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The long lasting effects of the Covid-19 pandemic on the daily interactions among ethnic Hungarians in Romania from a sociological perspective

In our research we focused on the study of the long lasting effects of the Covid-19 pandemic. The research was carried out on a sample formed of ethnic Hungarians in Romania, mainly in Tranylvania region.

The pandemic resulted in significant changes in terms of daily interactions, in the way people worked, interacted, kept in touch with their friends, colleagues and families. These are well known facts, as the whole world went through these changes more or less simultaneously. However, it is much less researched and spoken about, how these 1.5-2 years will shape the future habits in these aspects. Can the people turn back to their interaction habits they had before the pandemic? Can they take something with them as good practice from the mostly online based interactions? Will this change the way they think about mobility, separation of work and private spheres, scheduling and general interaction? What are the emotional attitudes towards these methods, and can we observe any significant difference in these aspects among the respondents according to their age, sex or social status ?

These are the most relevant issues we tried to discover through our research.