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# Hungarian Economy between 2010-2020 or preferred terms for political communication/marketing

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Abstract: The goal of the paper seems to be very simple: which term can be seen as the most positive one from point of view of the political marketing concerning of the GDP-related alternatives. A term can be evaluated as positive compared to other terms, if the aggregated values of the statistical descriptors with their directions do not lead to the anti-discriminative principle: each object can have the same evaluation value.

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#### Introduction

Hungary is an open, export-driven economy. As a consequence, the global slowdown and faltering demand in its main export markets has had a negative impact on economic growth, especially in the export-orientated automotive and consumer electronics sectors.

In 2009, the Hungarian economy shrank by 6.3%. This was attributable to three factors: the slump in agricultural output following the sector's outstanding growth in 2008; the increasingly rapid decline in other sectors that began as early as 2008, and, finally, the continuing downturn in the construction sector that began two years ago (although at that stage, it was limited to only 5%).

In 2010 the new government implemented a number of changes including cutting business and personal income taxes, but imposed "crisis taxes" on financial institutions, energy and telecom companies, and retailers. The economy began to recover in 2010 with a big boost from exports, especially to Germany, and achieved a growth of approximately 1.4% in 2011.

Since 2010, the government has back-pedaled on reforms and taken a more nationalist and populist approach towards economic management. The government has favoured national industries, and specifically government-linked businesses, through legislation, regulation, and public procurements. In 2010 and 2012, the government increased taxes on foreign-dominated sectors, such as banking and retail, because the move helped to raise revenues and decrease the budget deficit, thereby allowing Hungary to maintain access to EU development funds. The policy deterred private investment, however.

In 2011 and 2014, Hungary nationalized private pension funds. The move squeezed financial service providers out of the system, but it also helped Hungary curb its public debt and lower its budget deficit to below 3% of GDP, as subsequent pension contributions have been channelled into the state-managed pension fund. Hungary's public debt (at 73.9% of GDP) is still high compared to EU peers in Central Europe. Despite these reversals, real GDP growth has remained robust in the past several years because EU funding increased, EU demand for Hungarian exports rose, and domestic household consumption rebounded. To further boost household consumption, the government increased the minimum wage and public sector salaries, decreased taxes on foodstuffs and services, cut the personal income tax from 16% to 15%, and introduced a uniform 9% business tax for small and medium-sized enterprises and large companies. Real GDP growth increased to 3.8% in 2017, and 4.4 in 2018.

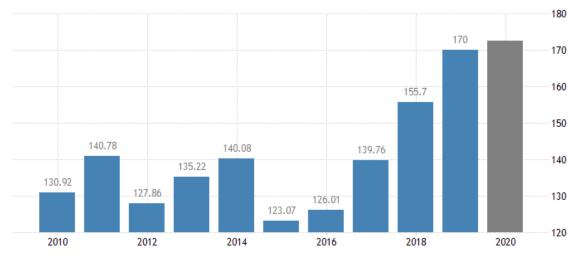
#### Data assets

Hungary·GDP¤	Last¤	Previous¤	Highest¤	Lowest¤	Unit¤
GDP·Growth·Rate¤	-0.40¤	0.70¤	2.30¤	-4.20¤	percent¤
GDP·Annual·Growth·Rate¤	2.20¤	4.50¤	5.90¤	-7.90¤	percent¤
<u>GDP</u> ¤	170.00¤	155.70¤	170.00¤	4.69¤	USD·Billion¤
GDP·Constant·Prices¤	9473687.00¤	10944004.00¤	10944004.00¤	5172151.00¤	HUF⋅Million¤
<u>Gross·Fixed·Capital·Formation</u> ¤	2752135.00¤	2776555.00¤	2808635.00¤	973519.00¤	HUF·Million¤
<u>GDP·per·capita</u> ¤	16503.50¤	15695.70¤	16503.50¤	8548.30¤	USD¤
<u>GDP·per·capita·PPP</u> ¤	28242.94¤	26860.57¤	28242.94¤	14629.01¤	USD¤
GDP·From·Agriculture¤	361355.00¤	369580.00¤	418867.00¤	223020.00¤	HUF·Million¤
GDP·From·Construction <sub>z</sub>	475227.00¤	455543.00¤	475227.00¤	196274.00¤	HUF-Million¤
GDP·From·Manufacturing¤	1964888.00¤	1958160.00¤	1983605.00¤	786290.00¤	HUF·Million¤
<u>GDP·From·Public·Administration</u> ¤	1222563.00¤	1227639.00¤	1269468.00¤	884409.00¤	HUF·Million¤
<u>GDP·From·Services</u> ¤	5643259.00¤	5675264.00¤	5675264.00¤	3123660.00¤	HUF⋅Million¤
<u>GDP·From·Transport</u> ¤	563069.00¤	566538.00¤	566538.00¤	306692.00¤	HUF·Million¤

Figure Nr 1 – Term-variations with descriptors (source: own presentation)

Since 2010, the government has back-pedaled on many economic reforms and taken a more populist approach towards economic management. The government has favoured national industries and government-linked businesses through legislation, regulation, and public procurements. In 2011 and 2014, Hungary nationalized private pension funds, which squeezed financial service providers out of the system, but also helped Hungary curb its public debt and lower its budget deficit to below 3% of GDP, as subsequent pension contributions have been channelled into the state-managed pension fund. Hungary's public debt (at 74.5% of GDP) is still high compared to EU peers in Central Europe. Real GDP growth has been robust in the past few years due to increased EU funding, higher EU demand for Hungarian exports, and a rebound in domestic household consumption. To further boost household consumption ahead of the 2018 election, the government embarked on a six-year phased increase to minimum wages and public sector salaries, decreased taxes on foodstuffs and services, cut the personal income tax from 16% to 15%, and implemented a uniform 9% business tax for small and medium-sized enterprises and large companies. Real GDP growth slowed in 2016 due to a cyclical decrease in EU funding but increased to 3.8% in 2017 as the government pre-financed EU funded projects ahead of the 2018 election.

Systemic economic challenges include pervasive corruption, labour shortages driven by demographic declines and migration, widespread poverty in rural areas, vulnerabilities to changes in demand for exports, and a heavy reliance on Russian energy imports.



SOURCE: TRADINGECONOMICS.COM | WORLD BANK

Figure Nr. 2

# Methodology

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Hungary GDP	Last	Previous	Highest	Lowest	Unit		average	max-min
<b>GDP Growth Rate</b>	-0.4	0.7	2.3	-4.2	percent	[+]	-0.4	6.5
<b>GDP Annual Growth Rate</b>	2.2	4.5	5.9	-7.9	percent	[+]	1.175	13.8
<u>GDP</u>	170	155.7	170	4.69	USD Billion	[+]	125.0975	165.31
<b>GDP Constant Prices</b>	9473687	10944004	10944004	5172151	HUF Million	[+]	9133461.5	5771853
<b>Gross Fixed Capital Formation</b>	2752135	2776555	2808635	973519	HUF Million	[+]	2327711	1835116
GDP per capita	16503.5	15695.7	16503.5	8548.3	USD	[+]	14312.75	7955.2
GDP per capita PPP	28242.9	26860.57	28242.94	14629	USD	[+]	24493.865	13613.93
GDP From Agriculture	361355	369580	418867	223020	HUF Million	[+]	343205.5	195847
<b>GDP From Construction</b>	475227	455543	475227	196274	HUF Million	[+]	400567.75	278953
GDP From Manufacturing	1964888	1958160	1983605	786290	HUF Million	[+]	1673235.75	1197315
GDP From Public Administration	1222563	1227639	1269468	884409	HUF Million	[+]	1151019.75	385059
<b>GDP From Services</b>	5643259	5675264	5675264	3123660	HUF Million	[+]	5029361.75	2551604
<b>GDP From Transport</b>	563069	566538	566538	306692	HUF Million	[+]	500709.25	259846
direction	0	0	0	0				
Hungary GDP	Last	Previous	Highest	Lowest	YO			
GDP Growth Rate	0%	17%	42%	-58%	1000			
GDP Annual Growth Rate	7%	24%	34%	-66%	1000			
GDP	27%	19%	27%	-73%	1000			
GDP Constant Prices	6%	31%	31%	-69%	1000			
<b>Gross Fixed Capital Formation</b>	23%	24%	26%	-74%	1000			
GDP per capita	28%	17%	28%	-72%	1000			
GDP per capita PPP	28%	17%	28%	-72%	1000			
GDP From Agriculture	9%	13%	39%	-61%	1000			
GDP From Construction	27%	20%	27%	-73%	1000			
GDP From Manufacturing	24%	24%	26%	-74%	1000			
GDP From Public Administration	19%	20%	31%	-69%	1000			
GDP From Services	24%	25%	25%	-75%	1000			
GDP From Transport	24%	25%	25%	-75%	1000			

Figure Nr. 3 – Raw/relativized/ranked OAM (source: own calculations)

#### Results

Hungary GDP	Last	Previous	Highest	Lowest	Y0	estimation
GDP Growth Rate	13	12	1	1	1000	1000
GDP Annual Growth Rate	11	5	3	3	1000	1000
GDP	3	9	8	8	1000	1000
<b>GDP Constant Prices</b>	12	1	4	4	1000	1000
<b>Gross Fixed Capital Formation</b>	8	4	10	10	1000	1000
GDP per capita	1	11	6	6	1000	1000
GDP per capita PPP	2	10	7	7	1000	1000
GDP From Agriculture	10	13	2	2	1000	1000
<b>GDP From Construction</b>	4	8	9	9	1000	1000
GDP From Manufacturing	5	6	11	11	1000	1000
GDP From Public Administration	9	7	5	5	1000	1000
GDP From Services	6	3	13	13	1000	1000
GDP From Transport	7	2	12	12	1000	1000

Figure Nr. 4 – Step by step evaluation of the alternative terms (source: own presentation based on https://miau.my-x.hu/cocoy0)

The alternative terms (row-headers or objects) lead to the anti-discriminative principle based on the first 3 attributes (last, previous, highest) but the attribute about the lowest values of the time series is not integrated into the model (see: <a href="https://miau.my-x.hu/miau/quilt/2020/political\_marketing\_GDP\_terms/gdp\_terms.xlsx">https://miau.my-x.hu/miau/quilt/2020/political\_marketing\_GDP\_terms/gdp\_terms.xlsx</a>). Therefore, the not included variable is relevant for the ranking of the terms.

The winner is the GDP-Growth-Rate! The second best is the GDP\_from\_agriculture.

The most inadequate variable is the GDP\_from\_service (and from\_transport).

#### Discussion

The terms with the partial different units seem to be not comparable. However, an appropriate relativizing makes possible to analyse similarities.

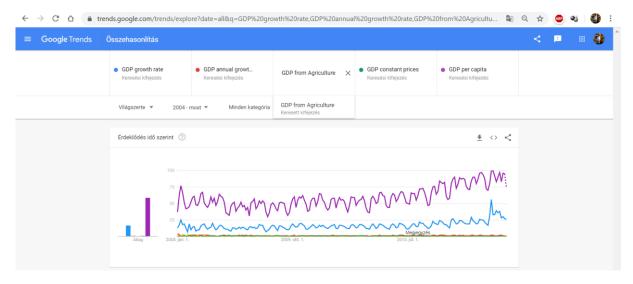


Figure Nr. 5 – Google Trends about curiosity of the population (source: Google Trends)

The Figure Nr.5 is not specific for Hungary, but the term-names are in English.

### Conclusions

The experts of the political marketing can be robotized concerning this high-abstracted problem. The GDP-growth-rate says more than the simple GDP-term because the part about the growth is a kind of core message as such.

The blue line (see Figure Nr. 5) derived by the robot expert is the second best compared to the magenta line (GDP/capita) worldwide.

The robot-opinion could be accepted in frame of a Turing test.

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