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The low level of women employment in Hungary is striking, when we compare it to the target level of EU. The social economy unambiguously has a significant role in expanding opportunities to enter the labor market for members of groups underprivileged. The Foundation for Small Enterprise Economics Development (SEED) has for more than a decade extensively contributed to facilitating the economic presence of women, family enterprises and Romany people. The activities, which attempt to enhance the competitive power of small enterprises in the economy, include consultations, training programs and research as well. Their success is shown by the financial support is provided by national and international organizations, both public and private. The foundation by targeting women entrepreneurs helps people in doubly difficult situation, and creates chances for equal opportunity.