

## **The V4 Summer School *Motherhood in Transformation. Critical Engagement in the Visegrad Countries* is organized between 14-16 July 2026 in Kőszeg, Hungary.**

The summer school is a 3-day interdisciplinary event, which aims to explore the transformation of motherhood in post-socialist region as a key democratic and social issue. It brings together scholars, activists, journalists, and artists to develop a new political grammar, to support cross-border interdisciplinary networks, and to start building a sustainable infrastructure for knowledge sharing.

During the three days, participants attend lectures, workshops, discussions, and creative sessions focused on motherhood and reproduction in post-socialist contexts. Led by experts in the field, the program will integrate academic knowledge, practical activism, and cultural expression.

The organisers aim to foster critical engagement with gendered social structures, building regional networks, and equipping participants with tools for analysis, advocacy, and public communication. The organisers hope to strengthen intergenerational and cross-sectoral dialogue, promote critical knowledge exchange, and embark on the creation of a sustainable, regionally grounded infrastructure for addressing democratic challenges and gendered inequalities and disseminating knowledge.

**Artists may request a creative space where they can work.**

**Cultural program:** Participants may enjoy wine tasting of local wines, music performances, and a guided city walk.

**Childcare support** (assistance) can be organised upon request. (Please make sure you indicate such requests in advance and we will try to accommodate needs on a case-by-case basis.)

The event is organised by the Institute for *Social and European Studies Foundation* in partnership with the *Comenius University* in Bratislava as part of a project funded by the *Visegrad Foundation*.

**Detailed program will be coming soon.**

**The organizers provide:**

- educational programme and materials
- cultural events
- lunch (4 days, Monday-Thursday)
- accommodation
- travel costs to/from Kőszeg

**Participants cover:**

- proof of health and travel insurance (EU health card)

**Application deadline:**

**18 May 2026**

**Applications should contain the following:**

- completed online Application form: <https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/LRXtEJXznT?origin=lprLink>
- 200-word motivation letter
- CV or short video introduction (2-3 mins)

NO AI -generated material will be accepted!

**Eligibility:** students and young researchers, artists, NGO workers, media experts, bloggers, journalists from all Visegrad 4 countries

**Applicants will be notified by 27 May 2026.**

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