

# PRIORITY PROJECTS

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## Projects financed by the National Development Agency (NFÜ)

The institutions received funding for organizational development under the State Reform Operational Program (ÁROP-1.2.1). The main aim of the program was to rationalize financial organizations and processes. The project, which had been launched in 2009 with a budget of HUF 70 million, ended on 31 October 2010. As part of the project, we audited all financial activities affecting the operation of the organization. As a result, several measures were introduced, typically in the fields of wage accounting, headcount management, and managing provisions. These steps laid the foundation of a financial management information system, and helped create a decision-making process enabling cost-saving in financial management. Several progressive cost-saving measures were determined, for example for further centralization of procurements.

Under the Electronic Administration Operational Program (EKOP-1.1.6) we received funds of HUF 1232 million. This makes it possible to update the Prison Service IT system. Progress will be visible mainly in local networks and workstations. As a first step, procedures must be provided for building infrastructures, consolidating local networks, and creating local server farms at the institutions, which will then be followed by systems development.

A priority project titled "Laying methodological foundations for crime prevention and social reintegration

programs aiming at reinforcing social cohesion" is making a significant professional contribution to our field under the Social Renewal Operational Program (TÁMOP-5.6.2). The project promotes closer cooperation between state employment agencies, probation officers working for county justice offices, and penitentiaries. In addition, it improves former prisoners' chances to successfully re-enter society and the labour market. The amount available directly for the development of prison service-related tasks is HUF 461 million.



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## Local tenders

Last year our institutions were involved in a total of 93 new applications for various tenders, individually, as part of consortia, or as expert partners. This is an increase over the previous year's 83. Funds received this way increased significantly: while in 2009 our institutions and their partners received a total of HUF 311.18 million in tender money, in 2010 the institutions alone raised HUF 370.3 million on tenders. Added to this is the amount of HUF 78.2 million applied for by other organizations to be spent on various prison projects.

The Environment and Energy Operational Programme (KEOP) grants funding for energy-related development, particularly for heating, cooling and insulation systems. The programme offers 100% funding. Last year Közép-dunántúl National Prison (Baracska) and Prison Service Training and Conference Centre (Pilisszentkereszt) received this kind of funding.

Penitentiaries are increasingly active in tenders; in 2010 the number of institutions submitting applications increased by 14, and the total of funds applied for reached HUF 4954.5 million. These applications are currently being evaluated.

Most of the applications for human development were, like in previous years, about prisoner welfare (preventing drug addiction, crime prevention, social integration). To a lesser degree, funds were spent on addressing the mental health and professional development of prison service staff.

