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“WOMEN, FAMILIES, CAREERS – EFFECTS OF THE PANDEMIC ON WORK/LIFE BALANCE IN THE VISEGRAD COUNTRIES” (implemented between 1st October 2021 and 30 April 2022)

We would like to extend our special thanks to the Visegrad Fund for supporting our “Women, Families, Careers – Effects of the Pandemic on Work/Life Balance in the Visegrad Countries” project in partnership with our professional partners from the V4 countries, the Pedagogical University of Krakow from Poland, the Business & Professional Women CR z.s. from the Czech Republic, and the Association of Business Women from the Slovak Republic.

Within our Project, we examined the impact of the pandemic on four special groups of women (mothers with children, women who are planning a family, women over 50, and rural women), in particular with relation to the labour market.

The research on Women, Family, Career - The Impact of Pandemic on Work-Life Balance in V4 Countries is new in its approach. The project, which has been implemented simultaneously in 4 countries, mainly with online tools, enabled us to simultaneously involve large audiences from all 4 Visegrad countries. Furthermore, the participants in the questionnaire survey carried out within the framework of the project were composed of different genders, mainly women, and were also of different ages, qualifications, and life situations from all four countries.

We presented our findings at the multiplying event held in Budapest on 8th March 2022 in hybrid format and in the research study titled **“Women, Families, Careers – Effects of the Pandemic on Work/Life Balance in the Visegrad Countries”**.

The research study is available on the project website: <https://visegradwomen.net/page/research>

Through the professional network ensured by the V4 partnership on local and international levels, we are going to make our experiences and findings widely available for decision makers and anyone else who are interested and can thus use our findings freely, thus gaining further information and insight into the work/life balance conditions and challenges for women brought about by the pandemic.

All this would not have been possible without our experts, partners, and all those individuals who completed our questionnaire. We hereby thank them for their cooperation.

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