

COFACE ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL MEETING

3rd October 2019, Helsinki, Finland

Venue: Vaestoliitto offices, Kalevankatu 16, PL 849, 00101 Helsinki

Draft minutes

Participants :

Jean-Bernard AUDUREAU, Vice-President, ASGECO (ES)
Christophe COCU, Ligue des Familles (BE)
Anna Maria COMITO, CoFaAs clelia (IT)
Eric DE WASCH, Gezinsbond (BE)
Annemie DRIESKENS, President, Gezinsbond (BE)
Virginie DURIN, Treasurer, Familles de France (FR)
Sylvie HIRTZ, COFACE-Disability Platform, APEMH (LU)
Sven IVERSEN, AGF (DE)
Kinga JOO, NOE (HU)
Eija KOIVURANTA, Vaestoliitto (FI)
Mariela MODEVA, WMAV (BG)
Anna NAGY, Single Parents Association (HU)
Anne PAYNE, ICA (IE)
Elisabeth POTZINGER, KFÖ (AT)
Gonçalo SOLLA, Fundação LIGA (PT)
Silvija STANIC, Step By Step (HR)
Antonia TORRENS, Vice-President, KMOP (EL)

Secretariat:

Elizabeth GOSME, Director
Irene BERTANA, Policy and Advocacy Officer
Mairilyn CHARALAMPOUS, Trainee
Florian CHARRON, Senior Project and Finance manager
Pascual MARTINEZ, Policy and Advocacy Officer
Maureen MORLET, Trainee
Martin SCHMALZRIED, Policy and Advocacy Manager
Isabell WUTZ, Communication Officer

Excused:

Chantal BRUNO, COFACE-Disability Platform, APF (FR)
Peter GRABNER, Family Initiative (SI)
Elvira MENDEZ, Salud Y Familia
Mériadec RIVIÈRE, UNAF (FR)
Gaetano SANTONOCITO, AIAS (IT)
Stanislas TRNOVEC, Club of Large Families (SK)
Ivana TYKAC, Women For Women (CZ)

Guest:

Dominique DANAU, EaSI Evaluator

1. Welcome by Annemie Drieskens, President

Annemie Drieskens welcomes the members and evokes the European elections : for the first time Coface network campaigned actively through the #Allfamiliespeakout campaign. Thanks to the common effort the composition of the European Parliament didn't change dramatically : the Traditional parties EPP, S&D, Greens , Alde , defending the diversity of families and Pro Europeans are still in the majority. It is important that the COFACE members try to connect with

Draft agenda

CONFIDENTIAL

their National Members of European Parliament and inform them about our NEW DEAL FOR FAMILIES OF TODAY , Coface's Families Europe priorities for the next years .

In the summer a letter was sent on behalf of the members to congratulate Ursula Von der Leyen, the new President-elect of the European Commission. Now we are awaiting for the new team of Commissioners. Although Coface was at first very disappointed to see that there was no clear portfolio about social affairs, we decided to take it strategically and send a positive message. With the pillar of social rights, work-life balance directive and child guarantee included in 4 crucial Commissioners responsible for demography, democracy, economics and finances dossiers, the link with well-being of families seems ensured. It is important for us to be in good relationships with those Commissioners. The European Parliament will vote on the proposed Commission on 23rd October 2019.

2. Draft agenda & Draft minutes (for adoption)

Documents: Draft agenda and Draft minutes

The draft agenda and the draft minutes of the last AC meeting were approved without any comment / change.

3. Policy actions 2019

- S.H.I.F.T Guide towards meaningful inclusion of persons with disabilities and their families
for adoption.

Irene Bertana presents the document and the different objectives of the document.

Questions / remarks:

Sylvie Hirtz thanks Irene Bertana for the work managed on this occasion. The guide is very well structured and covers the key issues where actions are required. In Luxembourg, they have pushed again the dimension of the right to choice and the responsibility for services to coordinate their work to help the families, who need to see the shift in reality.

Antonia Torrens also congratulates COFACE about this very comprehensive guide. She reminds that KMOP runs 3 houses for persons with disabilities, and that this guide will help them in the future.

Sven Iversen would like to see the care for the elderly included in the document – he sees much overlap between the care in the fields of disability and ageing.

Irene Bertana reminds him on that occasion that COFACE is already working with AGE and that we could consult them to work on this, possibly making a S.H.I.F.T. for older persons.

Elizabeth Gosme adds that the choice to focus on persons with disabilities was strategic given the importance of the UNCRPD (international law), given the expertise of COFACE Disability, and to more effectively disseminate those values and to approach other sectors.



CONFIDENTIAL

Annemie Drieskens welcomes the document and the fresh and new approach. In her opinion, the SHIFT objectives can be transmitted quite easily to other topics. We can adapt the tools and actions to another issue/topic/field, the general objectives would stay the same.

Elisabeth Potzinger thinks we could use this SHIFT method for any people with special needs, mental health issues...

Anna Maria Comito declares that this is a very good document. The document refers to people with *severe* disabilities, where a personalized approach is essential, with adequate staff trained according to specific needs, to give a real support to families, which is essential. A personalized project for each child and each adult is the right way to choose.

Gonçalo Solla passed around the document in its organisation and most of the people who read it were amazed. He would prefer to have one SHIFT document which will include everyone rather than several ones structured per target group (persons with disabilities, older persons, etc). He especially mentions the Senior Club that Fundação Liga is running. He thinks that with one or two adaptations we can have a powerful document which is more inclusive.

Elizabeth Gosme says that this document is not going to be set in stone. We can think about revising it in a two years' time as an example, once it has been tested in different communities (NGOs, policy-makers, funders, researchers, families, services and others).

Sven Iversen agrees on this, and thinks this is a rule that could apply to multiple things. What do the SHIFT values mean for any kind of public / targets / issues?

Jean-Bernard Audureau says that one of the solutions could be to adapt the third column called "actions" to tailor these to different target groups.

Sylvie Hirtz does not think that mixing the public will work. We have to be very careful when we work with people with special needs. Disability is still an issue which is not adequately addressed in European societies, and therefore having a strong statement on disability through SHIFT can really help drive change.

Elizabeth Gosme says that we can factor in some of the realities the AC members have referred to, but also to keep the general approach of this document.

Annemie Drieskens thanks the AC members who give the COFACE secretariat a mandate to factor in the different suggestions into the final SHIFT guide, in consultation with COFACE Disability. The idea is then to have the document translated into different EU languages, and to formally launch SHIFT on 3rd December for the International day of persons with disabilities. In 2020, a next step will be to consider how to collect practices in the COFACE network to illustrate the different parts of SHIFT in reality.

Draft agenda

CONFIDENTIAL

-Preparation of COFACE meeting on digital families and the Digital Family Lab (for discussion)

Antonia Torrens presents the meeting that will take place in Athens on 20-21st November about digitalization. She mentions the Digital Family Lab, which will be discussed and decided on in Athens to see about the next steps and how to mainstream this in the work of COFACE.

Martin Schmalzried says that the idea of the compendium is to collect the same kind of good practices / experiences that we did for the compendium on financial inclusion in 2015-2016. There are many projects, programmes, campaigns that the COFACE members in the field of digitalization (such as the practice of Gezinsbond which won a European award), and it is time to compile all these contributions. We received 9 contributions until now which are of excellent quality. Athens will be the perfect occasion of the first draft of those initiatives to be presented by and to the COFACE members present. It is also a first step on the reflection for the Digital Family Lab, with a first stream of resources on digital families based on the information sent to Martin for the compendium.

Silvija Stanic thinks that there is potentially a problem with the language barrier, and asks if this has been taken into consideration. They have many materials in Croatian but only a few translated into English. We should think how to find a way to translate the documents to not lose any content.

Elizabeth Gosme then shows some of the COFACE member fiches that Merilyn Charalampous has prepared (COFACE intern July-September 2020), taking the example of KMOP, so that AC members can see the wide variety of programmes/projects of KMOP. These, as well as programmes of all COFACE members, can be integrated in the Digital Family Lab to inspire each other and drive civil society innovation at local level to address the needs of families.

Antonia Torrens thinks it is not necessary to translate everything. KMOP is running a project about bullying, they can think about translating one of these short seminars that would be really useful for all parents. They can also use some subtitles. Another useful thing is to give them a link to a webpage. Families are very much used to the digital world. They do not really give much time to read anymore. They want short videos rather than reading a text.

Martin Schmalzried reminds that the financial compendium was translated into French and Spanish, and that we have good online tools now to translate content directly. It will be important to review what information is already available to feed the Family Lab (videos, compendium, powerpoint presentations and more).

Virginie Durin thinks that the digital world is changing fastly and that it is better to use videos than pictures.

Annemie Drieskens invites the members to fill in a fiche for the topics they are working on, in order to help the COFACE delegates in Athens prepare the Family Lab discussions.

-Online consultation about toys and stereotypes (for discussion)

Pascual Martinez presents the draft questionnaire/poll developed by himself and Marilyn Charalampous. The aim is to trigger a Toys&Diversity campaign wave this Christmas 2019 (there has been annual waves since 2015) by launching this online survey to understand toy consumer behaviour and stereotypes. It should be easy to respond (5-6 minutes maximum). We would like to see this questionnaire translated to be spread within the COFACE membership. If we manage to gather a representative sample, this document could be an official document for early 2020 to develop recommendations destined to the toy industry and the advertising industry.

Remarks:

Antonia Torrens likes the questionnaire and says that KMOP will actively engage in this campaign and translate the questions in Greek. Generally speaking she thinks that we could also in the future develop a game for children in which we could pass all the toys&stereotypes principles.

Eija Koivuranta thanks the COFACE members for coming to Helsinki and she apologizes for her being late because she had to meet the Finnish Social Ministers affairs about the WLB dossier. She would like to know which groups are targeted by the toys poll.

Elizabeth Gosme explains a bit the history of this TOYS campaign. Every year we function differently: the 1st year was the collection of the data on toy catalogues (targeting industry), the 2nd year was the call for a boycott for the stereotypes, the 3rd year directed towards families with social media cards, and this 4th year would be focused on targeting everyone who buys toys for children to receive their opinions and stories on toys and stereotypes.

Pascual Martinez adds that this is why we have decided to make the poll short and understandable for all ages.

Annemie Drieskens encourage the members to give their feedback and vision how to spread this poll .She thinks that if the sample is large enough we could even go to the industry with the results.

Kinga Joo is a bit hesitant with some of the questions. In Hungary, there is a campaign related to families who cannot even afford to buy gifts for their children. There is no such a large choice in Hungary in terms of toys, and no problems of pink and blue sections. In Budapest it could make sense but maybe not elsewhere in Hungary. For NOE, there are other issues related to toys which COFACE could deal with such as their sustainability and affordability.

Virginie Durin announces that last week Familles de France, as a consumer organisation, signed with the Ministry of Economics a charter with the toys industry and advertising industry about gender equal toys for children. However, reaching this result was not easy as there was much debate, including even within the AC of Familles de France.

Draft agenda

CONFIDENTIAL

Elisabeth Potzinger adds that in Austria they also have a discussion about toys, given that playing without toys is becoming more and more popular. Digital devices are competing directly with traditional toys.

Jean-Bernard Audureau mentions that in Spain there is an agreement between the toy industry and the Ministry of Health. There is a committee which is monitoring the implementation of the agreement. You can have an inclusive toy but sometimes it is not the case about the package. There is a risk in the advertising, especially because they do not have an agreement with the shops.

Martin Schmalzried reminds that this is not only a problem of colours of the toy in itself. If you have an equivalent toy in pink with the same complexity than the one planned for the boys let's say, that could be fine.

Anna Maria Comito underlines that very often the parents / children are victims of the advertisements they can see on TV.

Silvija Stanic likes the idea and she will translate this questionnaire into Croatian. However she thinks the questions are too abstract sometimes and could be simplified further.

Elisabeth Potzinger thinks that we should produce a more simplified version. She will contact Pascual Martinez to talk again about it for the German version.

Elisabeth Gosme reminds that the mobilization is up to the COFACE members but translations will be amazing to spread the word and make this poll as impactful as the family carers consultation in 2017 (1000+ responses from 16 countries).

4. Membership update

Membership development and strategy (for discussion)

Annemie Driescens informs the AC members that during the conference on child health and well-being, we will be able to meet some representatives of potential new member organisations and encourages the members to meet and reach out to those new ones.

She resumes the discussions of the Network Committee focusing on the way to further develop membership (the night before the AC)

- to have a clearer picture of the expertise and knowledge of our members it is the plan to build a kind of Directory/inventory . We propose to prepare a short questionnaire : fields of expertise, projects, items you work on now and in the future , knowledge you would like to receive.
- Important to further explore the mapping of organisations in EU discussed in the last AC , first action to do : explore new members in countries that are missing in Coface
- As Coface has different membership categories (full, associate, supporting). The cte propose to explore how to include more social enterprises in our network as supporting members. She invites the COFACE members to consider what organisations from their country are important



CONFIDENTIAL

family organisations and social profit organization they work with and which we should proactively invite to join the COFACE network.

Elizabeth Gosme mentions the 2 supporting members that COFACE currently has: NELFA and Pro Parents.

Some members think we should include as supporting members family friendly cities and universities.

5. Financial update

Proposal to make some rule changes in relation to day-to-day financial management

Document: Proposal for adoption.

Annemie Driescens and Elizabeth Gosme present the document. They detail the way COFACE is ensuring the payments, either by bank transfer or use of VISA cards.

Sven Iversen thinks it is always better to have a double pair of eyes for COFACE expenditure.

Annemie Driescens specifies that the proposed system should not be seen as a generic system for the financial adviser and Director but the proposal is related to the trust the Coface -Buro has in both Elizabeth Gosme and Florian Charron in the daily management of those tasks. Therefore the Buro insists on mentioning the names .

The proposal for the AC adoption is the following one:

To limit the need for intervention of the elected President and Treasurer in day-to-day financial operations (which can lead to delay in payments for service providers, and can place additional burden on President&Treasurer), we would propose to amend the following financial thresholds to the following:

-Florian Charron (senior finance manager) can spend up to 3000 euros/month with a COFACE visa card (up from 1200 euros/month).

-Elizabeth Gosme (director) can sign bank transfers up to 5000 euros (up from 2000 euros).

The finance manager will inform the Treasurer at least monthly about the nature of the different payments.

The document is adopted unanimously.

Elizabeth Gosme and Florian Charron thank the members for their trust.

6. COFACE 2019 evaluation: The impact of the EU worklife balance directive

Elizabeth Gosme presents the background of this evaluation. As part of our 2019 evaluation, Dominique Danau has been carrying out an evaluation of the impact of the EU worklife balance directive / #iwantworklifebalance campaign on individual COFACE members and on COFACE as a network.

Dominique Danau presents the first results of her analysis that will be used as the basis for a brainstorm on the WLB part 2 strategy of COFACE from 2020 onwards (see the powerpoint presentation).

Remarks:

Annemie Drieskens thanks Dominique Danau for the overview. COFACE, we all must be proud of this WLB campaign and the amazing work we delivered together.

Sven Iversen thanks a lot Dominique Danau for the quality of this document, which shows that NGOs like us do make sense and have some success even though often this is often long termed and not always as obvious as in this case. People building bridges can have an impact. He thinks it could be useful in the timeline to show not only the successes but also the challenges.

Elisabeth Potzinger thanks Dominique Danau for her work and adds that COFACE can be really proud about this WLB directive that she presented in front of the AC of KFO. These are minimum standards on which we can build for the future. She underlines the necessity to have more active participation of the fathers in the family and she encourages the members to use it and spread the word.

Eric De Wasch mentions that in Flanders more than 100 companies have signed and committed themselves to implement “the charter for family friendly companies” launched by the Gezinsbond.

Eija Koivuranta thinks that one of the most important things is to determine how to achieve good standards so that companies become family friendly workplaces. In Vaestoliitto they have started a new project in relation to WLB in the workplace in relation to fathers.

Annemie Drieskens adds that there is still a lot of work to do at the workplace but she is convinced family friendly businesses are increasing in numbers, and that it is an important topic to work on in the future. On top of this we need also to find ways how we can encourage fathers to take the leaves mentioned in the WLB directive.

Virginie Durin especially mentions the issue of the care gap of 6 months families are experiencing when the children are between 2.5 years and 3 years (before the school).

Silvija Stanic thinks we should monitor the implementation of the WLB directive in the countries, in practice. In Croatia everything looks good on paper but the reality can be slightly different.

Pascual Martinez says that by the end of November the European Commission will confirm that there will be a first meeting between the EC and the governments in Brussels on the transposition of the directive, talking about some legal vacuums that may exist and especially paid leaves. It is important that the EC acts as a watchdog of the transposition. COFACE will advise the EC on different national developments (through information shared by COFACE members), continuing the leadership on this topic at EU level.

Elizabeth Gosme adds that the more we exchange information, the more we can facilitate the process. She reminds that the member states have 3 years to transpose the directive. She asks AC members to keep Pascual informed about any national developments on the transposition, so that he can share this with the COFACE members.

Annemie Driekens reminds that our “new deal for childcare” was launched in December 2018, to keep worklife balance high on the EU agenda. Childcare should also be an important topic for the COFACE WLB part 2 strategy.

Anna Maria Comito adds that for Italy many think that this directive may lead to a regression, especially for the family carers.

Sylvie Hirtz says that in Luxembourg they are really pushing for better standards than the 5 days carers leave, and that the directive really only has minimum standards.

Some suggestions for the next campaign are mentioned by some members, such as children rights, childcare, wellbeing of families, families in rural areas, young families, educational work, housing, child guarantee, single parents, large families...

Elizabeth Gosme adds that we have different types of members which are complementary, representing different types of families. COFACE works actively on child well-being and closely monitors the development of a new idea: the EU Child Guarantee. This could be an important framework for our WLB part 2 strategy. Our core business is families, and that is the starting point for our advocacy allowing us to cooperate with other organisations on disability (EDF), childhood (Eurochild) and others on specific issues.

Irene Bertana thinks that COFACE should focus on the child and family poverty as a priority, as it leads to many other outcomes. She reminds that we have a recommendation on investing in children through the alliance. In this respect, work on the EU Child Guarantee is fundamental.

Elizabeth Gosme says that the EU child guarantee is conceived firstly as an anti-poverty measure. Indeed poverty is quite abstract, and can only translate into transnational learning and exchange due to a lack of EU competence in this field. But maybe there is a way to make it more binding (eg a portion of the EU budget, a directive on adequate minimum income, etc). We will try to match what is happening at the EU level and the brainstorm we are having within COFACE.

Elisabeth Potzinger reminds that 2019 is a special year. For the first time the EU has a woman President, who was former Minister for Family affairs in Germany. We could really recommend family mainstreaming, the wellbeing of families to this European Commission. She reminds the Family Platform project, in which the motto was the wellbeing of families, from 2010 to 2013. There should be a positive picture of the future of Europe and it can only happen if families can have a good life and allow families to have some children. Von der Leyen should be at the head of this initiative.

7. Workplan 2020: key dates and actions

- Key dates and meetings for 2020
- New newsletter for the new decade 2020-2030
- 2020 COFACE membership consultation about families of today
- Worklife balance and gender equality in the family – 2020 campaign

Key dates

Elizabeth Gosme presents the calendar of activities for 2020, the key actions, campaigns and mobilizations (see the calendar).

26th February – Paris – Comms seminar

16-17th March – Brussels – AC1/WLB expert meeting

11-13th May – Zagreb – AC2/GA/Digital citizenship conference

24-26th June – Milan – Inclusive education seminar + COFACE Disability platform meeting

End of September – Berlin – AC3/Seminar on EU Child Guarantee

October/November – Budapest – internal expert meeting on one-parent families

She also adds that Ljubljana and Lisbon will be two destinations in 2021, according to the European presidencies.

Remarks:

Kinga Joo says it would be desirable to hold the Budapest meeting on the topic of vulnerable families, in order to cover large families as well.

New newsletter for the new decade 2020-2030

Isabell Wutz presents the proposal for a revision of the COFACE newsletter (see presentation).

Remarks:

Elisabeth Potzinger does not like the title “Families’ Corner”, which gives the impression to put them in the corner, not in the center. Why not families’ news?



CONFIDENTIAL

Sven Iversen agrees and thinks using the word “corner” is being too small. He is also thinking about the holidays of Isabell, if the newsletter is issued twice a month. What he likes in the current newsletter is to have a really clear look on 3 things: what is new from COFACE? What is happening at the EU level? What is new from the members? He is not sure it is obvious with the titles of the new set of categories suggested that everything will be covered. He would opt for 3 obvious titles and 1-2 creative ones.

Eija Koivuranta cannot recognize the colours and the bubbles in this new COFACE Newsletter. You must recognize the visual identity of COFACE from the start.

Gonçalo Solla likes the name, but the logo should be there, and the newsletter should be attractive to everyone. He also adds that the word “newsletter” deserves to be improved with a proper name like Families Corner.

Annemie Drieskens asks members why the newsletter is not opened so often. She asks the members what they really want to see appearing inside. We may also need to brainstorm about the title.

Isabell Wutz thinks that sometimes we are providing some info that are already too late, that is why changing the frequency of the newsletter can be rational. But the newsletter would be much shorter (5-6 articles maximum, twice a month).

Virginie Durin mentions the importance of the access of the newsletter on smartphones.

Silvija Stanic asks if it is possible to have information about the number of clicks on the smartphones versus on laptops.

Elizabeth Gosme reminds that COFACE wants to launch it in 2020, thanks the AC for all the feedback which will be integrated in the next steps. The communications network of COFACE will also be consulted.

2020 COFACE membership consultation about families of today

Annemie Drieskens and Elizabeth Gosme present the idea of launching a consultation of the COFACE network to get a snapshot of Families of Today. This is a first brainstorm with the AC on the idea (utility, potential focus).

Remarks:

Elisabeth Potzinger would like COFACE to ask the young people for the pros and cons to found a family, between 20 and 25 years.

Kinga Joo thinks it could be a good exercise to do a mapping. She is a bit skeptical about the snapshot because families are changing. It is maybe best to focus on general trends rather than on profiles of families.

Draft agenda

CONFIDENTIAL

Annemie Drieskens propose to identify the “key moments” in a family, taking in account a life-course perspective, and consult families on their needs during these important life transitions.

Eija Koivuranta asks what would be the aim or added value of the snapshot and of consulting families directly. There is quite some research in Finland on families already, and this could be useful to collect from countries. What gaps in data would we fill with this COFACE consultation?

Irene Bertana thinks that collecting testimonies and create a storytelling can be powerful reality-check, useful for our advocacy campaigns on families of today.

Sven Iversen is a bit skeptical about this as well. In Germany they already have lots of info / data and he would not expect something really new from this. He would rather go on focusing on consulting families on a very specific issue, like what Annemie was mentioning before, such as the transition periods, the arrival of the second baby, the kindergartens, children moving away from home, etc. What do they need, what could help them, etc.

Elisabeth Potzinger says that it is wonderful to try to protect the climate, but we also need a climate change that works for families. KFÖ has invited some 15 year old adolescents to dream about what would be the “perfect family”. The idea of having time to take care of the children was the most important / quoted one. Following the idea of Annemie, she would like to have few spotlights raising the different steps in a family life (adolescence, young parents, grandfathers / grandmothers).

Sylvie Hirtz asks what the goal behind this ambitious plan is, and how it fits in COFACE’s overall strategy, since this would be quite a big task for the network. We need to look at COFACE's work objectives to define the best approach for such a consultation.

Annemie Drieskens thinks it is important if we go to the European Commission to clearly raise the voice of families and therefor this reality check is an important instrument .

According to Irene Bertana, it would be an added value to collect information on families and poverty.

Worklife balance and gender equality in the family – 2020 campaign

Annemie Drieskens presented a campaign of Gezinsbond and COFACE from 20 years ago with the motto “OUR FAMILY IS TEAMWORK”, and the aim to stimulate a dialogue in the family about the household tasks. Seen the gender care gap She believes this kind of campaigns is still relevant for families today and the developed material could inspire us for a 2020 campaign of COFACE to launch discussions on gender equality in the family, sharing the work at home.

She presents the questionnaire of the original campaign, which is available in different languages (English, Dutch, French, Spanish). These materials could be refreshed : digitalized for the 21st century.



CONFIDENTIAL

Antonia Torrens mentions the technology that COFACE could use to talk about this issue that could involve parents, educators and children.

Kinga Joo mentions that in April in Hungary there was an online campaign about sharing the burden at home, with the use of pictures.

Sissi Potzinger mentions an Austrian campaign on 50-50 in the family.

Elizabeth Gosme asks the COFACE AC members to send some examples to Pascual Martinez of their campaigns past and present on gender equality in the family.

8. Communication Strategy on New Deal for Families of Today (for discussion)

Documents: media release in reaction to new Commission + [New EU Deal for Families of Today](#).

This New Deal for Families of Today contains Coface families Europe key recommendations for the 2020-2024 European Commission mandate and was launched in September 2020, during the EU negotiations on the new European Commission.

With little time left to discuss this point, Annemie Drieskens tells the AC members about the New Deal and invites them to use it in their contacts with Members of European Parliament.

She finally thanks Dominique Danau for her evaluation, the AC members and the staff for their active participation and the involvement.

She thanks Eija and Vaestollitto for the Hospitality and the familiar and very inspiring setting of the meeting! And looks forward to the conference of the next day.