

November 20, 2019

Athens, Greece

Digital Families

The future is now

09:30 – 9.40 Welcome address by Antonia Torrens, COFACE Families Europe Vice-President.

09:40 -11:00 Mini-training session on current and future challenges for families online,
by Martin Schmalzried, COFACE Policy Manager

Topics addressed will include:

- “Artificial Intelligence” & its potential consequences: discrimination, manipulation and more.
- Blockchain and decentralization: the end of censorship?
- Online business models: all about advertising and data.
- Profits before people? Children and parents vulnerable online.
- Virtual environments (Virtual Reality, Augmented Reality) and the impact on children: more empathy or more trauma?
- E-inclusion and the digital divide: what role for technology in schools?

11:00-11:15 Coffee break

11:15-12:30 Panel discussion and Q&A on digitalisation and future challenges from a family perspective

- Antonia Torrens, KMOP, Greece
- Silvija Stanić, Step by Step, Croatia
- Michael Op de Beeck, Gezinsbond, Belgium

12:30 Conclusions by Annemie Drieskens,
President of COFACE Families Europe

