

## Abstract of Speech Template

**Title:**

**Budapest, The City of Change:**

**Giving Values and Quality of Life Back to Workers**

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## **Budapest, The City of Change: Giving Values and Quality of Life Back to Workers**

**Budapest, the people-centred city:** citizens of the capital voted for an open-minded, active involvement based, solidary city in October 2019 and after 10 years new, innovative measures can be taken which will improve the citizens' healthcare, working and living conditions.

*In the future's city*

- healthcare is not for the privileged, the emphasis is on prevention and on the creation of a healthier environment,
- right to work is not only a fundamental right, but the political community should help to prevail and enforce it,
- urban development is everybody's matter: city leadership serves the will of its citizens at the highest level,
- culture is complex; therefore, a culture friendly city leadership provides the widest access to it.

### **Time for change: systematic changes are needed**

Time for change has come. Not only challenges of the 21<sup>st</sup> century have arrived, but also the message of Budapest's citizens that improvement of healthcare cannot wait. According to the two-thirds of the capital's residents, healthcare is the most important issue. Besides of the immediate actions that the health issues of citizens demand, cancer related health problems and deaths of women require an even bigger focus. Healthcare in Budapest is the „founder” of inequality as well, accessibility needs to be improved continuously, and the right to healthcare demands systematic changes in the field of law.

### **Health in the city and at workplaces**

The improvement of healthcare is one of the most important policy goals in Budapest. The city will provide *primary care* irrespectively of one's financial status, the city will set up *health centres* which provide residents with a lot of services (for example physiotherapy), regulations and health services at workplaces.

### **Equal opportunity and the protection of dignity – at public life and at workplaces**

*We establish a Budapest Bureau for Equal Opportunity:* its leader will oversee the work of the Municipality in this field and ensure different aspects of equal opportunity regarding the work of the Municipality.

We create a *Capital Strategy* in order to protect human dignity, to tackle violence within family with the involvement of the concerned authorities and civil organisations. With the assistance of „best practices” around the world and Hungarian civil organisations, we help the creation of a working environment in firms cooperating with the Municipality that protects workers, helps their mental recovery and steps up to every kind of abuse of power.

**Participation – active participation and „smart city”**

We provide the residents with the opportunity to shape the agenda of the General Assembly and to follow with attention every development project in the *urban development room*, we introduce *community planning* and *participation budget* (examples of Paris and Lisbon drive us).

**Working policy – Budapest Mediation Council from the beginning of January 2020**

We create a mediation forum, which effectively communicates between employees and employers, as well as the political sphere, its focus is on equal opportunity, health and legal protection, the representation of workers' rights.

**Budapest and Seoul: active cooperation since 2005**

Evaluation of the work of the last one and a half decades.