

# The Hungarian Credit Information Market



#### Location

## **Hungary**

- > Population: 9.8 million
- > EU member since: 2004



## **Budapest**

- > Population: 1.7 million
- > Incl. agglom: ~2.5 million
- > But ~40% of the GDP





#### BISZ Zrt.



- No state subsidy, operates from the revenues of its services
- > All financial institutions with crediting license are partners in Hungary
- > Its main activity is credit referencing



# Act CCXXXVII of 2013 on Credit Institutions and Financial Enterprises



- > 42. 'credit reference services' shall mean:
- > a) the provision of bank information for a fee, without violating bank secrets, or
- > b) data processing by the financial enterprise operating the central credit information system defined by the Act on the Central Credit Information System;



### Usual classification

#### **Credit Bureau**

- information service for lenders
- many different services driven by market needs
- > creditors use it voluntarily
- data handling based on client consent
- > owners are banks or investors
- > for profit

#### **BISZ**

- Main goal to provide information services for lenders
- Due to regulatory barriers only limited services
- There are optional services
- Some functions (e.g. accessing positive data) are based on client consent

for profit



#### Usual classification



Data collected for monitoring

and analysing financial system

**Credit Register** 

- Owned & used by government or Central Bank
- > Lenders must provide data obligatory
- Data handling based on regulation
- > Non-profit

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## **Credit Information in Hungary**





# **S**KHR

- = Központi Hitelinformációs Rendszer
- = Central Credit Information System
- helps lenders assess the creditworthiness of loan applicants
- protect the country's financial system against persons who have previously committed abuses in the financial market

# HITREG Central Bank Credit Register

- > monitoring credit market
- > analysis of financial system
- > supervisory purposes

The two credit databases parallelly exist, the legal background and the main purposes are different.





- > All Banks, credit institutions, saving cooperatives must use Credit Reference Agency service: KHR (in English: CCIS) defined by the Act CXXII/2011
- > No other organization (non-financial companies, Intermediaries etc.) can access the KHR

> Use of Credit Reports only allowed before the sign of the credit agreement





> The positive data can only be seen by the bank if customer gives consent

> The database cannot be linked to any other data or databases by BISZ



#### **Outcome**

- > This kind of mixed operation and regulation supports the original aim appropriately
- > On the other hand, on the financial and technological market (including the credit information market) is undergoing rapid changes and development
- > The rigid regulation is not following this rapid change. E.g. in Hungary there were no change for more than 10 years now
- > There is still a great potential of our database in supporting innovation, inclusion and competitiveness on the financial market





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