



PROGRAM

„EMPLOYMENT – EQUALITY - COMPETITIVENESS” INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

Venue: Hungarian National Assembly Upper House Chamber

Date: 17th October, 2008

Language of the conference: Hungarian, English and French

Organizers of the Conference:

Association for Women's Career Development in Hungary
Parliamentary Committee of Employment and Labor

Main Patrons:

Erika Szűcs, Minister of Social Affairs and Labor
Dr. Zita Gurmai, MEP, Vice-Chairwoman
of the Committee of Women's Rights and Gender Equality

Host of the Conference:

Nandor Gúr, Chairman
Parliamentary Committee on Employment and Labor

Sponsors:

National Employment Foundation
Parliamentary Committee on Employment and Labor

8.30-10.00 *Registration and reception of the guests*

Opening, greetings

10.30-10.35

- *Andrea Ferenczi, Association for Women's Career Development in Hungary, President, Organizer of the conference*
- 5 years in service of equality as an NGO

10.35 – 10.50

- *Nándor Gúr, Parliamentary Committee on Employment and Labor, Chairman, Host of the Conference*
- Provision of employment and equality issues on the agenda of the Parliamentary Committee for Employment and Labor

Speeches

11.00 – 11.15

- *Vladimir Špidla, European Commissioner for Employment, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities*
- Modernizing labor law to meet the challenges of the 21st century

11.15- 11.30

- **Erika Szűcs**, *Minister of Social Affairs and Labor*
- Governmental and sector-specific measures in the employment policy

11.30 – 11.50

- **Dr. Zita Gurmai**, *Member of the European Parliament, Vice-Chairwoman of the Committee of Women's Rights and Gender Equality*
- The Lisbon Strategy: Hungary's progress

11.50 – 12.05

- **Douglas C. Freeman**, *Virtcom Consulting, USA, Chief Executive Officer*
- Diversity and competitiveness at US multinational companies

12.00 – 12.20

- **Dénes Tomaj**, *Ministry of Foreign Affairs,, Department of International Development and Co-operation, Head of Department*
- Employment and equality issues in the international co-operation policy of Hungary

12.20 – 13.30 **Sandwich lunch**

13.30– 13.35 **Introduction of the afternoon program**

13.35 –15.00 **Panel Discussion**

„Employment-equality-competitiveness” Hungary's vision and the social dialogue

Moderator: **Szilvia Krizsó**, *MTV/ Hungarian Television*

Participants:

- **Terézia Boros Bartha**, *Confederation of Hungarian Employers and Industrialists, International Director*
- **Kitti Dobi**, *HR Expert, Ministry of Social Affairs and Labor Roadmap Working Group, Vodafone Operations Centre*
- **Dr. Valéria Farkas Molnar**, *Parliamentary Committee on Employment and Labor, Advisor*
- **Andrea Ferenczi**, *Association for Women's Career Development in Hungary, President*
- **Ildikó Modla Görgényi**, *National Institute of Vocational and Adult Education, Vice-Director General*
- **Boglarka Szentpétery**, *Procter&Gamble, Regional HR Manager*

15.00 – 15.30 **Comments, conclusions**

- **Gabriella Székely**, *National Employment Foundation, Managing Director*