



**WOMEN IN DEMOCRACY FOR 30 YEARS**  
**Central-Eastern European experiences and best practices in the Beijing Spirit**  
**VIRTUAL PARALLEL EVENT**  
**OF THE ASSOCIATION FOR WOMEN'S CAREER DEVELOPMENT (AWCDH)**  
**AT THE CSW65 NGO FORUM**  
**Time and Date: 16 March 2021, 7:30 PM- 9:30 CET**

**CSW65 (2021)**

<https://www.unwomen.org/en/csw/csw65-2021>

The sixty-fifth session of the Commission on the Status of Women took place from 15 to 26 March 2021. In light of the evolving COVID-19 situation and taking into account the latest guidance from the United Nations Secretary-General and the World Health Organization (WHO), CSW65 was organized in a hybrid format with mostly virtual meetings.

Representatives of Member States, UN entities, and ECOSOC-accredited non-governmental organizations (NGOs) from all regions of the world were invited to attend the session.

**PARALLEL EVENT OF THE AWCDH:**

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**Concept**

When we celebrate Beijing +25 anniversary in our feminist world, we are celebrating 30 years of democratic transformation in our region, the Central- Eastern European countries.

We introduce our women's alliance with NGOs of the Visegrad countries (Poland, Czech Republic, Slovak Republic and Hungary), our present role, our activities and challenges with special regard to the Covid 19 pandemic. In working across 5 generations, we present the progress we have achieved in different areas and the difficulties we have had to face in line with the spirit of Beijing.

This covers the empowerment of all women and girls, women's leadership, economic empowerment & justice, education and decent work (work/life balance, teleworking and entrepreneurship).

We were pleased to pay tribute to the extraordinary role ordinary women played in navigating the UN CSW system in bringing together women's organizations around the World.

**Program:**

Ms. Andrea Ferenczi Founder President of AWCDH, Chair

*"Women in Democracy – what it means for a Hungarian civil organization"*

Prof Dr Márta Konczos Szombathelyi PhD habil, Széchenyi University, Hungary - keynote

*"Career pathways for women – academia / industry / enterprise"*

Ms. Kinga Joó, Member of the European Economic and Social Committee

*"New challenges in work-life balance: teleworking and its impact on gender equality"*

**Organizer: Association for Women's Career Development in Hungary**

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Ms. Mónika Ildikó Modla, Member of the Research Team of AWCDH's Visegrad project  
*"Research on Women's Employment, the Family and Work Balance in the Visegrad Countries"*

Ms. Katalin Hajós *"Women in Leadership"* Expert, representing AWCDH in the Best Workplace for Women Award Evaluation Committee  
*"AWCDH's Initiatives for Corporate-NGO cooperation"*

Dr. Susan B. Somers, President of INPEA  
*"Building an alliance for women of all ages through UN Platforms"*

#### **PARTICIPATION OF THE AWCDH IN OTHER PARALLEL EVENTS AT THE CSW65 NGO FORUM**

Andrea Ferenczi:  
*"Empowerment of Older Women by Lifelong Learning and Networking - View of a Civil Organization, Hungarian Examples"*  
Organizer: Women's Support and Information Center (Estonia)  
Title of the event:  
*How we failed to empower older women during the lockdown*  
Date: 17th March 2021

Katalin Hajós:  
*"A Crucial Covid Connection - Closer ties are vital between the media and older women"*  
Organizer: INPEA (International Network for the Prevention of Elder Abuse)  
Title of the event:  
*Human Rights Perspective on Violence Against Older Women and Widows*  
Date: 18th March 2021

**DOCUMENTATION:**  
On CSW65 NGO Forum website and on *"Hungarian Women at CSW65"* YouTube channel.

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