

Core values

COFACE Families Europe is rooted in a set of six core values:

- ★ **Non-discrimination.** We recognise all family forms.
- ★ **Equal opportunities.** We believe equality between women and men is a cornerstone for the reconciliation of family and professional life.
- ★ **Respect of human rights.** We seek to advance the rights of families and their members to a decent quality of life.
- ★ **Empowerment.** We aim to give a voice to all family members as citizens, consumers and workers.
- ★ **Social inclusion.** We advocate for the shaping of policies to tackle poverty and social exclusion of families and their members.
- ★ **Solidarity.** We promote intergenerational solidarity between family members.

Join us!

- ✓ Is your organisation an NGO representing families or services to families?
- ✓ Do you want to join an international community of practice to work collectively in the interest of families?
- ✓ Do you want to become an expert on EU family matters?
- ✓ Do you have a local innovation you would like to scale up across other EU countries?
- ✓ Are you looking for best practices from other countries or seeking to set up new European projects?

If you are interested in any of the above, you're in the right place.



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COFACE Families Europe

COFACE Families Europe was founded in 1958. With 59 member organisations in 23 Member States of the EU, we represent more than 25 million families in Europe.

***Our mission** is to promote the well-being, health and security of families and their members in a changing society and serve as a trusted entity for family mainstreaming and for the voice/needs of families in the EU and beyond.*

***Our vision** is to work towards a family friendly environment, enabling all families and their members to benefit from sufficient financial resources, available quality services and adequate time arrangements in order to live and enjoy their family life in dignity and harmony.*

Actions

Represent

Representing its member organisations at European and international institutions (UN, OECD, Council of Europe), and at other institutions operating at European level (EU agencies and stakeholder groups, NGO alliances, forums, platforms).

Advocate

Supporting advocacy campaigns for families wherever the interests of families and their members are at stake.

Coordinate

Coordinating and facilitating projects, programmes, activities and initiatives of member organisations, bringing a European dimension to their local initiatives to drive change for families.

Monitor

Closely following EU and international initiatives, assessing the negative and positive impacts for families. Assess emerging family trends across Europe through studies in various fields, and making the link with EU/international initiatives.

Network

Establishing networking systems for the continuing exchange of information and actions with member organisations on matters arising within the European Union, as well as reaching out to individuals who support COFACE Families Europe's mission.

Initiate

Developing new projects, conferences, seminars, trainings and study days, and putting in motion programmes of action at European level, in partnership with other organisations.

Policies

