Implementation of the Charter – Comparative analyses (2)

### Principle of local self-government

- Constituional level
- The case of Hungary
- UK

### **Concept of local** self-government

- Right and ability
- Lack of resources
- Intermunicipial cooperation
- Aim: high-level decentralisation
- Substantial share of public affairs – vague legal term

#### Scope of local selfgovernment

- General principles
- Full discretion
- Competences: full&exclusive

### Administrative supervision

- Tutelle
- Disproportionate intervention
- Insufficient counteract remedies

#### **Financial resources**

- Adequate and sufficiently diversified financial resources
- Economic and political dependency

### **Concerns of the Congress**

Violations of the Charter

over-centralised system of financing

inadequate financial sources

#### lack of

- financing for delegated tasks
- transparent and predictable financial equalisation mechanisms
- appropriate consultation

stricter gonvernmental control on finance

municipal property in transition countries

### Recurring issues (2010-2016)

absence of direct applicability of the Charter in the field of local and regional democracy

inadequacy of financial resources for local and regional authorities

restricted definition, allocation and exercise of local competences

lack of consultation with regard to central government

broader trend towards (re)centralization

absence of flexibility in budgetary matters

# Thank you for your kind attention.



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