

Parliamentary Decision No. 40/2008. of 17 April 2008

on the energy policy for the period between 2008 and 2020

In order to enhance the joint effectiveness of security of supply, competitiveness and sustainability as long-term primary objectives, to meet the energy needs of the public and economy taking into account security, economic and environmental aspects, to strengthen the energy market competition and to facilitate the realisation of the Community objectives defined within the framework of the European Union, the Parliament adopts the following resolution on the energy policy for the period between 2008 and 2020:

1. By considering long-term aspects as well, the strategic goal of the energy policy is to optimize the joint effectiveness of security of supply, competitiveness and sustainability as long-term primary objectives.
2. In the interest of security of supply, balanced structure of energy sources shall be achieved and sustained. For that purpose, the maintenance and increase of the share of domestic sources, the diversification of transport routes and import sources, the optimal development of energy mix and security stocks with regard to security of supply, and infrastructure development enhancing the emergence of regional energy markets shall be facilitated.
3. The energy policy – through integration into the internal energy market of the European Union, technological progress in the energy industry, research and development activities and developing regional market prices – shall enhance the economic competitiveness of Hungary.
4. The energy policy – by decreasing the specific energy consumption, increasing the share of renewable energy sources and energy from waste in accordance with the natural conditions present in Hungary and the load-bearing capacity of the public, as well as gradual phasing in of environmentally-friendly technologies – shall contribute to sustainable development.
5. Consistency between the Hungarian energy and climate policy shall be ensured. When undertaking commitments aiming the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions their security of supply, economic and environmental impact on the Hungarian economy shall be taken into account.
6. When developing and implementing the Hungarian transport policy, the harmony with the energy policy shall be ensured, in particular by taking into account the necessity of restraining the growth rate of both the energy needs in the transport sector and the

greenhouse gas and pollutant emissions, as well as the possibilities for increasing the utilisation rate of renewable transport fuels.

7. The objectives of the energy policy – in order to contribute to the development and implementation of the common energy policy of the European Union, as well as to maintain and develop the balance of international relations of Hungary in the field of energy – shall be implemented in the priority system of the Hungarian foreign policy and diplomacy.
8. The implementation of the objectives of the energy policy – in particular increasing energy efficiency, improving energy savings and enhancing the utilisation of renewable energy sources and energy from waste – shall be facilitated by state aid instruments, as well as resources provided to Hungary by the European Union. When promoting the utilisation of renewable energy sources, particular attention shall be paid to the related impacts on nature and environment, as well as on food and feed production.
9. Implementation and development of a regulatory environment consistent with the objectives of the energy policy – by providing framework for market competition and taking into account the aspects of security of supply, technical safety, environment and nature protection, as well as occupational health – shall be ensured in accordance with the law of the European Union.
10. In order to attain the objectives of the energy policy, the implementation and development of energy-intelligent and eco-conscious approach shall be facilitated.
11. In order to attain the aims of the energy policy in accordance with the Community objectives defined within the framework of the European Union- in particular in the field of buildings, transportation and energy transformation – improving energy efficiency and energy savings shall be promoted.
12. The Parliament in consideration of items 1-11. invites the Hungarian Government to
 - a) ensure the joint effectiveness of security of supply, competitiveness and sustainability as long-term primary objectives when implementing the energy policy by taking into account long term aspects as well, in order to meet the energy needs of the economy and the public at all times in a reliable, environmental-friendly and economic manner;
 - b) endeavour – by taking into account the aspects of preservation of the security of gas and electricity supply, completion of the market opening, and sustainable development – that the legislative framework will improve the efficiency and the resulting benefits will reach the consumers;
 - c) elaborate a comprehensive, national energy efficiency strategy and national energy efficiency action plan and ensure their appropriate implementation;
 - d) facilitate the achievement and maintenance of a balanced energy resource structure with the instruments at its disposal;

e) follow the set of rules that apply to the promotion of high-efficiency cogeneration, as well as the legal framework related to the utilisation of renewable energy sources and energy from waste;

f) start the preparatory works of the decision-making process regarding new nuclear capacities; and following a professional, environmental and social foundation, to present its proposal on the necessity of the investment, its conditions, the type of the power plant and its implementation as early as sufficient to the Parliament;

g) ensure the appropriate execution and implementation of the programs regarding the final disposal of nuclear waste, and provide the necessary conditions for that purpose;

h) facilitate the utilisation of domestic inert gas assets to the highest possible extent with regulatory instruments in order to moderate the growth rate of the gas import dependency and to increase the central budgetary revenues;

i) initiate the early creation of regional energy markets with regard to import diversification, competition and security of supply especially in view of strengthening the regional distributor and transit role of Hungary, and facilitate the implementation of cross-border electricity- and gas grid infrastructure development – in particular the Nabucco, South Stream, and gas pipelines connected to LNG terminals –, as well as new gas storage facilities;

j) initiate the review of electricity system regulation capabilities and the preparation of decisions necessary to the permanent maintenance of the regulation in accordance with international requirements;

k) create and continuously maintain the organizational, institutional, organisational, financial and legal conditions and instruments that allow pursuing high-level national research, development and education;

l) elaborate the strategy for increasing the utilisation of renewable energy sources in accordance with the natural and economic conditions present in Hungary, the load-bearing capacity of the public, the principles of lowest possible cost and environmental sustainability and the objectives of the European Union which also contributes to the achievement of the goals of reduction of domestic greenhouse gas emission;

m) investigate the experiences of execution of price regulation and legal provisions related to district heat generation, as well as the support of the recipient of district heat services and if necessary, revise the regulatory system in order to ensure the competitiveness of the economic district heating services;

n) ensure the incorporation of energy education material into the Basic National Curriculum at both elementary and high school levels;

o) facilitate the understanding of specific energy consumption data of buildings and parts of buildings in a comparative manner in order to promote the energy-intelligent approach;

p) continuously monitor the social support system related to energy consumption and efficiently ensure the consistency of the energy and social policies with targeted social policy measures;

q) ensure the elaboration of a national concept aiming the development of the transport infrastructure in accordance with sustainable development;

r) ensure the appropriate coordination of tenders and resources facilitating the efficient achievement of the energy policy objectives;

s) devote particular attention during maintenance and development of international relations of Hungary with the European Union, its Member States, other countries and international organisations to the impacts on achievement of the energy policy objectives;

t) prepare reports on the implementation of the energy policy at least every two years to the competent committee of the Parliament, and if changes occurring in the conditionality of the energy policy necessitate, combined with the presentation of the report make a proposal for the review of the energy policy concept.

13. This Decision shall take effect on the day of its publication, at the same time the Parliament Decision No. 21/1993. of 9 April 1993 on the Hungarian energy policy shall be repealed.