

OPEN LETTER

TO THE COMMITTEE ON WOMEN'S RIGHTS AND GENDER EQUALITY OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

*Dear Mrs. Lívia Járóka, MEP, Vice-Chairwoman of the Committee on Women's Rights
and Gender Equality,*

*Dear Dr. Zita Gurmai, MEP, Vice-Chairwoman of the Committee on Constitutional Affairs,
Member of the Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality,*

Dear Friends,

Hungary has been honoured with the Presidency of the Council of the European Union, and in the interest of the success of this historical chance, we would like to offer our cooperation as a leading Hungarian NGO with significant knowledge, experience and contacts, with an aim to foster the ongoing dialogue between all organizations and stakeholders in order to enhance the participation of women in the labour market and to help foster gender equality both in Hungary and abroad.

We know that you, who are now representing Europe as Hungarians in the decision-making institution of the European Union, in the European Parliament, have a special responsibility placed on your shoulders.

The issue of equal opportunity has enjoyed a continual, special emphasis on the EU Agenda, and making the Roma Strategy a priority on the Hungarian Agenda would mean an especially noble, if difficult task for Mrs. Lívia Járóka, MEP, Vice-chairwoman of the Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality.

We very much appreciate the cooperation that we have built up with you in recent years in the frame of which we could contribute to the cause of equality both in Hungary and internationally. In the interest of the employment of women we were able to achieve very practical results by our "Best Workplace for Women" award project, first launched by us in 2007.

As an acknowledgement of your outstanding contribution to the cause of Women's Equality and support of our Organization, you have both been presented with our "Award for Women's Equality".

We hope that you know in full confidence that you can rely on us at any time, but most especially on the occasion of the Hungarian EU Presidency we would like to offer you our wholehearted support and cooperation.

We wish you good strength of spirit and health, so that in this beautiful but challenging period of the country's EU Presidency, you should be able to represent Hungary to the best of your ability, thereby contributing not only to its advancement, but its catching up to Europe's leading countries.

Looking forward to our tasks in this regard,

Very truly yours:



Andrea Ferenczi
President

In the name of the Association for Women's Career Development in Hungary

Budapest, 10 January, 2011