How is flexible retirement viewed in Hungary?

Flexible retirement is not yet a topic commonly discussed in Hungary. The transfer of private pension assets in 2011 to state control in an effort to reduce government debt has caused concern among employees. Many felt that those pension assets should have been used to fund long-term pension sustainability reforms. Despite past experience, the Aegon Retirement Readiness Survey 2015 showed that half of respondents in Hungary envision a flexible transition to retirement. Recent legislative changes have indeed made it more attractive for people to work longer by offering increases in pensions for each month of additional service time. Although these are positive developments, there is still a need to enact employment practices and government policies that will encourage and enable flexible retirement.

How do workers envision their retirement?

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<th>Retire before 65</th>
<th>Flexible transition</th>
<th>Keep active / keep brain alert</th>
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<td>Global</td>
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<td>29%</td>
<td>57%</td>
<td>82%</td>
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<td>Of those age 55+ expect to retire before 65</td>
<td>Of those age 55+ envision a flexible transition to retirement</td>
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Are employers supporting a flexible retirement?

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<td>Of those age 55+ are offered retraining or reskilling opportunities</td>
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Sources of the key country indicators included in this country profile:
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* where the official and effective retirement age is different for men and women, we have calculated an average

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