

Background of the family policy system of Hungary since 2010

Motives

- Welfare of families
"No economic growth or sustainable development without prosperous families"
- Wellbeing of families
"There is no well-functioning society without harmonious families"
- Halting the demographic decline
"The family, as the basic unit of society, is the guarantee of the survival of the nation"
- Strengthening the nation
"The family is Hungary's most important national resource" (Act CCXI of 2011 on the Protection of Families)



"There is no strong nation without strong families."

Viktor Orbán

Pillars

1. Parenting should be financially advantageous
2. Families and children should be protected by law
3. The whole country shall be made family-friendly
4. Family policy should be based on mothers
5. Families should receive help for home ownership

Principles

- Offering real options for parents (e.g. freedom for parents to choose to stay at home for up to 3 years or return to work earlier)
- Addressing demographic challenges by supporting Hungarian families, not illegal migration
- Continuously strengthening the financial situation of parents with children
- Linking family benefits to employment
- Family support helps all parents raising children in every life situation
- Supporting responsible parenting
- Increasing family benefits depending on the number of children
- Family benefits available already from the 12th week of the pregnancy
- Elevating social recognition of motherhood and childrearing



Areas

Financial support of families

- Family taxation
- Personal income tax exemption for mothers
- Baby expecting subsidy
- Infant care fee: 100% of previous earnings

Children's wellbeing

- Free and compulsory kindergarten from 3 years
- Free transport for children under 14 years
- Free textbooks for pupils
- Free or subsidized child catering

Work-family reconciliation

- Widely developed public nursery network
- Additional leave days for parents
- Child Care Fee and Infant Care Fee Extra
- Family-friendly workplaces

Housing and home ownership support

- Home Start Programme
- Housing support for public service workers
- Family Housing Subsidy (CSOK, CSOK Plus, Village CSOK)
- Utility cost reduction
- Home renovation program

Family-friendly environment and approaches

- Cardinal Law on the Protection of Families
- Provisions of the Fundamental Law on families
- Network of family-friendly organisations
- Family-friendly trademark

Intergenerational solidarity

- 13th and 14th month pension
- "Women 40" Grandmothers' pension
- Child care fee for grandparents
- Personal income tax exemption under 25 years
- Loan for young blue-collar workers and university students

Outcomes

- 1 million more people are in work since 2010, with the largest increase among mothers
- About 5% of the Hungarian GDP is being spent on families
- 9 out of 10 families live in a home they own
- The rate of children born in marriage has increased
- Increasing willingness to have children and to get married, with decreasing divorce rates
- The child poverty rate has been halved
- Mental health is best of those who live in a family



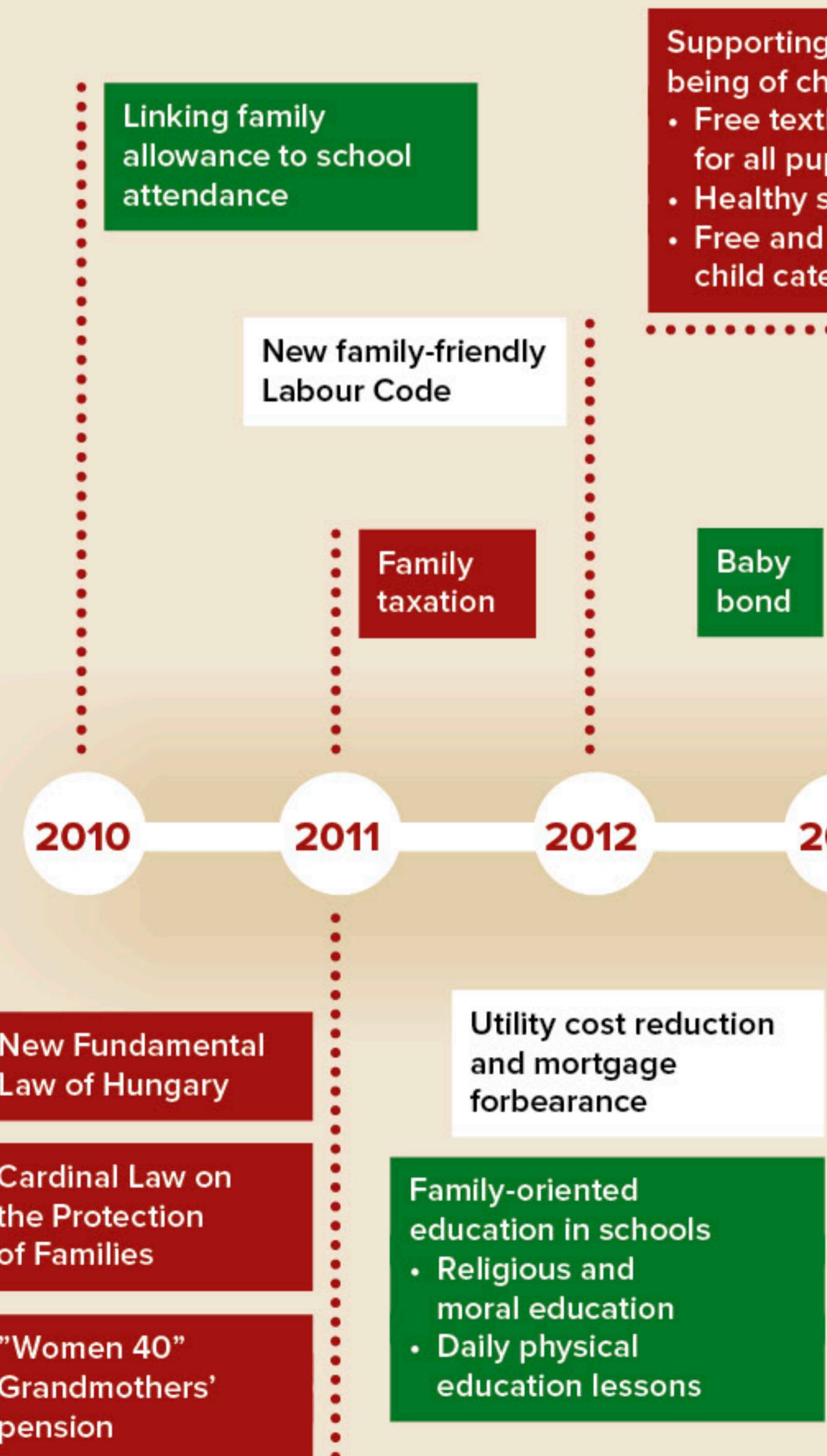
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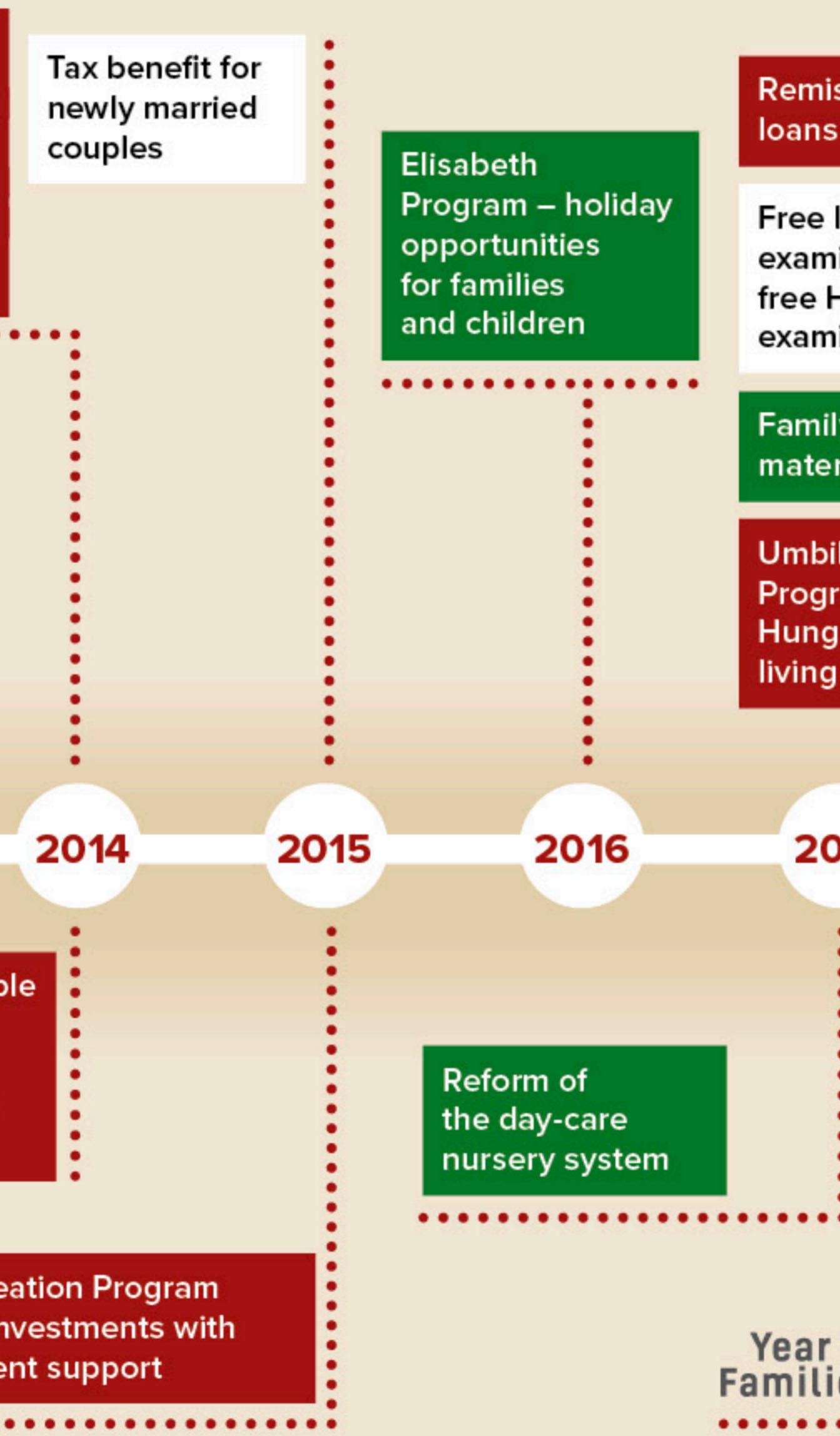
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Strong families make a strong nation

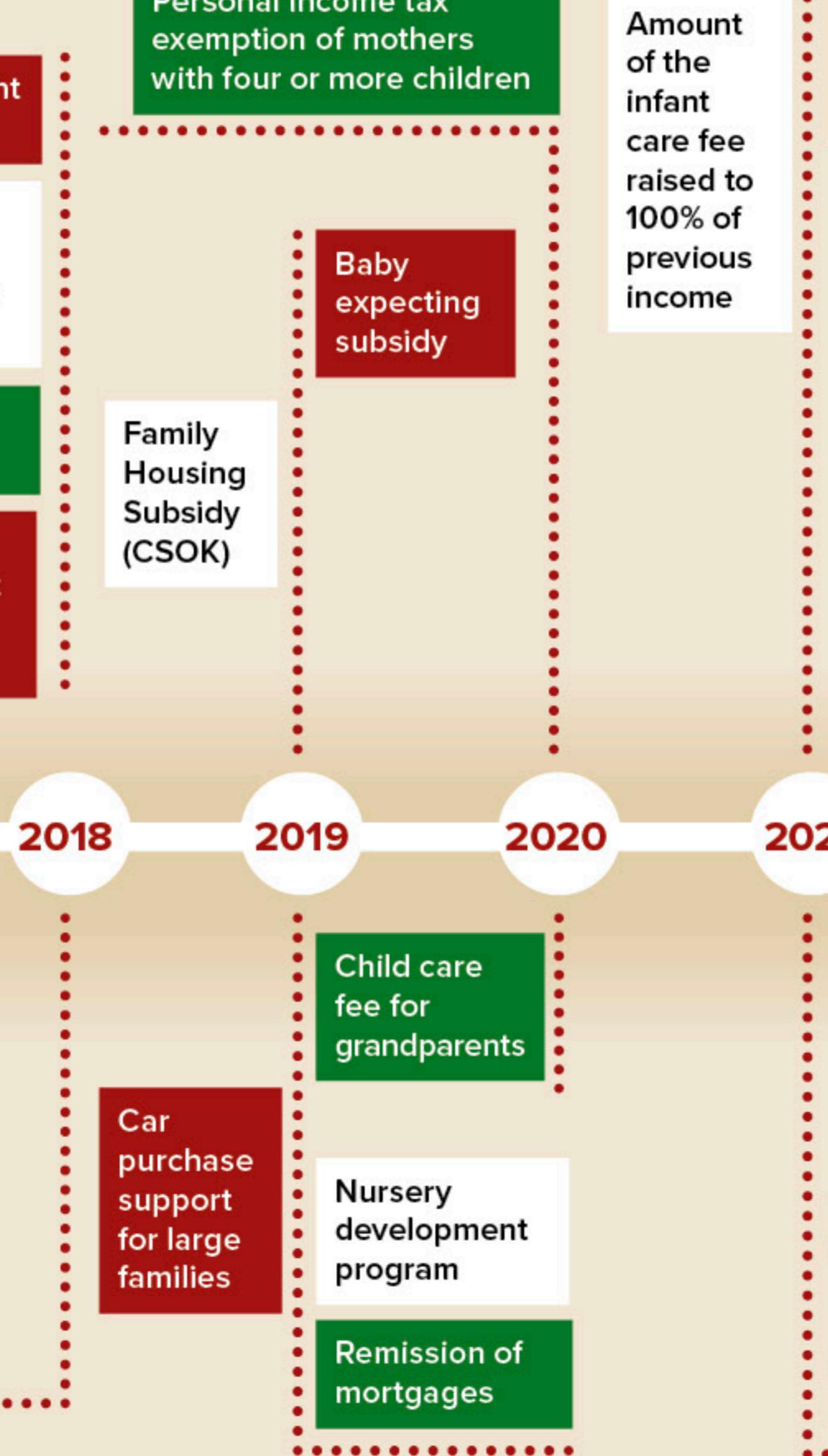
2010-2014 Years of Transformation



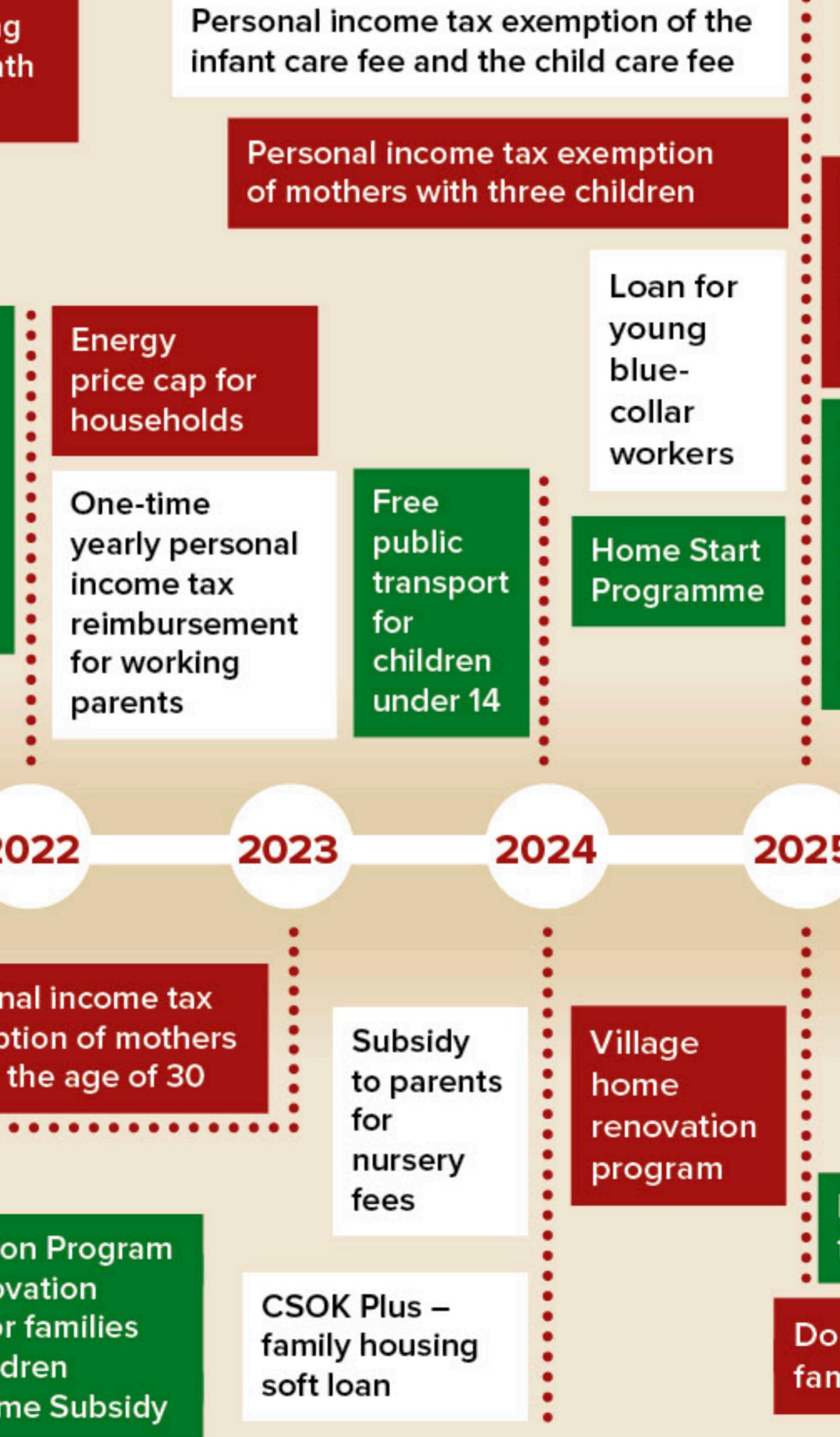
2014-2018 Years of Unfolding



2018-2022 Years of Accomplishments



2022- Years of Challenges

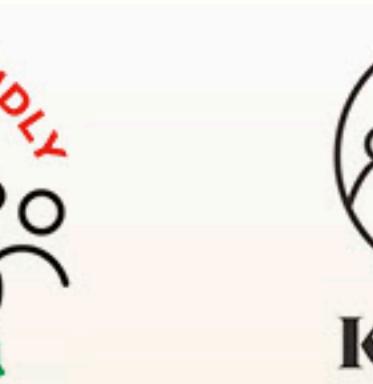


"We hold that the family and the nation constitute the principal framework of our coexistence."

"Hungary shall protect the institution of marriage as the union of one man and one woman established by voluntary decision, and the family as the basis of the survival of the nation."

"Family ties shall be based on marriage or the relationship between parents and children. The mother shall be a woman; the father shall be a man."

Fundamental Law of Hungary



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