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# Internationalization in Hungarian Higher Education

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# Welcome to Hungary!



- ▶ 10 million people,
- ▶ 93 000 km<sup>2</sup>
- ▶ GDP/PPP : 26900 USD\*
- ▶ HDI: 0.83 (very high)\*\*
- ▶ GINI: 27.9 (low)\*\*



# 欢迎



- ▶ 23,5 million people
- ▶ 36 200 km<sup>2</sup>
- ▶ GDP/PPP : 48700 USD\*
- ▶ HDI: 0.88 (very high)\*\*
- ▶ GINI: 33.6 (medium)\*\*



\* 2016 estimated by IMF  
\*\* 2014

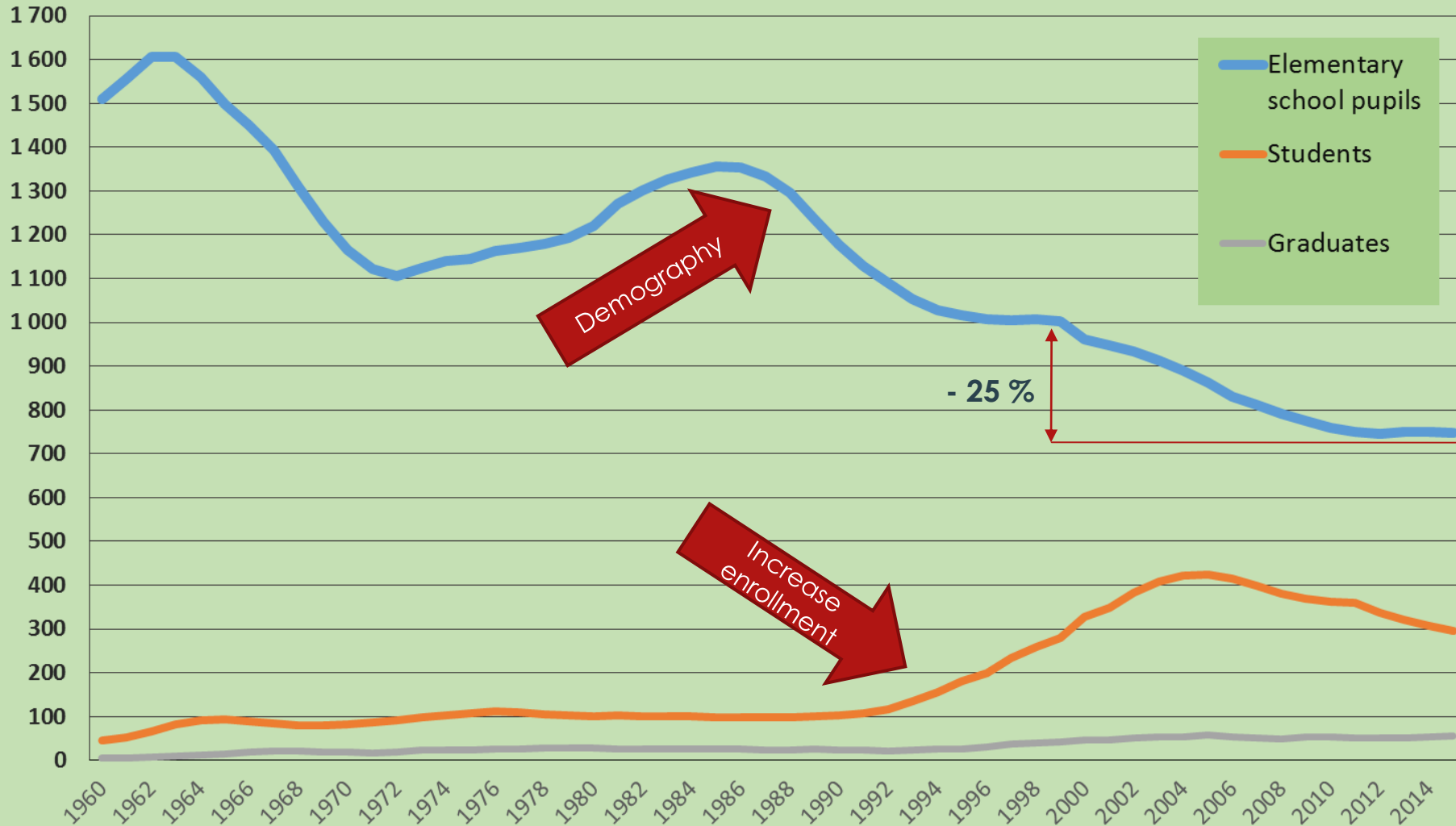
# Hungarian higher education

- ▶ 21 State Universities
- ▶ 7 Non-state Universities (private, church)
- ▶ 5 State Universities of applied sciences
- ▶ 2 Non-state Universities of applied sciences
- ▶ 3 State Colleges
- ▶ 28 Non-state Colleges
- ▶ **66 institutions! – 29 „state owned”**
- ▶ Three cycle „Bologna” degree structure (Bachelor, Master, Doctoral)
- ▶ Some undivided programmes: medicine, law, agriculture

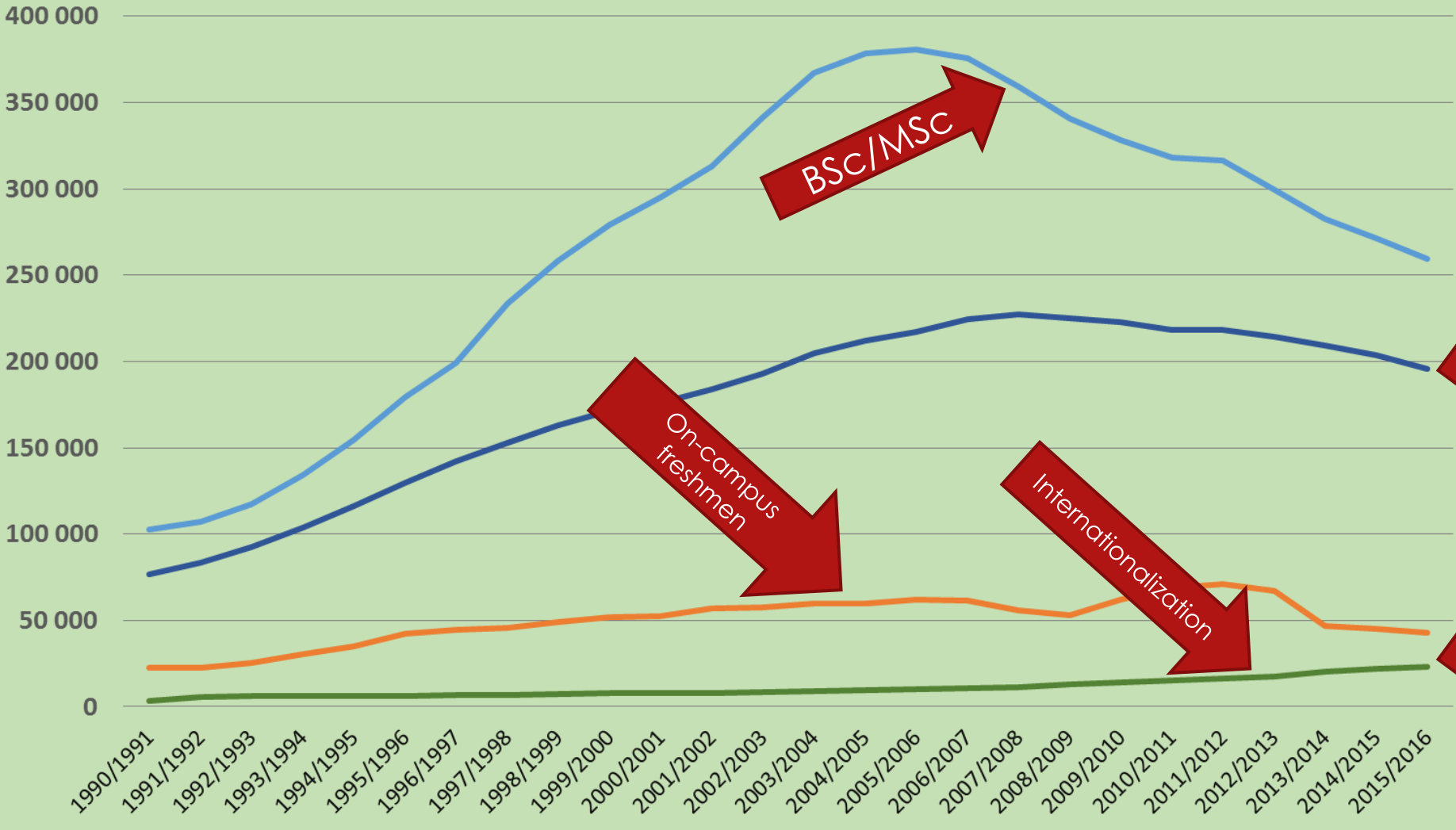


# Education at glance in 1000s

Number of students



# Students in Higher Education



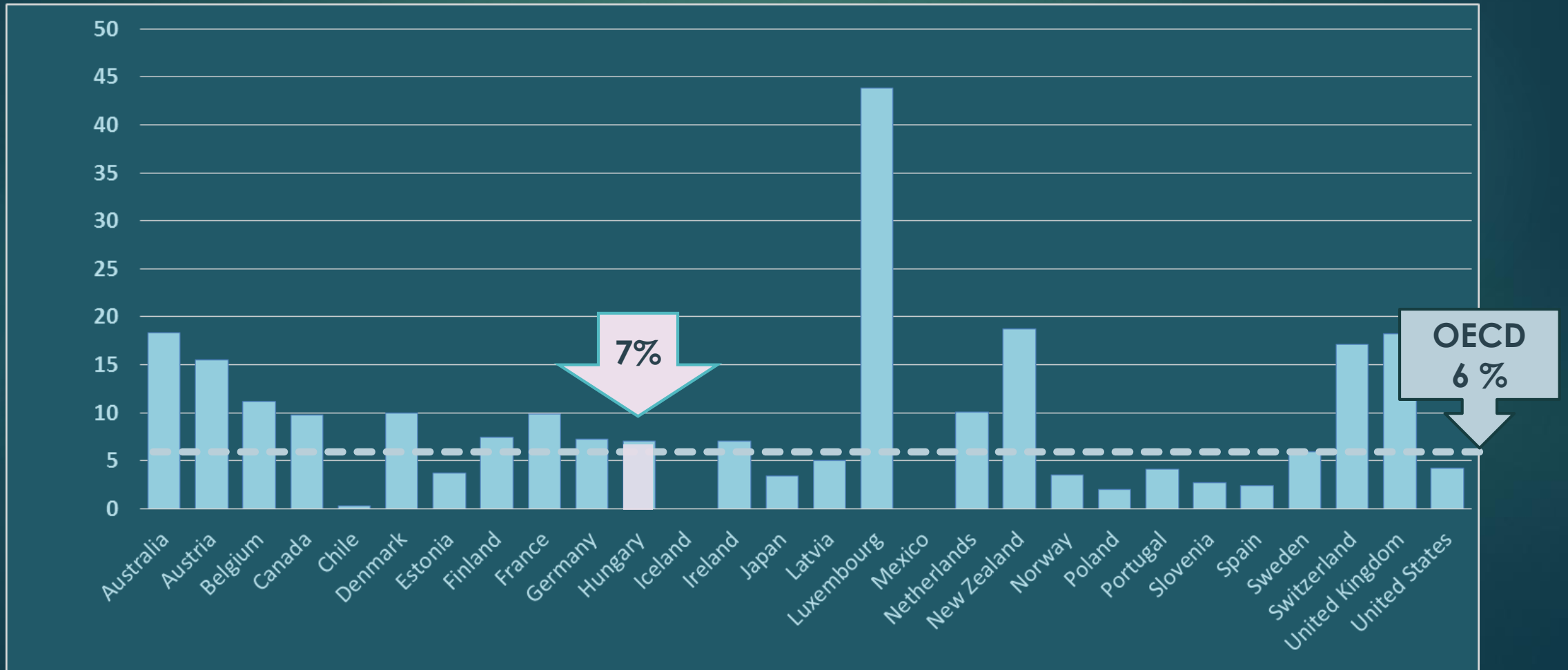
— Students — Freshmen on campus — Foreign students — Students on campus

195000

23 000

11 %!

# International student body in OECD countries (%)



# Motivation for internationalization

- ▶ Cultural diversity in Higher Education is a core value
- ▶ Combat challenges in HE: demography, finance, globalization
- ▶ Resource for development ( incoming, outgoing direction)
- ▶ Internationally in focus (EU, World, state)
  - ▶ Legal framework for mobility
  - ▶ Financial support
  - ▶ Comparable, transferable standardized learning outcomes



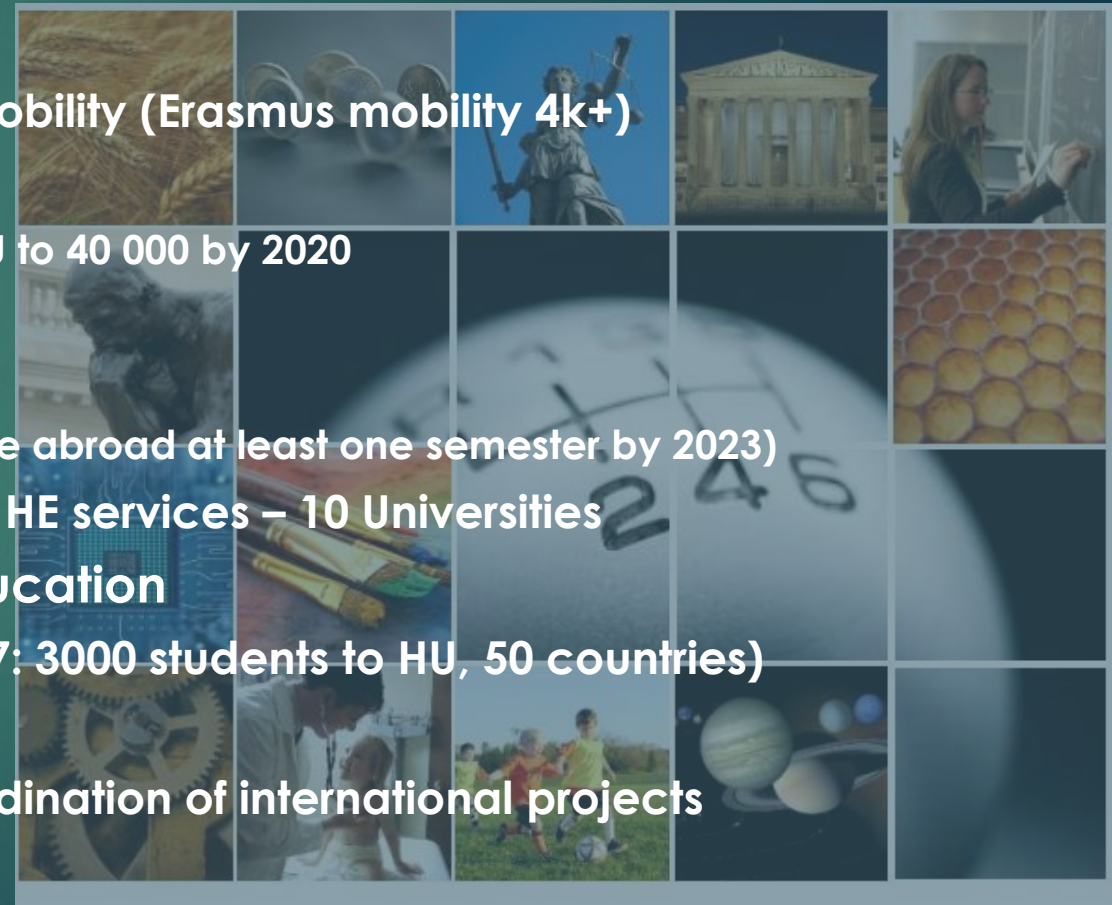
# Internationalization in action – the Hungarian case

## ▶ European mobility schemes

- ▶ Erasmus+ : large component dedicated to mobility (Erasmus mobility 4k+)
- ▶ Intensive marketing, Campus Mundi
  - ▶ Increasing international students' number in HU to 40 000 by 2020
  - ▶ Participation on HE fairs, conferences
  - ▶ Alumni of international students
  - ▶ Scholarships for Hungarian students ( 20 % to be abroad at least one semester by 2023)
- ▶ Internationalization audit: quality in provision HE services – 10 Universities

## ▶ Part of the Hungarian strategy for Higher Education

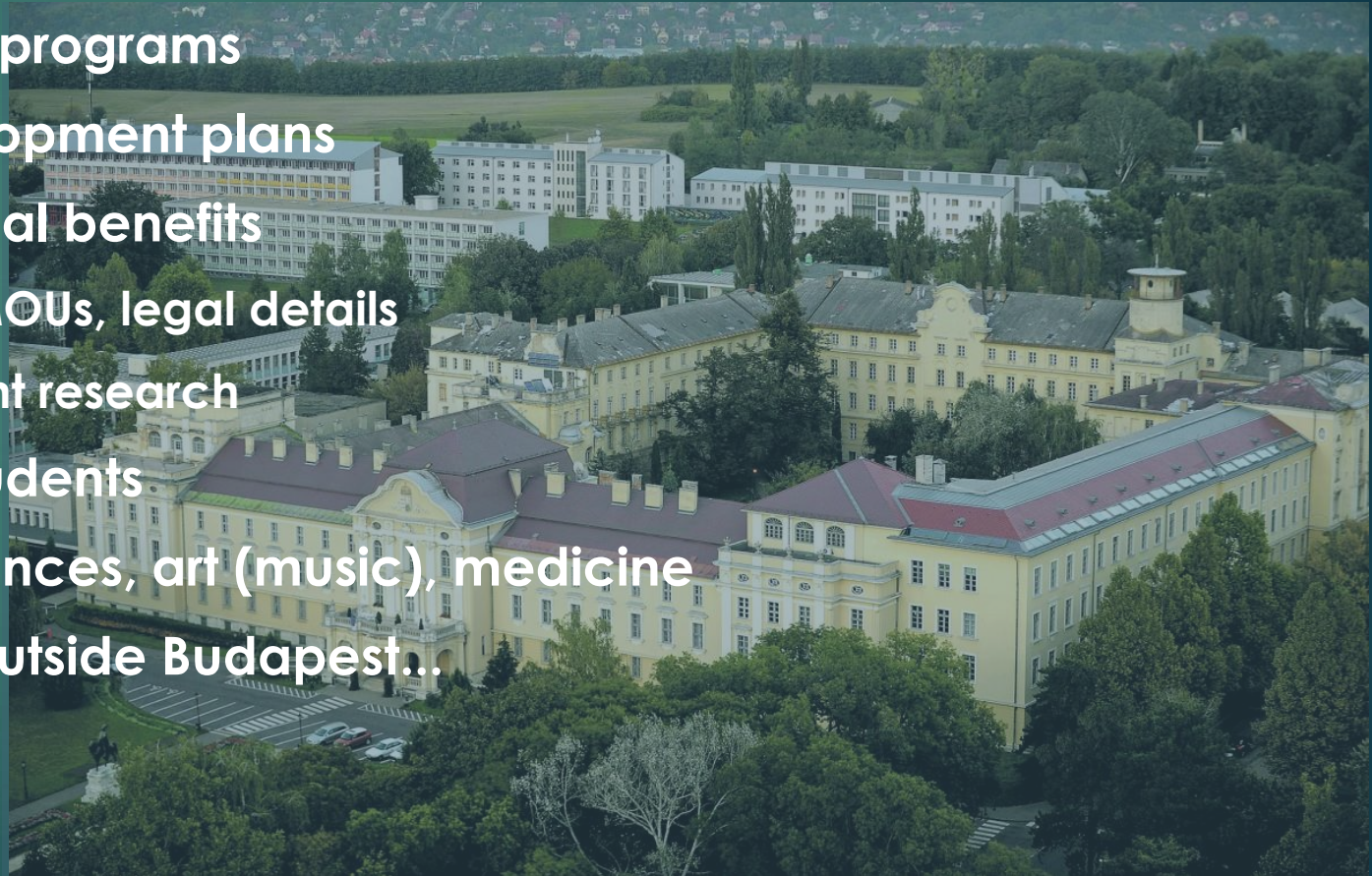
- ▶ Stipendium Hungaricum Scholarship (2016/17: 3000 students to HU, 50 countries)
- ▶ Bilateral State Scholarships
- ▶ HRC activities: Science Without Borders, coordination of international projects





# Cooperation at University level

- ▶ Wide variety of institutions and programs
- ▶ Part in many institutional development plans
- ▶ Openness to cooperate – mutual benefits
  - ▶ Practice in establishing links, MOUs, legal details
  - ▶ Exchange of students, staff, joint research
- ▶ Good reputation of Chinese students
- ▶ Focus areas: engineering, sciences, art (music), medicine
- ▶ ...there are great possibilities outside Budapest...



# Universities in Hungary

- ▶ **High standards in education**
  - ▶ **Accreditation: Hungarian, international (ENQA)**
  - ▶ **English as a language of instruction generally introduced**
  - ▶ **Historically good in sciences, engineering, IT, medicine**
  - ▶ **Market driven education ( cooperation with companies, employers' org.)**
- ▶ **For Universities: international partnership is important**
- ▶ **Multicultural environment**
- ▶ **Living standards high, good value for money from students perspective**
- ▶ **Excellent research Universities: not just education, not just BSc/MSc**
- ▶ **Good entry point: MRK/HRC (coordination, information)**



# Thank you for your attention!

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