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# Large families: demographic relevance and targeted measures

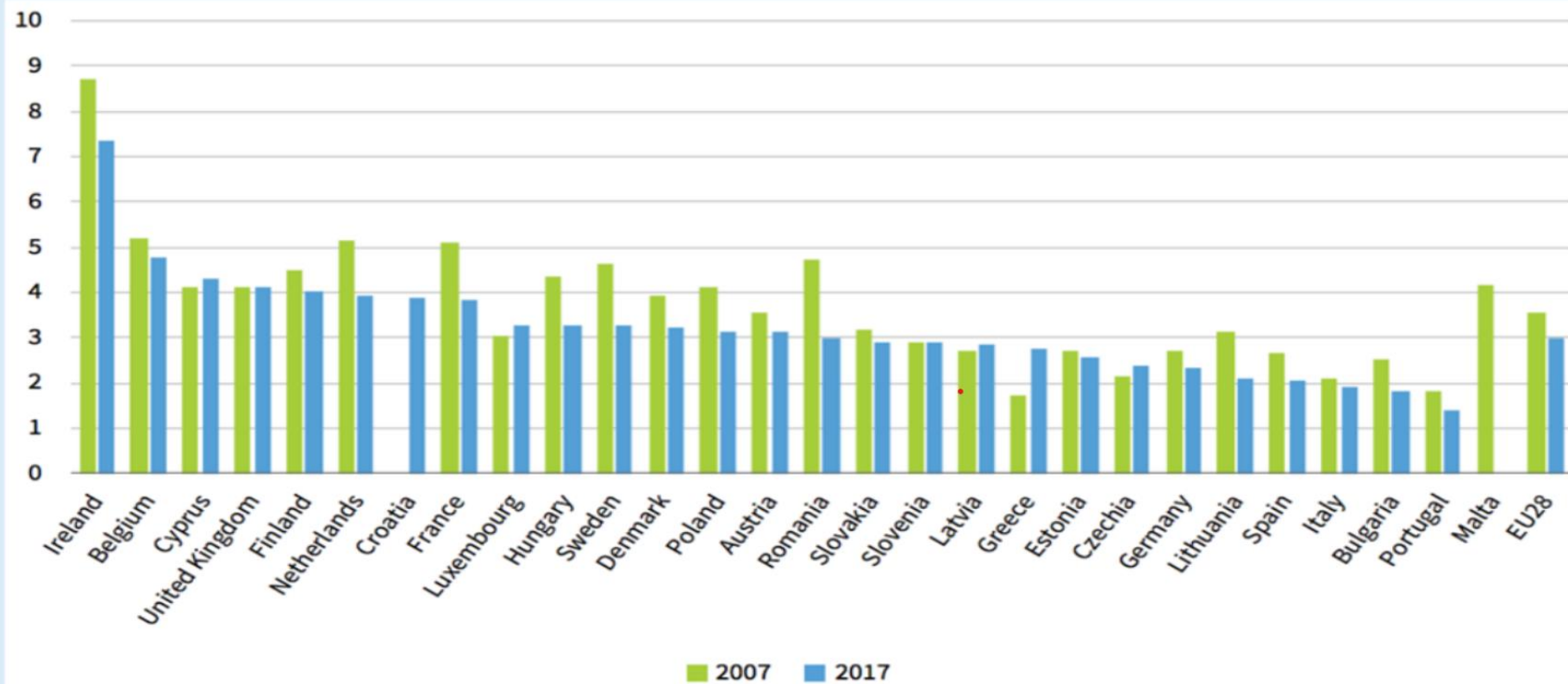
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# Households with children in the EU

(2020 data)



Figure 20: Households with three or more children as a proportion of all households, 2007 and 2017 (%)



Note: Data were not available for Croatia for 2007.

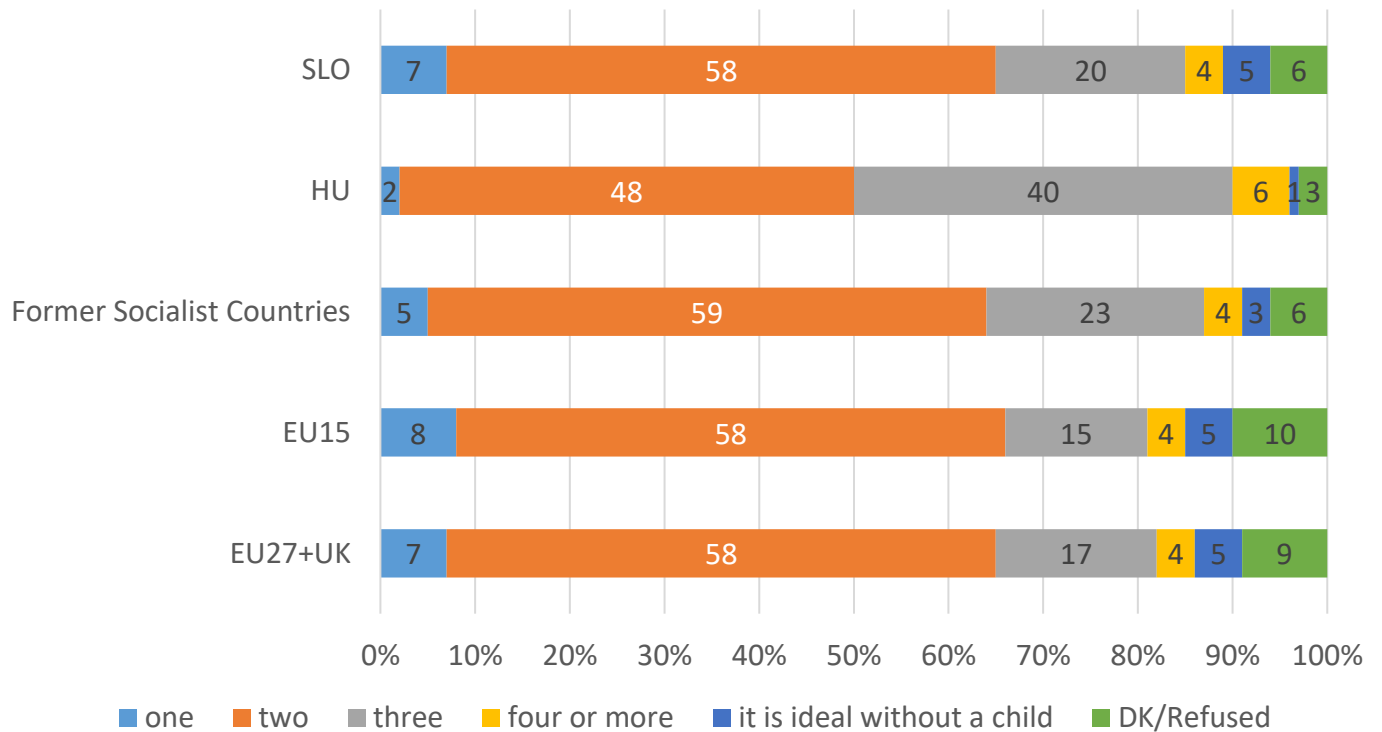
Source: EU-SILC 2017



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What do you think the ideal number of children is in a family? (EUROPA PROJECT, 2021)

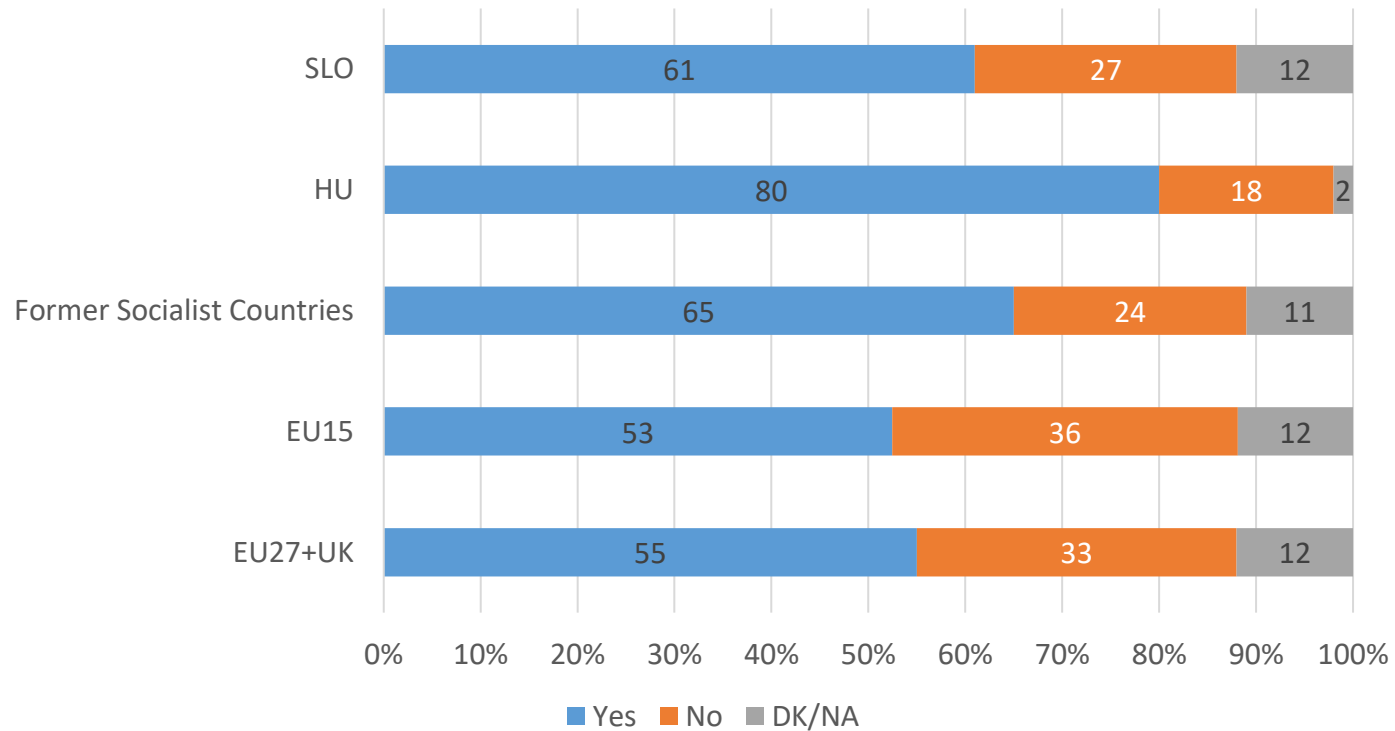




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Do you think that support for large families should be a priority? (EUROPA PROJECT, 2021)

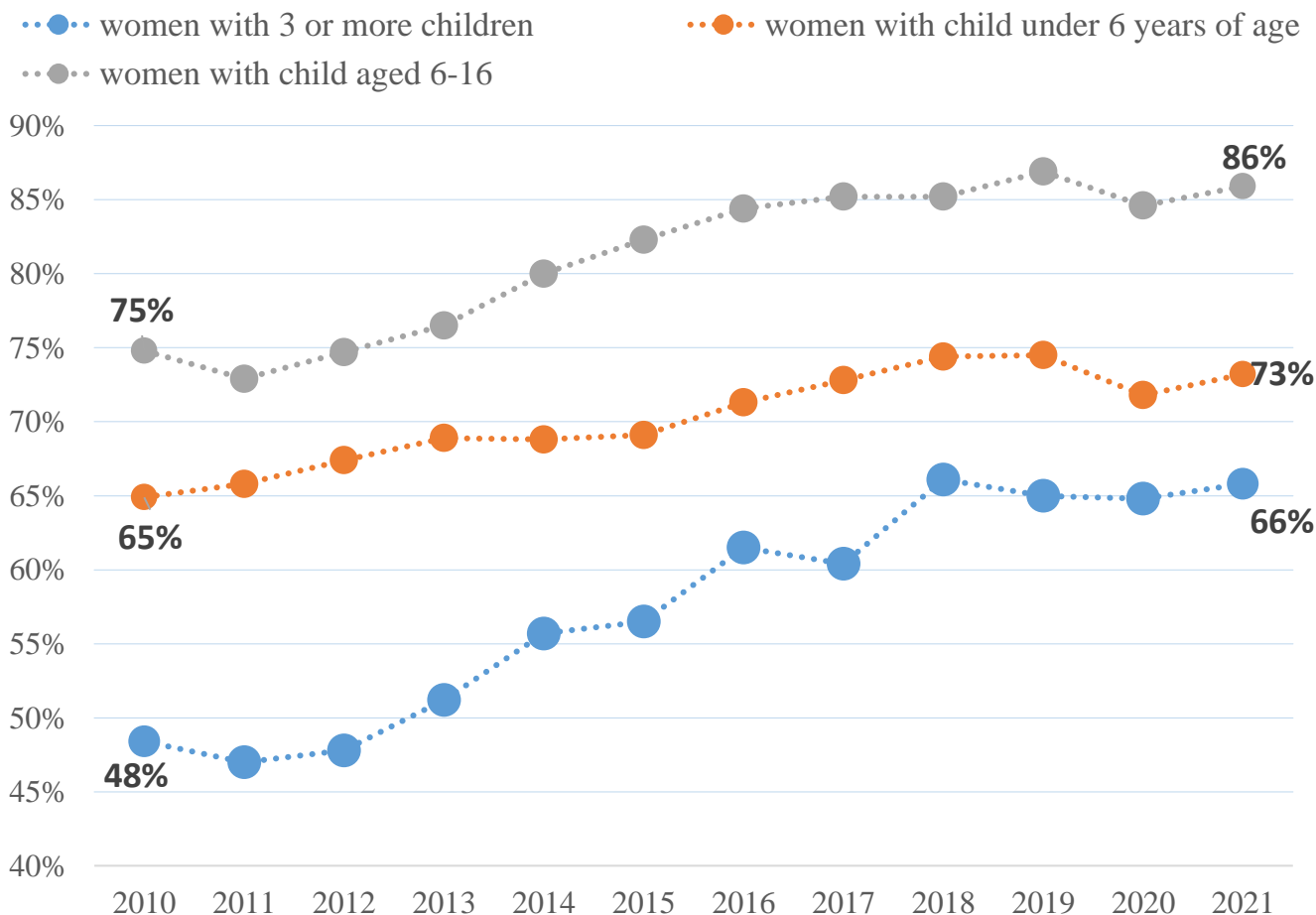




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# Employment rate of women aged 25-49 with children, Hungary

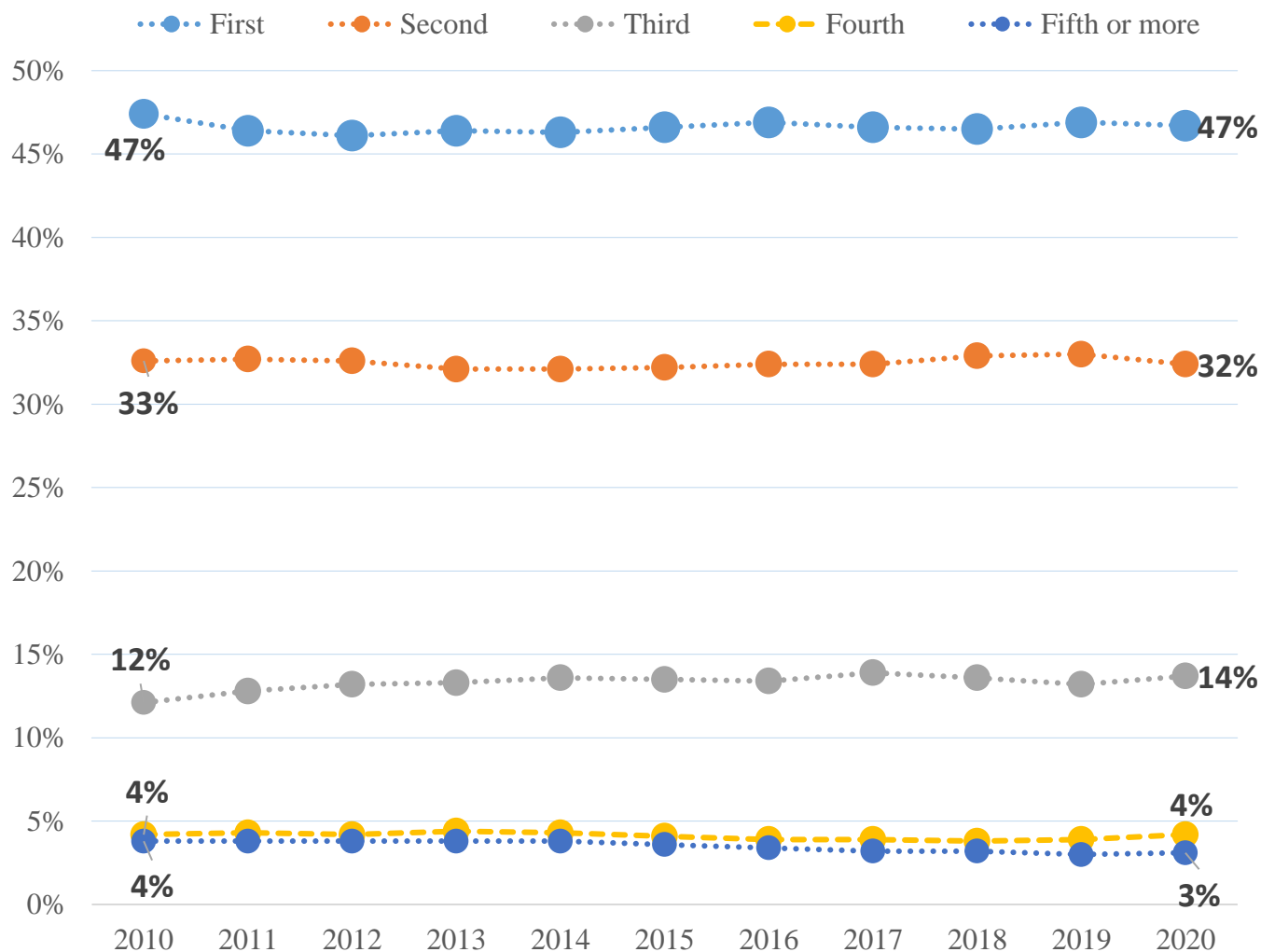




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# Proportion of live births, in order of live births, Hungary





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# Measures helping large families in Hungary

- Constant consultation with NOE
- Freedom to stay home for 3 years
- Family taxation
- Advanced subsidies for home creation for 3+ children
  - 3+ children 30 000€ subsidy for building
  - 3+ children 7 100€ for buying a used home
- Large families car purchase support
  - 37 000 applications
- 7 additional holiday days for both working parents





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# Measures helping large families in Hungary

- Part time employment guaranteed - smallest turns 6yrs
- Elimination of student loans for mothers of 3
- Full time motherhood option (birth-school age)
- Free or heavily subsidized child catering
- Free textbooks for all children
- Holiday opportunities for large families
- Discounts for public transportation, cultural events etc

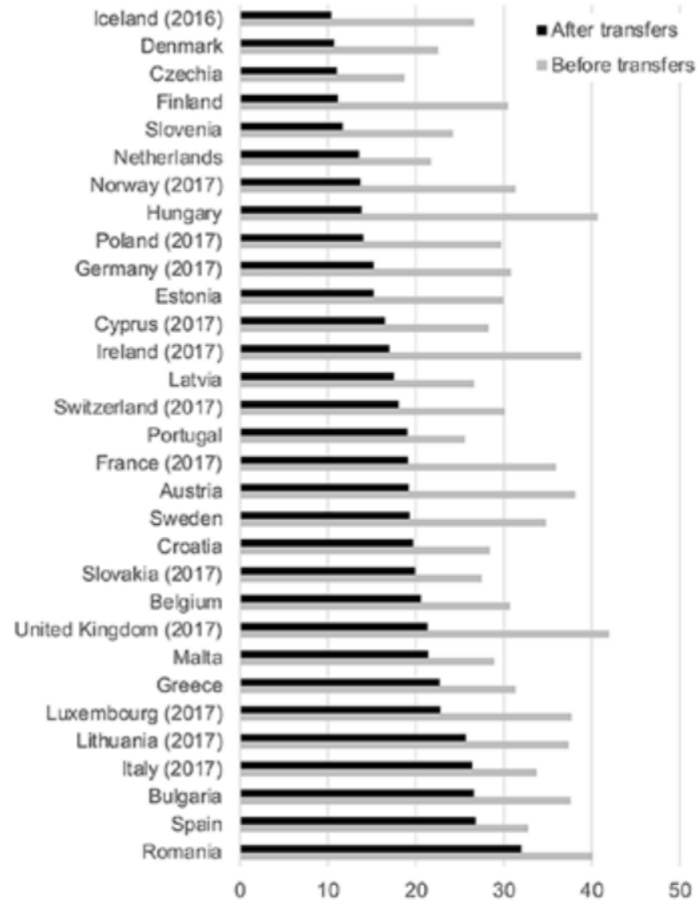


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# Family taxation, the flagship of family policy

- Family taxation reintroduced in 2010, (starting in 2011)
- 30 €/ month after 1 child
- 120€/ month after 2 children
- **300€/ month after 3 children**
- As of 2020 **mothers with 4 or more children do not have to pay any PIT** – 50 000 mothers
- One off measure in 2022 to mitigate Covid effects
- As of 2022 Hungarians under 25 are exempted as well
- Left 700+ million € at the disposal of families



Note: Pre- and post-transfers. Reporting year 2018 unless stated.

Source: Eurostat (2020).

Figure 25.3 At risk of poverty indicator for children under age 18



# I raise my children in an environmentally conscious way

POSITIVE answers

2021 ELFAC

96%

2021 NOE

98%

2020 KINCS research

84%



- Hungarian large families raise their children as environmentally consciously as the European average
- The more parents raise their children in an environmentally conscious way, the more they believe that individual responsibility is important to the Earth



„Due to the impending climate catastrophe, it is not worth giving birth to a child“  
NEGATIVE answers

2021 ELFAC

2021 NOE

2020 KINCS research

71%

86%

69%

- Hungarians were the least able to identify themselves with the statement that it is not worth bringing a child into this world because of the climate catastrophe, but other large European families also strongly reject such a linkage between having a child and the environmental catastrophe



# Transformation of mindset



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- Having a large family shall not equal poverty
- Linking family policies to employment- activation
- Social recognition of motherhood and (large) family life
- Year of families 2018
- Mária Kopp Year
  - Literary award *Family, community, mental health*
  - *Hungarostudy:*
    - *Mental, physical health, happiness of those living in families is significantly better*



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*Thank you for your kind attention!*

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