



Invitation

The Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung Budapest cordially invites you to a conference within the framework of its regional programme called "Gender equality in East-Central Europe" on

Family based on Partnership – a Public Good?

Family is neither a women's issue nor a solely private issue. Family concerns us all. And the arrangement of families and family life is not only an individual choice, it depends on external circumstances too.

What does family mean for us in Europe in 2014? How could it look like in the future? What is meant by the concept of the family based on partnership and why is it a public good? How do family-friendly and socially equitable family and employment policies look like? Is the wish for a better balance between work and family life a utopian dream in the current economic situation? How could the needs of unmarried couples, single parents as well as patchwork and rainbow families be better considered?

We kindly invite you to discuss these and other related questions together with experts and politicians from Germany, the Czech Republic, Poland, Lithuania, France, Estonia and Hungary.

10th November 2014

8.30 am – 5.00 pm

**Venue: Hotel Mercure Korona
Budapest V., Kecskeméti utca 14.**

English-German-Hungarian interpretation will be provided.

Please confirm your participation at the latest by November 6th at [this link](#). For the registration please indicate your affiliation and position.

The facebook event page of the conference is [here](#).

If required we can offer child-care free of charge during the event. In that case registrations are requested by 4th November.



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CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

8:30 Registration, Coffee

9:00 Opening remarks

Jan Niklas Engels, Director of FES Budapest

Lieselore Cyrus, Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Germany, Hungary

9:15 – 11:00

Keynotes

Visions: Family based on partnership, progressive family policy, changing families

Gesine Schwan, President of the Fundamental Values Committee of the SPD

Lucie Válová, Head of the Gender Equality Department, Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs,
President of the Young Social Democrats, Czech Republic

Ildikó Lendvai, Hungarian Socialist Party

Discussion

11:00 – 11:30 Coffee break

11:30 – 13:15 Parallel Workshops I.

I.A. Family policy for families?

with English-Hungarian interpretation

Room András-Zsigmond

Chair

Dorottya Szikra, University ELTE, Budapest

Family policy models in Europe – values, goals

Dorota Szelewa, Poland

Socially inclusive and gender just family policy
– improvements and backlashes in the
discourse

Margarita Jankauskaite, Lithuania

Discussion

I. B. „Part-time for the ladies?“ – Which employment policy is good for families?

with English-German-Hungarian interpretation

Room Kálmán-László

Chair

Katalin Keveházi, Foundation Jól-Lét

Part-time for the gentlemen?

Hans-Georg Nelles, „Teilzeitmann
Deutschland“

Typical and atypical employment forms for
both men and women?

Anne Salles, France

Discussion

13:15 – 14:30 Lunch

14:30 – 16:10 Parallel Workshops II.

II. A. Small children, ageing relatives and other challenges for families

with English-German-Hungarian interpretation

Room Kálmán-László

Chair

Dorottya Szikra, University ELTE, Budapest

Institutional and/or private child-care?

Hana Hašková, Czech Republic

Growing need for elderly care – New tasks for families and state?

Barbara Stiegler, Germany

Discussion

II. B. Interface: Employment and Families

with English-Hungarian interpretation

Room András-Zsigmond

Chair

Katalin Keveházi, Foundation Jól-Lét

Reconciliation of work and family life – a women's problem?

Mare Ainsaar, Estonia

Changes of the concept of work – who is in, who is out?

Mariann Dósa, PhD student, Oxford University

Discussion

16:15 – 16:45 Wrap-up of the workshops in the plenary

16:45 Closing remarks

17:00 End of the conference