



## **PROJECT CLOSING SUMMARY**

### **“WOMEN, FAMILIES, CAREERS – A CIVIL SOCIETY FORUM IN THE V4 SPIRIT”**

17 February to 31 October 2020

*The Project is co- financed by the Governments of Czechia, Hungary, Poland and Slovakia through Visegrad Grants from International Visegrad Fund.*

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The Association for Women’s Career Development in Hungary (AWCDH) as Coordinator has implemented the “Women, Families, Careers – a Civil Society Forum in the V4 Spirit” Project supported by the Visegrad Fund and the Hungarian Ministry of Human Capacities between 17 February and 31 October 2020.

Within the Project the AWCDH has been working together with the members of the V4 Civil Partnership, the Business & Professional Women CR z.s., from the Czech Republic, the Slovak Business Agency and the Związek Dużych Rodzin "Trzy Plus" from Poland and with Hungarian partner organizations, the National Association of Large Families – NOE, the Hungarian Red Cross, and the Women’s Entrepreneurial Club of Győr-Moson-Sopron County Chamber of Commerce.

Within the Project the International Conference titled “Women, Families, Careers – a Civil Society Forum in the V4 Spirit” was organized in the Rubin Wellness & Conference Hotel in Budapest on 28 August 2020.

The main patron of the conference was *Mrs. Katalin Novák*, Hungarian Minister of State for Family and Youth Affairs of the Ministry of Human Capacities. (At present Hungarian Minister for Family Affairs).

*Dr. Attila Beneda*, Deputy State Secretary for Family Affairs made the opening address on behalf of the Ministry of Human Resources.

At this Conference we launched a Forum as a V4 Civil Society initiative to help promote women’s employment. The emphasis was on the balance between work and private/family life, with special regard to the values of our region and its sustainability.

As the main goal of the Project the results of the research based on the panel discussions of the conference and the electronic survey conducted between 24 August and 15 September 2020 are presented in the Research Study including Recommendations for decision makers in our four countries.

Through our V4 partnership the results of the research will be made widely available.

In addition, we want to help to present the opinions and suggestions of the V4 countries on the highly important topic of “Women, Family and Career” in the forums of the European Union and the United Nations.

**In the name of our V4 Partnership, we would like to thank our Sponsors. Partners and Friends who helped us in the implementation of the “Women, Families, Careers – A Civil Society Forum in the V4 Spirit” Project in our countries and special thanks to those who completed the survey questionnaire.**

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