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Introduction

The Hungarian Government made a significant contribution to UNIDO's Industrial Development Fund (IDF) for technical assistance to developing countries and reforming economics. The main intention was to facilitate the transfer of Hungarian technological know-how and restructuring and privatisation experience to other countries. As a part of this contribution a project has been formulated and proved titled Training workshop on Industrial Restructuring and Enhancing Competitiveness in Romania.

In this project benefiting participants from Romania it has been decided to exchange the Hungarian and Romanian experiences related to privatisation / restructuring and also bringing UNIDO, OECD, EBRD experiences related to restructuring.

TESCO was selected as subcontractor for providing the necessary input related to lectures, field visits and all the logistical co-ordination.

TESCO has a very long co-operation history with UN organs in several fields. The main partners are UNIDO, UNDP, UNESCO and FAO. The main fields are

Training (both abroad and in Hungary)

Delegating expert advisers

Consulting engineering

UNIDO has commissioned us to contracts in many countries, like e.g. Nigeria, Vietnam, Ghana, China, Libya, etc. Just one example: we were involved in the project called *Chemical Complex of Abu Kammash (Libya)*, where we trained the local employees and were involved in the operation of the PVC plant in the first part of the '90s.

1. The Objective

The main objective of the project was to present Hungarian / UNIDO restructuring experiences, present Romanian restructuring activities and have a workshop on the different approaches, so that at the end, the Romanian participants would have a wider understanding of the issues that would pave the way for improved restructuring progress in Romania.

2. The Participants

Three basic principles lead us during the selection:
We invited people from both the macro and micro level of the economy.
From a geographical point of view we represented Romania as a country.
We involved in the program as many female participants as we can.

There were high officials (macro policy creators) from both country and county level. Company leaders (or in some cases also owners) could be also found among the participants. The public sector is connected to the entrepreneurial level through the Chambers of Commerce and Industry. County chambers were also present. During the period of transition the players of the economy may not be able to implement the new rules, or accommodate to the new environment, or maybe just not quickly enough.

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Assuming the management is aware of these problems, they will call the restructuring consultants for help, definitely from an external source. This additional field, the restructuring expertise, was also present.

The Macro Level

The ministry of Economy and Commerce nominated four experts and there was a prefect from county Dolj.

2.1. The Micro Level

Company leaders, owners attended the seminar as well. Several fields were presented, like commerce, after-market car spare part production, vine production, toy producer, etc. The presented companies varied from the small ones up to big ones, concerning their size. Both private and state owned, fully Romanian and partially foreign owned were presented by the participants.

2.2. The Complementary Level

The Chamber of Commerce and Industry of the Maramures county and Harghita County were presented by their presidents.

The field of consulting was also presented.

2.3. Specialities

In some cases, as the participants have more jobs, there was some overlapping. For instance one of the presidents of a Chamber was the managing director of a car-spare-part producer factory, or one of the restructuring consultant is the managing director of a vine production facility.

2.4. Geographical Coverage

The participants presented six counties, although the majority of the people were from the Capital, from Bucharest.

2.5. Gender

One third of the group was female.

See the list of the participants attached. (Appendix 2.)

3. The Training Material

The lecturers presented the different fields of the science of economy. They played a very active role in the Hungarian restructuring. They are (were) decision-makers as ministers, top-managers, or high officials

We provided both theoretical and practical material. Theory was provided by presentations, the practice by case studies (video presentation and factory visits).

Concerning the Hungarian input, we concentrated on the changes of the institutional and legal environment. We introduced the transition period focusing on the institutional environment; the major effects on the national economy (both internal and external) how could the entrepreneurial world cope with the new challenges. For the better understanding we organised two visits to two companies, which were successful on this way. On the other hand provided as much data as we could to highlight the trends and the major stages.

We also presented effects of FDI on the Hungarian economy on different fields, the history of the Hungarian FDI policy. Another issue was the effect of the appearance of the multinational companies and the foreign capital on the local entrepreneurs, companies. After presenting the changes, results, trends and the effects of them on micro level through macro data and case studies, we tried to put the process of the Hungarian changes of the economy into international context. The lecturers from OECD and EBRD introduced how Hungary is judged by international organisations. Hungary was also compared to the other former socialist countries, and at last, but not least, also to the EU countries. The participants were pleasant to hear about another approach of restructuring. The Polish example, which differs from the Hungarian one, provided a wider understanding of the issue.

See the list of the Hungarian lecturers attached. (Appendix 3.)

4. Evaluation

Concerning the program, as a whole, we believe it was a success. One of the main achievements was that the public and private sector has begun to talk. During these conversations, the macro level received from the micro level a feed back, which they have been lack of.

The participants were prepared, they were experts of their own field. They were able and ready to discuss. Their approach was different among the group. This bias ended in several discussions.

The knowledge we planned to share has been transferred. The participants and lecturers could make a mutual conversation, where they always respected the other's opinion. The participants collected all the written material, even we were also asked to distribute the electronic version of them, for further usage, distribution.

The lecturers were open for discussion. In several cases the time limitation was the barrier of the dispute. However, the schedule was very tight and during the seminar we had to make some slight changes to finish a bit earlier in the afternoons, according to the request of the participants.

We did a prompt modification of the program of the first week, as it was requested (Mr. Csepi wasn't planned to be involved). Mr. Csepi, after Mr. Modla was also talking about the history of the Hungarian privatisation. The participants showed up lots of interest in this field.

The questioners (see enclosed) can judge the level of the presentations.

5. The evaluation of the participants

14 participants attended the Training Workshop. This group of people will be called sample. The participants were asked to complete two questionnaires – one at the end of first, the other at the end of the second week. 11 (79%) of participants completed the first, 10 (71%) the second questioners. This high rate expressed their satisfaction with the seminar. The following evaluation is based on the second questioner.

The participants were asked on the very first day morning to tell us what they expect from the seminar. The second questioner included questions on those expectations.

5.1.1. Range themes according interest

Interested very much: Restructuring Experiences, Privatisation Process, and Private Sector Development

Interested: Government Restructuring Measures, Legislation on Restructuring, Foreign Investment (Stimulation), Effects of Restructuring on Foreign Trade, Restructuring vs. Privatisation

Ambivalent: Industrial Policy, Understanding the Government's Point of View, The Meaning of Restructuring

Less Interested: Environmental Protection, Energy Policy

Marginally Interested: Human Resource Issues

The sample was *INTERESTED* in a topic *VERY MUCH*, if it was chosen by 90-100% of them.

The sample was *INTERESTED* in a topic, if it was chosen by 70-80% of them. The sample was *AMBIVALENT* in a topic, if it was chosen by 50-60% of them. The sample was *LESS INTERESTED* in a topic, if it was chosen by 40% of them. The sample was *MARGINALLY INTERESTED* in a topic, if it was chosen by 30% of them (this was the lowest value).



5.1.2. Satisfaction

The satisfaction rank indicates the success more impressively, than the one above (about the interest).

Satisfaction Rank

Table 1.

Rank	Theme	%
1,	Restructuring Experiences	100%
2,	Privatisation Process	80%
3,	The Meaning of Restructuring, Restructuring vs. Privatisation,	70%
	Private Sector Development	
4,	Legislation on Restructuring, Foreign Investment (Stimulation),	60%
	Human Resource Issues	
5,	Government Restructuring Measures, Effects of Restructuring on	40%
_	Foreign Trade	
6,	Industrial Policy, Energy Policy, Understanding the Government's	20%
	Point of View	
7,	Environmental Protection	0%

The Restructuring Experiences theme FULLY SATISFIED the entire sample
The sample was SATISFIED with the Privatisation Process, The Meaning of
Restructuring, Restructuring vs. Privatisation, Private Sector Development themes.
The sample was AMBIVALENT with the Legislation on Restructuring, Foreign
Investment (Stimulation), Human Resource Issues themes.

The sample was LESS SATISFIED with the Government Restructuring Measures, Effects of Restructuring on Foreign Trade themes.

The sample was MARGINALLY SATISFIED with the *Industrial Policy*, *Energy Policy*, *Understanding the Government's Point of View Environmental Protection* theme.

6. Recommendation

6.1. Follow Up of the Training Workshop

We had the impression during the seminar, that we have put a seed into the soil. To gather the harvest the follow-up-seminar should be organised in a year. This program should provide the possibility to the same participants and some new ones to present how they could utilise the transferred knowledge.

6.2. Similar Seminars for Other Neighbouring Countries We strongly believe that similar seminars can be very useful for other managers from neighbouring countries (e.g. Moldavia, Ukraine, etc.). The participants of these projects can be called to attend a conference later on, addressing the restructuring in Central and Eastern Europe.

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6.3. Timing Structure

The schedule of the program was very tight. Concerning the program of each day, we should provide more space for discussions, after each presentation. Concerning the structure of the two weeks, we should use the company visits as a kind of break among the lectures.

Two weeks duration is very long period for decision-makers. We tried to convince several Romanian managers, high officials to participate, but the length was the strongest argument against the nomination.

It would be also useful to include more company visits, but it is a hard question, because of the time limitation. One possible solution could be to have more factory visits and fewer lectures in terms of the two-weeks-length.

Other timing structure could be also worked out, like e.g. two weeks seminar and one week for company visits. This can be done in, for example, two parts (two weeks + one week), or in three parts (three times one week). Thinking in a three weeks structure the first part can be the theoretical approach (one week for the macro, one for the micro issues), the second part should be the practical period (case studies, company visits)

Peter Gyimesi Project Manager László Pados General Manager

Budapest, 10. 27. 1999.



Appendix I.

The Program

4th October, Monday

Progr	ram	Lecturers / Speakers / Participants
900	Introductory Session	Introduction of the participants
10 ⁰⁰	Official Opening Ceremony	Dr. Péter Balás, Deputy State
		Secretary, Ministry of Economy
		Dr. Lalith Goonatilake, Industrial
		Development Officer, UNIDO
		Dr. Ernő Partl, Secretary,
		Hungarian National Committee for
		UNIDO
		Mr. László Pados, General
		Manager, TESCO Consulting Ltd.
11^{30}	Reception Party	
13^{00}	Enterprise Restructuring,	Dr. Lalith Goonatilake
	Background and Key Issues	
14^{00}	History and Results of	Mr. Ferenc Modla, Managing
	Restructuring in Hungary	Director, APV Rt.
15^{00}	Coffee Break	
	History and Results of	Ms, Aneta Stoica, Expert, Ministry
	Restructuring in Romania	of Industry and Commerce,
		Romania
15^{30}	Panel Discussion	
16^{30}	Closing Off Session	



5th October, Tuesday

Program		Lecturers / Speakers / Participants
900	Case Study of MOL &	Mr. László Pál, Managing Director
}	Discussion	of PALLEX Ltd., former Minister
		of Industry and Trade, former
		president of MOL
10^{15}	Coffee Break	
10^{45}	Restructuring Process of	Ms. Budica Cornelia, Expert,
	Romanian Chemical and	Ministry of Industry and
	Petrochemical Industry	Commerce, Romania
12^{15}	Lunch	
13^{30}	Restructuring of Morpak	Mr. Roman Wojtasz, UNIDO
	Video Presentation	Consultant
15 ³⁰	Coffee Break	
15 ⁴⁵	Restructuring of Morpak	Mr. Roman Wojtasz, UNIDO
	Case Study and Discussion	Consultant
16 ⁰⁰	Closing Off Session	

6th October, Wednesday

Progr	am	Lecturers / Speakers / Participants
900	Private Sector Development	Mr. Richard Kennedy, UNIDO
	in Transition Economies	expert and Dr. Tivadar Lippényi,
		Director, INNOSTART Hungarian
		National Business & Innovation
		Centre
10 ⁰⁰	Legal Environment of	Mr. Zoltan Barakonyi, Lawyer,
-	Transformation and	Martonyi & Kajtár
	Competitive Enhancement in	
	Hungary	
11 ⁰⁰	Panel Discussion	
12^{88}	Lanch	
13^{30}	Legal environment of	Ms. Christina Chiriac, Expert,
	transformation and	Ministry of Industry and
	competitive enhancement in	Commerce, Romania
	Romania	
14 ³⁰	History and Results of	Mr. Lajos Csepi, Managing
	Restructuring in Hungary	Director of FOTEX, former
	**	Managing Director of Hungarian
		State Property Agency
15^{30}	Panel Discussion	
16^{30}	Closing Off Session	

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7th October, Thursday

Progr	am	Lecturers / Speakers / Participants
900	Presentation of the UNIDO	Mr. Roman Wojtasz, UNIDO
	Pilot Restructuring Program	Consultant
	in Poland	
10 ⁰⁰	Competitiveness	Mr. Lalith Goonatilake, Industrial
	Development	Development Officer, UNIDO
	An Overview of Enterprise	
	Level Issues	
11^{00}	Consulting Skills	Ms. Anca Sucala, Manager,
	Development for	Confiex Consultants, Romania
	Restructuring & Discussion	
12^{00}	Lunch	
$13^{\frac{30}{2}}$	Joint Venture and Foreign	Prof. Dr. Béla Kadar, Hungarian
	Direct Investment During	Ambassador to OECD, former
	Restructuring	Minister of Industry and
		Commerce
15^{30}	Panel Discussion	
16^{30}	Closing Off Session	

8th October, Friday

Program		Lecturers / Speakers / Participants
900	Foreign Investment in	Mr. Radu Chiurtu, Expert,
	Romania	Ministry of Industry and
		Commerce, Romania
10^{00}	Panel discussion (closing of	
	the first week)	
12^{99}	Lunch	
$13^{\frac{30}{2}}$	Closing Off Session	

9th October, Saturday

Program		Lecturers / Speakers / Participants
9 ⁴⁵	Visit the Parliament	
11^{30}	Lunch	
12^{30}	Sightseeing in Budapest	
1730	Dinner	
19 ³⁰	Concert	
$21^{\frac{30}{2}}$	Transfer to the Hotels	

10th October, Sunday

Program		Lecturers / Speakers / Participants	
10 ⁰⁰	Leaving to Keszthely	Cultural Program	
12^{30}	Lunch		
15^{30}	Transfer back to Budapest		

11th October, Monday

Progr	am	Lecturers / Speakers / Participants
9 ⁰⁰	Restructuring in the	Mr. László Piros, President of the
	Hungarian Food Industry	Federation of Hungarian Food
	<i>a</i> :	Industries
10^{00}	Panel Discussion	
11^{30}	Lunch	
13^{00}	Visit Fundy Ltd. (Sweet	Dr. Péter Futó, Owner, Managing
	Industry)	Director, Fundy Ltd.
	Development, Restructuring,	
	International Expansion	
14^{00}	Factory Visit	Ms. Katalin Trentin, Foreign Trade
		Manager, Fundy Ltd.
15 ⁰⁰	Panel Discussion	
16^{00}	Closing Off Session	

12th October, Tuesday

Progr	ram	Lecturers / Speakers / Participants
900	The Presence of the	Dr. Frigyes Hárshegyi, General
	Financial Sector in the	Manager of Capital Markets,
	Restructuring Process and	Central-European International
	the Role of the Exchange	Bank (CIB), President of CIB
	Market	Securities Ltd., former Vice
		President of the Hungarian
		National Bank
10 ⁰⁰	Lessons of Transformation,	Prof. Mihály Simai, Director of
	the Effects of the	Graduate, Institute for World
	Multinational Companies in	Economics of Hungarian Academy
	Hungary	of Science
11^{00}	The Commodity Exchange	Mr. Cezar Armeanu, Director
	Market of Constanta	General, Maritime and Commodity
		Exchange Market of Constanta
12^{00}	Lunch	
13^{30}	HR Issues During the	Dr. Ferenc Munkacsy, Director,
	Restructuring in Hungary	Hungarian Foreign Trade Bank
		Ltd., Human Resource Directorate,
		former Deputy State Secretary,
		Ministry of Labour, Hungary
14^{30}	HR Issues Facing	Mr. Zsolt Bogos, President,
	Restructured Enterprises	Chamber of Commerce and
		Industry of the Harghita County
15^{30}	Panel Discussion	
$16^{\frac{30}{}}$	Closing Off Session	

13th October, Wednesday

Program		Lecturers / Speakers / Participants
10 ⁰⁰	Case Study of DUNAFERR	Mr. Sándor Czinkóczi, Director of
	(Steel Industry)	Strategy and Co-ordination,
	Short Introduction, Factory	DUNAFERR
	Visit	
12^{00}	Lunch	
13^{00}	Case Study of DUNAFERR	Mr. Sándor Czinkóczi, Director,
		DUNAFERR
15^{30}	Closing Off Session	

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14th October, Thursday

Program		Lecturers / Speakers / Participants	
900	The Restructuring	Dr. Károly A. Soós, Member of the	
	Experiences of EBRD	Board, European Bank for	
		Reconstruction and Development	
1000	Final Evaluation of the		
	Seminar		
12^{00}	Lunch		
1300	Closing Off Session		

15th October, Friday

Program	Lecturers / Speakers / Participant	
$11^{\underline{00}}$ Transfer to the airport		



Appendix II. The Lecturers:

Name	Present Occupation	Former / Other Occupation
Dr. Péter Balás	Deputy State, Secretary Ministry of Economy	
Dr. Zoltán Barakonyi	Lawyer, Martonyi & Kajtár, Baker & McKenzie	
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Dr. Frigyes Hárshegyi	General Manager of Capital Markets, Central-European International Bank (CIB); President of CIB Securities Ltd.	former Vice President of the Hungarian National Bank
Prof. Dr. Kádár Béla,	Hungarian Ambassador to OECD; Professor at University of Economy of Budapest	former Minister of Industry and Commerce
Dr. Ferenc Munkácsy	Director, Human Resource Directorate, Hungarian Foreign Trade Bank Ltd.	former Deputy State Secretary, Ministry of Labour, Hungary
Mr. Ferenc Modla	Managing Director, Hungarian Privatisation and State Holding Co. (ÁPV Rt.)	
Mr. László Pál	Managing Director, PALLEX Ltd.	former Minister of Industry and Commerce; former president of Hungarian Oil and Gas Company (MOL)
Dr. Ernő Partl	Secretary, Hungarian National Committee for UNIDO, Ministry of Economy	
Dr. Mihály Simai	Director of Graduate, Institute for World Economics of Hungarian Academy of Science	Member of the Hungarian Academy of Science
Dr. Péter Futó	Owner / Managing Director of FUNDY Ltd.	
Mr. Lajos Csepi	Managing Director, FOTEX Co.	former Managing Director of State Property Agency
Dr. Károly A. Soós	Member of the Board, European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD)	former State Secretary, Ministry of Industry and Commerce
Dr. Lalith Goonatilake	Project Manager, UNIDO, Quality, Standardization and Mtrology Branch	
Mr. Roman Wojtasz	UNIDO Consultant, Global Strategies Inc.	
Mr. Richard Kennedy	UNIDO, Privatisation, Enterpreneurship Development	

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