



## HUNGARY



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#### ***1. Legislation :***

- Resolution No. 27/1993. (IV.23.) of the Parliament on the principles of the national defence of the Republic of Hungary ;
- Act XXXVII of 1996 on Civil defence.

#### ***2- Mission :***

The major task of Civil defence is :

- Organization and accomplishment of catastrophe warning and continuous information of the whole population in case of air-raid, NBC and disasters ;
- Shelter protection comprising planning, construction, maintenance and operation of qualified shelters ; design and in case of classified period construction and operation of emergency shelters ; utilization of underground railways (Metro), natural caves and shafts as shelters ;
- Supply the population and civilian organizations with personal protection kits ;
- Organization and accomplishment of evacuation of the population from the endangered towns, areas of the country. Supply of the homeless population ;
- Protection of the material (food, potable water, livestock, fodder) necessary for the population.

*Further tasks of the Civil defence :*

- Preparation of the population and civilian organizations for their expected tasks : establish, equip and prepare civil defence organizations, stockpiling material necessary for accomplishment of tasks.
- Protection of cultural heritage: Preparation of the state leadership (government, ministerial, organizations, offices, institutions, etc.) for civil defence tasks and creation of technical conditions for wartime leadership.

The tasks of the civil defence in catastrophe situation or after hostile aggressive strike are rescue, decontamination, disinfection and planning, organization and accomplishment of the utmost necessary reconstruction activity, furthermore evacuation from the health service, temporary accommodation and supply of the population at the endangered area.

In order to accomplish these tasks :

- Civil defence plans, organizes and accomplishes the warning, information and evacuation of the population at endangered areas, settlements and their rescue from the damaged area ;
- Plans, organizes the personal protective kit supply for the population at endangered areas and protection of material properties,
- Prepares the citizens, civilian organizations to prevent emergencies, diminish the consequences.

Civil defence contributes to accommodate and supply refugees arriving in Republic of Hungary.

**3. Regulation and procedure :**

The Hungarian Civil defence is integral part of the Home defence. Cooperating and tasks forces in the system of civil defence :

- state organizations,
- local governments,
- enterprises, cooperatives and other economic (altogether civilian), organizations regardless of their ownership,
- defence forces, boderguard, police forces, fire brigade,
- civil defence headquarters, institutes, organizations,
- charitable organizations
- citizens.

The civil defence tasks have to be organized and accomplished in coordinated manner and in their original framework both by the state, municipalities and civilian organizations as well as by armed forces, law and order organizations and fire brigade.

Civil defence tasks are directed by the Minister of the Interior.

Wartime tasks and requirements of the civil defence for war period are prescribed by the Minister of Defence in consent with the Minister of the Interior.

#### **4. Organisation :**

Civil defence of the Republic of Hungary is controlled by the Minister of the Interior. Regarding his scope of authority in civil defence tasks it covers all civilian organizations regardless of their ministerial subordination.

The Minister of the Interior performs his control over civil defence through the Directorate General of Civil defence - professional supervisory body for civil defence - organized within the frames of National Headquarters of Fire Service and Civil defence.

Directorate General of Civil defence is a planning, organizing and supervising professional body. In its scope of authority provided by legal regulations and other state legal measures organizes and controls the civil defence activities of civil defence and civilian organizations, citizens, furthermore it performs civil defence direction and special authority tasks.

Head of ministries and national agencies provide for issuing in consensus with the Minister of the Interior - special civil defence prescription and measurements in their scope of authority.

Chairmen of capital and county public assemblies within their area of authority direct the civil defence using their administrative legal power. Their scope of authority covers the civilian organizations and citizens. The Chairmen of public assemblies carry out their civil defence tasks through the capital and county civil defence headquarters.

The mayor directs, organizes and controls the accomplishment of local civil defence tasks using his administrative legal power. His scope of authority covers civilian organization and citizens. The mayor accomplishes his local civil defence tasks through the regional or capital district civil defence headquarters having regional authority. The center and scope of authority of the regional headquarters was defined by the Minister of the Interior by decree.

There are three levels in the professional direction system of the civil defence :

- at national level the Directorate General of Civil defence
- at regional level the capital and 19 county civil defence headquarters
- at local level 165 local civil defence headquarters.

#### **5. Staff :**

The members of the above civil defence organizations are professionals in active duty and civilian employees who have the necessary level of special education to accomplish their tasks and their activity is granted and defined by international conventions.

Accomplishment of civil defence tasks as part of the home defence are performed, supervised and directed by the Department of Defence Coordination of the Ministry of Defence through the chairmen of the capital and county public assembly - as chairmen of the Defence Committee.

In the Republic of Hungary regular civil defence units and organizations have not been organized that is why for accomplishment of civil defence tasks - in the case when these tasks can not be carried out by other regular forces - at the given area depending on the level of the endangerment for the period of the accomplishment of tasks temporary regional civil defence organizations and services shall be established.

The members of the regional civil defence organizations are assigned by the competent mayor by a resolution from the circle of citizens under civil defence obligation. The percentage of citizens assigned for civil defence tasks in case of different catastrophes is 1.5% and further 1% may be mobilized in short period.

Basic organization principles of the civil defence services :

- civil defence section : (observation post, patrol, group) is the smallest organization for special tasks. Strength : 2-8 people.
- civil defence squad : is composed a number of sections, capable of acting independently. Strength : 15-20 people.
- civil defence group : is composed of 3-4 squads capable of acting independently. It is the basic civil defence unit. Strength : 50-60 people.
- complex task force : is a civil defence subunit composed of different services.
- civil defence and rescue group : is a temporary organization established for accomplishing tasks at large size damaged territories.

The professional Fire Guard :

The Act No. XX of 1991 established, on the one hand, the institution of the professional self-governmental Fire Guard and on the other, it placed the obligation on self-governments competent according to the place of residence of the professional self-governmental Fire Guard to perform fire-fighting and technical rescue as compulsory public service responsibilities.

It delegated the sphere of authority for fire-fighting to the notary competent according to the place of residence of the professional self-governmental Fire Guard.

Structure of the Fire Guard is as follows :

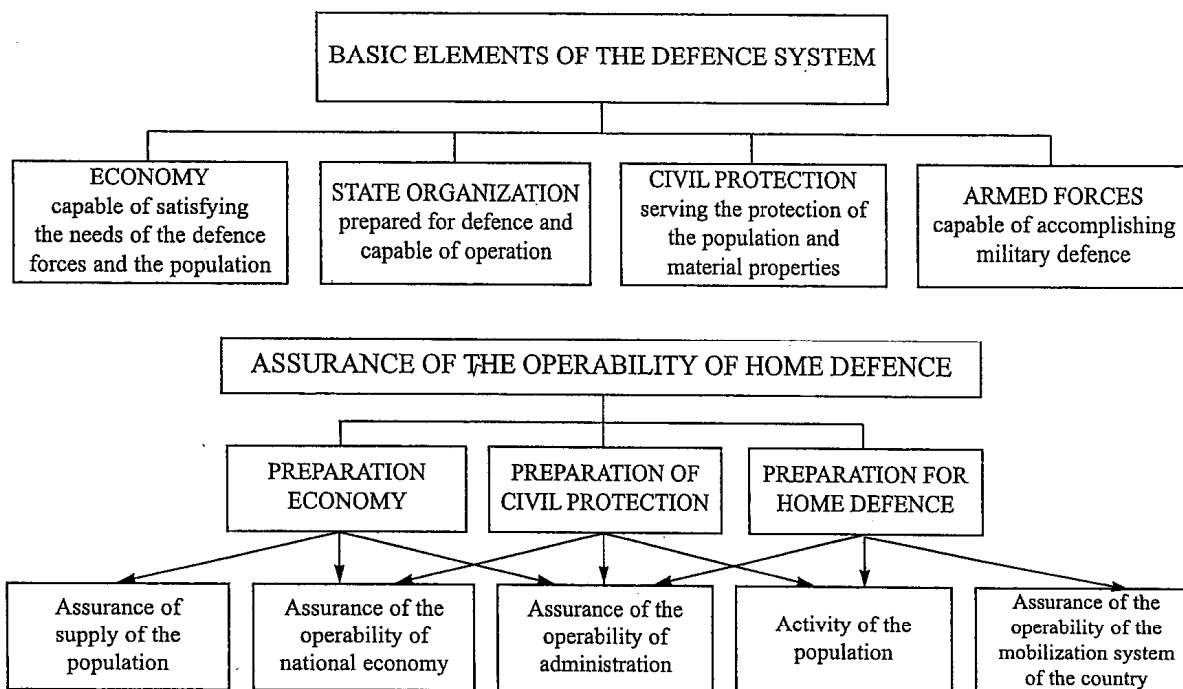
- professional state,
- professional self-governmental,
- voluntary,
- workplace fire-fighters.

The Fire Guard performs technical rescue and primary intervention in the event of traffic, factory accidents and natural disasters.

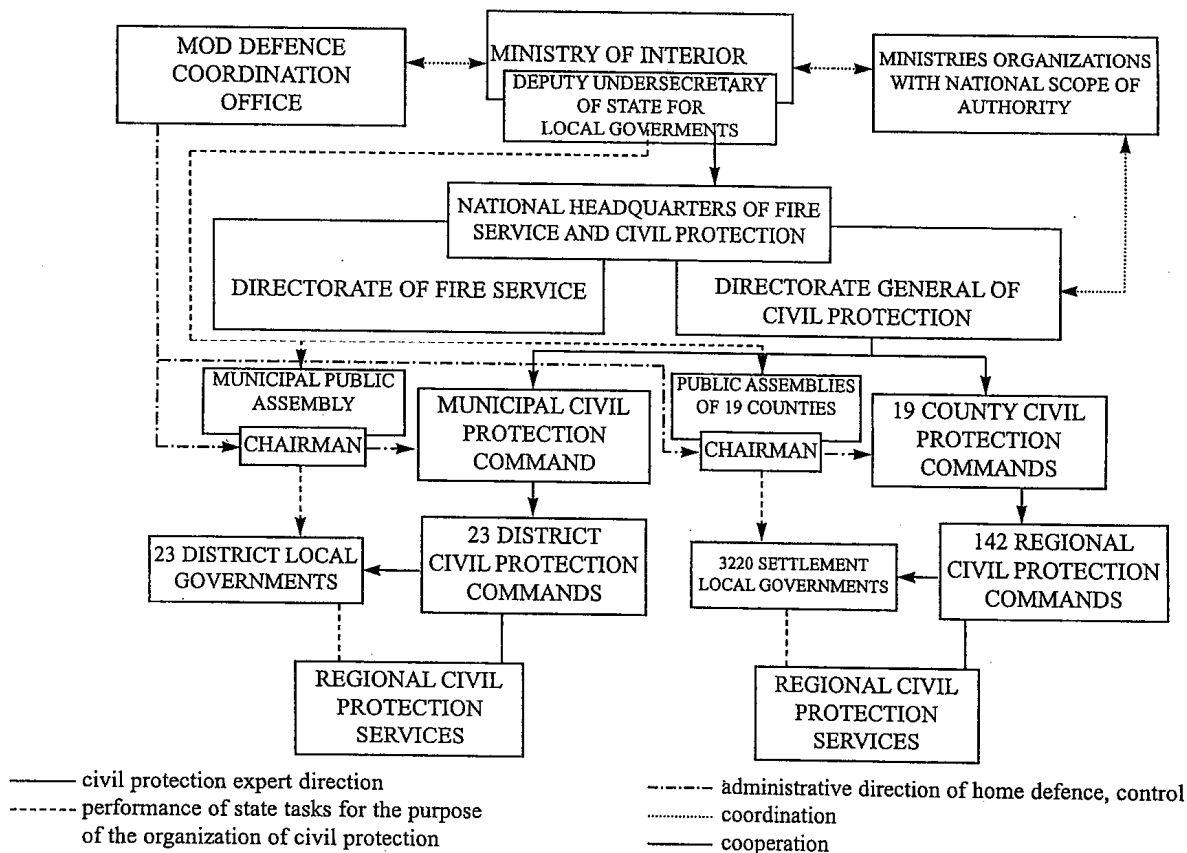
***6. Training :***

Training and preparation of the specialists participating in civil defence is provided by the Civil defence Institute of the Training Centre for Fire-fighting and Civil defence of the Ministry of Interior.

# HOME DEFENCE SYSTEM OF THE REPUBLIC OF HUNGARY



# ORGANIZATIONAL SYSTEM OF THE ACCOMPLISHMENT OF CIVIL PROTECTION TASKS



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