

HUNGARY

Decision-Making

Stakeholders: The National Centre for Public Health and the National Immunisation Technical Advisory Group (NITAG).

Introducing a new vaccine: NITAG meets quarterly, or on special request, to discuss and report on new vaccines, influencing decisions on preventive measures. New vaccines are introduced following pharmaceutical and economic evaluations of the costs and benefits and a review of epidemiological data.

Ministry of Finance Involvement: The Ministry of Finance is involved annually in healthcare and prevention budgeting.

Financing

Primary Funding Sources: Reimbursed vaccines funded from the national budget. Not all recommended vaccines are reimbursed, and some are reimbursed for certain high-risk groups, e.g. Seasonal flu for those over 65.

Ringfencing: Yes. The annual prevention budget is ringfenced, incorporating the costs of the national vaccination program.

Financial Mechanisms for Sustainability: No mechanisms are in place, but political commitment has been consistent for the National Immunisation Plan (NIP) to be budget-financed, providing a stable funding environment.

Influence of Public-Private Partnerships: Certain NGOs can make recommended vaccines that are not included in the NIP available.

Critical Financing Challenges: Budget constraints, competing healthcare needs and political will.

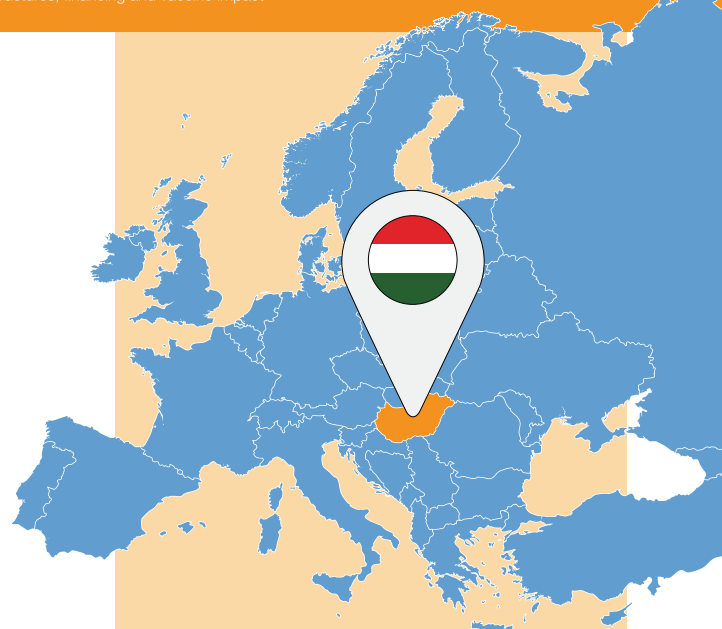
	Yes	No
Ministry of Finance Involvement	✓	
Ringfencing	✓	
External Funding Sources		✓

Landscape

History: The NIP has existed since the 1950s and is regularly updated to include new vaccines as recommended by health authorities.

Most Funded Campaign: Seasonal flu campaigns for high-risk groups

Future Landscape and Post-COVID Adaptation: No significant shifts in funding strategy are anticipated, although a catch-up program for HPV is planned. The mechanisms put in place for COVID have not remained.



Centralised Health System



6.7%

of GDP spent on healthcare



7.6%

of healthcare budget is spent on prevention



22.3%

Over-65 influenza vaccination coverage (2022)

Adult vaccination (18+) recommendation against 4 diseases:

COVID-19*
Pertussis*
Pneumococcal disease
Influenza*

*3/4 are government funded

