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INTRODUCTION

Preliminary words

Dear Readers,

2017 has been an important year for Social Europe and for COFACE Families Europe.

We welcomed very much the «European Pillar of Social Rights» and were especially happy with the Work-Life Balance Package launched by the European Commission in April 2017.

Throughout the year we built several actions with our members, as well as a strong coalition of European NGOs jointly working towards the swift adoption of the proposed EU Work-Life Balance Directive which aims to support work-life balance of parents and carers.

Guided by our successful Europe-wide consultation of family carers that resulted in an in-depth qualitative and quantitative study «Who Cares?» we made the invisible workforce of carers and their needs visible.

Further in this annual report, we highlight other COFACE Families Europe key actions which have generated impact on EU policy and legislation, and therefore impacted the lives of families. Starting from the overall theme of “Families on the Move” throughout 2017, we organised a multi-stakeholder conference and a series of COFACE expert meetings for cross-country discussions and transfer of innovation between our network members.

We launched a new colourful website and several online campaigns to bring more people into our community of practice and keep the information flowing between local and EU level. Together with the members of COFACE Families Europe we will continue actions in 2018 focusing more specifically on work-life balance, disability, education, and digitalisation with the clear ambition to build a sustainable future for all families in Europe and beyond.

We wish you a great read and hope you feel inspired. Please join and support our community to grow from strength to strength.

LIZ GOSME
Director

ANNEMIE DRIESKENS
President
COFACE Families Europe is a pluralistic network of civil society associations representing the interests of all families. It was founded in 1958. With 58 member organisations in 23 Member States of the EU, we represent more than 25 million families in Europe.

COFACE’s focus is essentially on policies and legislation that impact the lives of children and families, in particular in the fields of social protection and inclusion, safeguarding the rights of disabled and dependent persons, prevention and fighting child poverty, reconciling family and work life, migration, inclusive education and early childhood education and care, parenting support services to families, information and communication technologies, health and consumer policies and other relevant policy areas.

COFACE Families Europe advocates for policies of non-discrimination and equal opportunities between persons and between family forms, and specifically supports policies aimed at increasing equality between women and men, with a special focus on reconciliation between work, care and family life.
Main activities in 2017

1: COFACE Training on Europe 2020

2: COFACE publishes assessments on the European Pillar of Social Rights and on the Work-Life Balance package

3: COFACE celebrated the International Day of Persons with Disabilities

4: Expert meeting on ethical mortgages and financial inclusion in Copenhagen #FinServices4all

5: Joint statement Work-Life Balance coalition of NGOs

6: COFACE Disability expert meeting in Lisbon

7: “Be the change: Take back the Internet” media release on the Safer Internet Day

8: Publication “Families on the edge: building a comprehensive European Work Life Balance reality” on the International Women’s Day

9: Annual conference “Families on the Move” in Brussels #FamiliesMoveEU

10: Training on the impact of food marketing on the health of families in Madrid #Nutrimedia

11: International Day of Families & Consultation of Family Carers in Europe

12: Peer review on Bullying and Cyberbullying in Athens #DeleteCyberbullying

13: Launch of the #IwantWorkLifeBalance campaign

14: COFACE Families Europe welcomed the Proclamation of the European Pillar of Social Rights

15: #ToysAndDiversity community: boycott stereotypes!

16: Launch of the study “Who cares?” on the challenges and needs of family carers in Europe in the European Parliament in Brussels #FamilyCarersEU

17: COFACE Families Europe and the Work Life Balance coalition of NGOs reacted on the European Pillar of Social Rights & Work-Life Balance Package launched by the European Commission

18: Official launch of our new website, logo and visual identity

19: Joint statement Work-Life Balance coalition of NGOs

20: COFACE Disability expert meeting in Lisbon

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22: Peer review on Bullying and Cyberbullying in Athens #DeleteCyberbullying

23: Launch of the #IwantWorkLifeBalance campaign

24: COFACE Families Europe joins the multi-stakeholder platform on the implementation of the #SDGs in the EU

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SHAPING FUTURE POLICIES AND LEGISLATION

We launched the Paper “Families on the edge: building a comprehensive European Work-Life Balance reality” to mark International Women’s Day on March 8.

COFACE Families Europe and a Coalition of EU NGOs endorsed the European Commission’s Work-Life Balance Package launched on 26 April. The package is composed of a Communication and a proposal for a Directive to “support work-life balance for parents and carers”. The proposal aims to update minimum standards on parental leave and flexible working arrangements, and introduce new minimum standards on paternity leave and carers’ leave.


On 22 June, COFACE was invited by the EMPL and FEMM committees of the European Parliament to a joint hearing ‘Improving the work-life balance for formal and informal carers’. We stressed the importance of the provision of quality, accessible and affordable care services for persons with disabilities and older family members.

The EPSCO Council of July in Tallinn, Estonia, discussed the challenges faced by families across the EU and their needs for a better reconciliation of their family, work, private and care duties. The Trio of Presidencies (Estonia, Bulgaria and Austria) signed a Declaration on Gender Equality committing to work on the Work-Life Balance Directive.

The European Economic and Social Committee (EESC) and the Committee of the Regions (CoR) also produced opinions during the Autumn expressing general support for the Directive. COFACE was invited to participate in the consultation for the CoR and called as expert for the preparation of the opinion in the EESC.

On October 23, COFACE Families Europe launched the #IwantWorkLifeBalance campaign on social media. The campaign, that will end with the adoption of the Work-Life Balance Directive, aims to give a space for people to express why legislation on Work-Life Balance is needed.

COFACE Disability actively advocated for the European Accessibility Act. In December, the EPSCO Council reached an agreement on the proposed accessibility for products and services directive.

On the International Day of Families on May 15, we conducted a major European data collection to map the needs and challenges of family carers in different EU Member States. We received 1000+ answers from 16 EU Member States, which provided a great overview on their situation and the most concerning challenges they face.

We took active part in the Work Forum on the implementation of the UN CRPD in the EU and the Member States in May.

COFACE Families Europe made a submission to the UN Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities on the right to live independently and be included in the community (Article 19 of the UN CRPD).

COFACE, as member of the European Expert Group on the transition from institutional to community-based care (EEG Community), issued a joint letter in July raising concerns about the use of EU funding in the context of migration and the negative impact of institutional culture in reception centres for asylum-seekers. The Group also prepared a Reflection paper on the future of the finances of the EU.

In October, COFACE Disability revised its European Charter for Family Carers. The Charter is developed as a reference tool to be implemented by various organisations representing persons with disabilities and/or complex needs and their families in the EU.

In November, COFACE Families Europe launched the results of its study on the needs and challenges of family carers in the European Parliament in Brussels. The report ‘Who cares? Study on the challenges and needs of family carers in Europe’ provides a better understanding of the situation in Europe and offers policy recommendations directly from family carers to better meet their needs and tackle their social exclusion. #familycarersEU

In December, COFACE Families Europe co-moderated the Estonian EU Presidency conference ‘Dignity + Independent living = DI’ on community-based care and support organised in Tallinn in October. The conference focused on advancing discussions to accelerate the transition from institution-based care to community-based support in the EU member states. Later on, in December, the EPSCO Council (28 Ministers of social affairs) adopted conclusions on “Enhancing Community-Based Support and Care for Independent Living”.

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In December, COFACE Families Europe celebrated diversity and social inclusion of persons with disabilities and their families by participating in two big events organised in the framework of the European Days of Persons with Disabilities.
COFACE Families Europe organised a training in Madrid on the impact of advertising on the food and drinks industry and a presentation of the #Nutrimedia tool. The tool was presented in small groups and in big conferences, such as the Annual Convention on Inclusive Growth.

COFACE Families Europe is working to develop a ‘social-norm nudge’ concept as part of the Think Forward Initiative to encourage responsible saving. This initiative is a multi-year movement bringing together a range of experts and research to find out how and why we make financial choices.

In July, the European Banking Authority’s Banking Stakeholder meeting (EBA BSG) held one of their four annual meetings in London. COFACE Families Europe been a member of the EBA since 2016 and actively contributes to the meetings.

In September, the Financial Services User Group (FSUG) held their second meeting of their new three year mandate. COFACE Families Europe has been a member of the FSUG since the last mandate and will continue to participate in the group, bringing its perspective on financial inclusion and protecting vulnerable families in financial services.

In November, Finance Denmark and COFACE Families Europe co-hosted a seminar in Copenhagen on financial inclusion and how to improve access to affordable and stable financing for European families, specifically focusing on access to mortgages.

COFACE Families Europe launched in December an end of year campaign on toys and diversity #ToysAndDiversity. The objective of this campaign is to raise awareness on the impact of toy marketing and to put a light on gender stereotypes in toys catalogues and shops, but it also aims to show whether the toys are inclusive towards children with disabilities and with migrant background. This year we made a specific call to action to boycott stereotypes!
At the Safer Internet Day in February, COFACE Families Europe looked at ways we can take back control of our digital footprint and protect our data with the statement “Be the change: Take Back The Internet!”

COFACE Families Europe reflected on “our children online” at the Digital festival 2017 in June.

COFACE Families Europe and its Greek member KMOP, organised in September a peer review on “Live Without Bullying”. KMOP provides a wide range of support services to families, including support services to children, teachers, and parents on ways to tackle bullying and cyberbullying. The peer review report is available on COFACE’s website.

In September COFACE joined the Positive Online Content Campaign POSCON, aiming at providing better online experiences for children through high-quality digital content.

«Internet: a safe and transparent place for consumers?» COFACE contributed at the European Observatory on Infringements of Intellectual Property Rights (EUIPO) meeting in Alicante in September.

COFACE took part in the Digital Citizenship Education working conference organised by the Council of Europe in September, and presented the resulting Internet Literacy Handbook at the Internet Governance Forum 2017 in Geneva.

COFACE Families Europe reflected in October on how to make the internet more inclusive by giving a training to teachers on decentralised technologies at the eTwinning conference.

COFACE Families Europe continued to advocate for online child protection in the framework of key legislative files including the Audio Visual Media Services Directive (AVMSD) and the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR).

COFACE Families Europe was in the opening plenary panel of the 2017 Safer Internet Forum in November, alongside representatives from youth organisations, Google and DGCNECT, to discuss the latest trends, risks and solutions related to child online safety.

COFACE launched a policy brief on the GDPR and the way children use and experience the internet. There are a number of features and concepts in this Regulation which could potentially transform the web, including the way children experience it.
EUROPEAN PILLAR OF SOCIAL RIGHTS

On 26 April, the European Commission released the long-awaited European Pillar of Social Rights, in the form of a Recommendation listing key principles for driving the future EU social policy agenda. The Pillar includes 20 principles under three chapters: Equal Opportunities and access to the labour market; Fair working conditions and Social protection and inclusion.

COFACE Families Europe published its recommendations on how to make the European Pillar of Social Rights a useful social policy framework for all families in Europe. In our recommendations, we drew out several policy principles: Education, Training and Life-long learning; Gender Equality; Work-Life Balance; Inclusion of People with Disabilities; Long-term care; Childcare and support to children; and Access to essential services. COFACE called on the European Institutions to ensure the successful realisation of the principles through strong governance tools and adequate resources.

The European Pillar of Social Rights were proclaimed and signed at the #SocialSummit17 in Gothenburg on 17 November. COFACE Families Europe welcomed this proclamation as an indication of the EU’s intention to strengthen the implementation of existing social rights across Member States.

SDGS

COFACE Families Europe joined SDG Watch Europe, a EU-level, cross-sectoral CSO alliance of NGOs with the aim of hold governments to account for the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development Goals.

COFACE Families Europe joined the multi-stakeholder platform on the implementation of the SDGs in the EU in October. Given COFACE Families Europe’s commitment to raising awareness about the 2030 SDGs in Europe, and given that many of our advocacy campaigns and policy actions contribute directly to European implementation of the SDGs, we were delighted to be one of the European civil society organisations nominated to this multi-stakeholder platform. The platform, chaired by Vice-President of the European Commission, Frans Timmermans, meets once a year, and is supported by a management committee.
FAMILIES ON THE MOVE

COFACE Families Europe organised the “Families on the Move” conference on 12 May in Brussels and took stock of emerging challenges for families living in Europe together with 100+ key stakeholders from 20+ countries. With the conference, we focused on four key drivers that will impact family life in 2020: inequalities, education, migration and work-life balance and care systems:

Workshop on Economic move: Portability of benefits and services for families moving within the EU: breaking down key legal and practical barriers.

Workshop on Digital move: Empowering families to move freely online: harnessing the full potential of the internet through genuine data portability.

Workshop on Geographic move: Separated families moving across borders: how to make the right to family reunification a reality for third country nationals of the EU?

Workshop on Social move: The societal shift in parenting and working roles: legislation as driver to achieve work-life balance for all.

Workshop speakers included representatives from European and national civil society, the European Commission, the Organisation for European Cooperation and Development, the UNHCR, Migration Policy Group, European and national social partners, researchers from universities involved in different EU-wide projects, policy-makers in national government, company representatives, and more. The workshop reports are available on COFACE’s website.

The conference package included:
A GROWING INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY OF PRACTICE

Online and offline

Through ongoing monitoring of trends at EU, national, local level, we ensure constant information flow on family matters. We collect news through our EU networks to inform local and online communities about EU developments.

We collect news from our COFACE network to raise awareness of EU policymakers about the needs of families. We relay information between EU and global level, through our UN special consultative status.

COFACE, through its website, newsletters and social media channels reaches thousands of individuals, in different segments. To be kept up to date on our activities, subscribe to our newsletter here http://tinyurl.com/cofacenws

Social media are an integral part of our dissemination strategy. Through our activities on LinkedIn, Facebook and Twitter, we have started building communities of EU and family professionals from different backgrounds, and also built a generalist audience following.

MAIN COMMUNICATION OUTPUTS IN 2017

1 new website
11 newsletters with 252 articles
16 media releases
1 annual report 2016
3 video speeches
6 social media channels. Most active: Twitter, Facebook, LinkedIn
8 social media campaigns

CAMPAIGNING ON FAMILY AND EU MATTERS

We build political momentum on family issues (family diversity, gender stereotypes, sexual and reproductive rights, cyber-bullying, challenges of family carers, family reunification of refugees) and on EU matters (Pillar of Social Rights, Work-Life Balance, Sustainable Development Goals, European Accessibility Act, EP elections). We use international days (women, families, parents, children, disability and refugees) and communication partnerships (with NGOs, EU agencies, research) for greater multiplier effects and involvement of wider communities in our campaigns.

SPOTLIGHT ON THE #FAMILYCARERSEU CAMPAIGN

WHO CARES?
Study on the challenges and needs of family carers in Europe

May
Consultation
All across Europe

July
Analysis
1000+ testimonies
16 countries

November
Results
Launch in European Parliament
Campaigning

CAMPAIGN #IwantWorkLifeBalance

On October 23, COFACE Families Europe launched the #IwantWorkLifeBalance hashtag on social media. The campaign, that will end with the adoption of the Work Life Balance Directive, aims to give a space for people to express why legislation on Work Life Balance is needed. In less than a week, hundreds of people across Europe supported the campaign and shared their messages with the hashtag #IwantWorkLifeBalance, including Commissioner Vera Jourova, many MEPs, national media like the Belgian RTBF... among many others all around Europe.

CAMPAIGN #ToysAndDiversity

With the end of year festivities, many more toys and presents are bought. In December, COFACE Families Europe launched the traditional end of year campaign on toys and diversity. The objective of the campaign is to raise awareness on the impact of toy marketing and to put a light on gender stereotypes in toys catalogues and shops, but it also aims to show whether the toys are inclusive towards children with disabilities and with migrant background. Supporters of the campaign posted pictures of toys, being critical but also promoting those who supported diversity.

Statistics week 1:

- **#IwantWorkLifeBalance:**
  - Total tweets: 424
  - Text tweets: 8%
  - Retweets: 56%
  - Replies: 2%
  - Links/Images: 35%
  - People that participated: 182
  - Impressions of the analysed terms: 1,251,892

- **#ToysAndDiversity:**
  - Total tweets: 71
  - Text tweets: 1%
  - Retweets: 52%
  - Replies: 4%
  - Links/Images: 45%
  - People that participated: 44
  - Impressions of the analysed terms: 100,340
External cooperation

An important role of COFACE Families Europe is to function as a bridge between civil society organisations, research bodies and public authorities. We build on the experience of our member organisations and we listen to the needs of families at grassroots level and channel these to policy and decision makers at EU level, daily ensuring links between EU and local realities. In addition to consulting our member organisations, we regularly link up to other networks to exchange best practice, learn about other ways of solving societal problems, and grow our network, on which we can rely for our events, projects and advocacy work.

We are actively engaged in a number of official EU stakeholder groups, to which we bring our knowledge about the needs of the families across Europe. These are either projects or networks run by the European Institutions, the United Nations, other civil society networks, corporate networks and research projects.

EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

- Interest Group on Carers
- Disability Intergroup
- Child Rights Intergroup
- Committees FEMM, EMPL

EUROPEAN COMMISSION

- European High-Level Group on Disability (EMPL)
- European Platform for Diet, Physical activity and Health (SANTE)
- Financial Services Users Group (FISMA)
- Alliance to Better Protect Minors Online (CNECT)
- European Consultative Consumer Group (JUST)
- Stakeholder Group for the Fitness Check of EU Consumer Law (JUST)
- European Migration Forum (HOME)
- SDG Stakeholder Platform

EU AGENCIES

- European Foundation for the Improvement of Living and Working Conditions (EUROFOUND)
- European Institute for Gender Equality (EIGE)
- Fundamental Rights Agency (FRA)
- European Banking Authority (EBA)
- European Union Intellectual Property Office (EUIPO)

INTERNATIONAL AGENCIES

- United Nations (special consultative status at the ECOSOC)
- Council of Europe
EU CIVIL SOCIETY NETWORKS

★ Alter-EU
★ Better Internet for Kids
★ eTwinning
★ EASPD cooperation (together with MHE, ENIL, EDF, Inclusion Europe)
★ EESC – Liaison Group
★ EU Alliance for Investing in children
★ EU Alliance against Disability Cuts
★ European coalition to end violence against women and girls
★ European Disability Forum (European NGO Group)
★ European Disability Forum Task Force on the European Accessibility Act
★ European Expert Group on the transition from institutional to community-based settings (COFACE as co-chair)
★ European Platform on Asylum and Migration
★ European Financial Inclusion Network
★ Population Europe
★ Social Platform
★ Sustainable Development Goals Watch

EU projects

FINISHED PROJECTS

★ WAF Project: Work Autonomy, Flexibility and Work Life Balance
★ FamiliesAndSocieties: studying diversity of family forms, relationships, and life courses in Europe
★ ENABLE: European Network Against Bullying in Learning and Leisure Environments
★ Delete Cyberbullying: European Awareness raising campaign on Cyberbullying
★ SIP-Bench III: Benchmarking of parental control tools for the online protection of children

CURRENT PROJECTS

★ More Years Better Lives: on the challenges of demographic change
★ Female breadwinner families in Europe: on the impact of earnings and distribution power in families
★ Think Forward Initiative of the bank ING: with the aim of finding out how and why we make financial choices
★ POSCON: Positive Online Content and Services for Children in Europe
★ European Platform for Investing in Children (online platform)
★ Digital Citizenship Education (with the Council of Europe)
THE NETWORK

MEMBERS

AUSTRIA
⭐ Katholischer Familienverband Österreichs

BELGIUM
⭐ Association Aidants proches
⭐ Association de parents et professionnels autour de la personne polyhandicapée (AP³)
⭐ Centre d’Action laïque
⭐ Fonds du Logement Wallon
⭐ Gezinsbond
⭐ Ligue des Familles

BULGARIA
⭐ Center of Women’s Studies and Policies (Supporting member)
⭐ National Movement Women and Mothers Against Violence

CROATIA
⭐ Parents’ Association Step by Step

CYPRUS
⭐ Pancyprian Organisation Polyteknon

CZECH REPUBLIC
⭐ Women for Women

FINLAND
⭐ Väestöliitto - The Family Federation of Finland

FRANCE
⭐ Aide à domicile en milieu rural (ADMR)
⭐ Association des paralysés de France (APF)
⭐ Association de parents d’élèves de l’enseignement libre (APEL)
⭐ Association pour le Spina Bifida et Handicaps associés
⭐ Confédération Syndicale des Familles
⭐ Familles de France
⭐ Familles rurales
⭐ Union Nationale des Associations Familiales (UNAF)
⭐ Union Nationale des Associations de familles de traumatisés crâniens (UNAFTC)
⭐ Union Nationale des Associations de parents, de personnes handicapées mentales et de leurs amis (UNAPEI)
⭐ Union des acteurs de parrainage de proximité (UNAPP)
⭐ Maman Travaille

GERMANY
⭐ Association of German Family Organisations

GREECE
⭐ Confederation of large families’ association of Greece (ASPE)
⭐ Family and Childcare Centre (KMOP)
⭐ Movement of siblings of people with mental health problems (KINAPSI)

HUNGARY
⭐ Pro familia Hungarian Scientific Society
⭐ National Association of Large families (NOE)
⭐ Single Parents Association Hungary
IRELAND
- Irish Countrywomen’s Association (ICA)

ITALY
- Italian Association of Parents (AGE)
- Associazione Italiana per l’Assistenza agli Spastici (AIAS)
- Coordinamento Familiari Assistenti “Clelia”
- Movimento Italiano Genitori (MOIGE)
- Anziani e Non Solo Società Cooperativa (ANS) (Supporting member)

LATVIA
- Union of Latvian Large Family Organisations (ULLFA)

LUXEMBOURG
- Association des Parents d’enfants mentalement handicapés (APEMH)

PORTUGAL
- Associação de Famílias para la integração da pessoa deficiente (AFID)
- Confederação das Associações de Família (CNAF)
- Liga portuguesa dos deficientes motores (LPDM -CRS)

SLOVAKIA
- Club of Large Families

SLOVENIA
- Family Initiative

SPAIN
- Asociación General de Consumidores de España (ASGECO)
- Asociación Salud y Familia
- Confederación española de familiares de enfermos de Alzheimer y otras demencias (CEAFA)
- Confederación española de Consumidores y Usuarios (CEACCU)
- Fundación de Familias Monoparentales «Isadora Duncan»
- Unión de Asociaciones Familiares (UNAF)
- Instituto de Robótica para la Dependencia
- Unión Cívica Nacional de amas de casa de España (UNAE)
- Unión de centros de acción rural (UNCEAR)

SWITZERLAND
- Fondation Pro-XY

THE NETHERLANDS
- Pro Parents (Supporting member)

UK
- Family and Childcare Trust
- Grandparents Plus

EUROPEAN NETWORKS
- European Foundation for the Care of Newborn Infants (Supporting member)
- European LGBTIQ* Families Associations (NELFA) (Supporting member)
THE NETWORK

Behind the scenes

COFACE Families Europe organises:
**Expert meetings** that are important for knowledge transfer across countries and capacity-building.
**Trainings** on EU affairs and on specific family-related policy areas.
**Statutory meetings** that are central for strategic exchanges between members for European consensus-building.
**Public affairs events** gathering a wide range professionals from the European Institutions, European and national NGOs, corporate networks and researchers from all over Europe.

**MAIN POLICY OUTPUTS IN 2017**

Responses to EU and UN consultations: **10**
EU Policy positions: **3**
Policy briefs: **5**
Work-Life Balance policy updates: **6**
Research reports: **3**
Speaker at **30+** European/national conferences and expert meetings
Workshop reports "Families on the Move"... **4**
12 joint statements with European NGOs
3 EU assessments
We offered **10** external lectures and trainings

WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK...

Our members for their enthusiasm and active involvement offline and online.
In 2017 we welcomed three new members:
- Single Parents Association Hungary as Full member
- Pro Parents, a Social Enterprise based in The Netherlands as Supporting member
- European LGBTIQ* Families Associations (NELFA) as a Supporting member.

The Administrative Council members:
Elisabeth Potzinger (AT), Annemie Drieskens (BE), Marie Nyssens (BE), Eric de Wasch (BE), Mariela Nankova (BG), Ivana Hronova (CZ), Hervé Hoffmann (CH), Sven Iversen (DE), Antonia Torrens (EL), Jean-Bernard Audureau (ES), Ascensión Iglesias (ES), Eija Koivuranta (FI), Mériadec Rivièrè (FR), Virginie Durin (FR), Silvija Stanic (HR), Kinga Joo (HU), Shirley Power (IE), Gaetano Santonocito (IT), Roland Anen (LU), Peter Grabner (SL), Stanislav Trnovec (SK), Lucy Peake (UK).

The Executive Bureau members:
Annemie Drieskens (BE) - President, Eric de Wasch (BE) - Treasurer, Antonia Torrens (EL) - Vice-President and Jean-Bernard Audureau (ES) - Vice-President.

And last but not least thank to all our partners, followers, fans, supporters, colleagues, friends, and of course, our main funder, the European Commission and in particular, DG Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion.
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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