



COFACE Families Europe
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COFACE Membership Application Form

By filling out the present form, you express your interest in becoming a Member organisation of COFACE Families Europe. The Membership application will first be reviewed by the Executive Bureau of COFACE for an initial approval, after which the Administrative Council will vote on the Membership. Finally, the annual General Assembly formally ratifies the Membership status.

Three membership categories (see Annex for details):

- Full members
- Associate members
- Supporting members

Organisations are invited to fill in this present form, include relevant supporting documents and return them to the following address, by email or regular post: COFACE, rue de Londres 17, Brussels, B-1050 Belgium; or to secretariat@coface-eu.org.

1. General Information

Name of the organisation: Leap

Acronym (if applicable):

Legal status: Company Limited by Guarantee (CLG)

Contact person: Rachel Cassen

Position: Director

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2. Information about the organisation

Year of establishment: 2012

Country of establishment: Ireland

How would you describe your organisation?

- Family organisation
- Other non-governmental, non-profit organisation
- Other:



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Legal status:

Are you a membership based organisation? No

If yes, who are your members? (Please feel free to provide more details, with the nr. of members, type...)

- Families
- Individuals
- Organisations

What is the geographical scope of your organisation?

- National
- Regional
- European
- International

Are you affiliated to any political party or religious organisation? If yes, please provide some details: No

Are you a member, or affiliated to any other European or World organisation? Yes, Leap is a Full member of Inclusion International.

What are the aims and objectives of your organisation?

To assist families of children with disabilities to take action for an inclusive life.

What are your main areas of activity?

Live-in Family Leadership Retreats, One-to-one work with families, Workshops, seminars, Conferences, Information, Advice and Guidance, Independent Planning and Facilitation, Leadership Development, Research and Publications, Partnerships Projects.

What are your organisations' main sources of revenue and the main categories of expenditure?

For the last 4 years we have been funded by the HSE. However, our funding came to an end in December 2019 due to a funding crisis in the Irish Health Service and we are currently working to get funding from another Government Department.

What is your annual budget?

In 2019 100k

How many permanent staff does your organisation have? One



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Do you have a Board of Directors, Trustees, or Administrative Council? How is it composed? Yes, we have a Board of Directors made up of 75% family members and 25% supporters.



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Part 3 – Additional Information and supporting documents

There are three different membership categories, please circle the relevant one for your organisation:

Full members*: National/regional family organisations or other non-profit, non-governmental organisations serving the interests of families established in EU and EFTA countries.

Associate members: National/regional organisations as above, but established in Pre-Accession countries to the EU.

Supporting members: Other type of organisations working with and for families (e.g. university departments, research bodies, social cooperatives, social enterprise, European organisations)

* Only Full members have voting rights at the COFACE Administrative Council and General Assembly

Where did you hear about COFACE? What motivates your organisation to become a member? We heard about COFACE at a meeting in Dublin last year. We wish to link in with other organisations in Europe working on similar issues around inclusion and human rights.

Which areas of COFACE's work are you most interested in?

- Social inclusion and social protection
- Reconciling work and family life
- Consumer protection
- Safer internet
- Migrants, minorities
- Vulnerable families
- Early childhood education, early school leavers
- Disability, carers
- Health and nutrition
- Sustainable development
- Public services (financial services)
- Other: Inclusive Education

Are you interested in participating in the COFACE Expert group meetings? Yes

Are you interested in cooperating on events or other projects with COFACE? Yes

In order to complete your application, please **annex a copy of the following supporting documents** in your own language if no translation available:

- Copy of the Statutes
- Copy of the latest Annual Report
- Copy of the annual Accounts (audited where possible)
- Any other relevant document or links to your website (flyers, brochures...)



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Part 4 – Commitment

In order to complete the application form, please read and sign the following principles, serving as proof of your commitments to COFACE:

-I commit to adhere to COFACE' Statutes, to respect the pluralistic approach of COFACE, and its policy of non-discrimination and of equal opportunities between persons and between family forms.

-I commit to the Mission, Vision and the Six Core values of COFACE (non-discrimination, equal opportunities, solidarity, social inclusion, empowerment, respect of human rights).

-I commit to actively participate in COFACE's policy and campaigning activities whenever possible with regard to the scope of action and the resources of my organisation.

-I commit to a respectful participation in all COFACE activities towards its member organisations, stakeholders, funders.

-I commit to pay the annual COFACE membership upon receipt of the membership fee invoice.

-I commit to respecting the confidentiality of information shared at COFACE internal meetings and through other means of communication.

-I hereby certify that the information provided in my membership application is accurate and complete and I commit to notifying the COFACE Secretariat of any changes as soon as they occur.

Date: 27/01/20

Signature: Rachel Cassen

Name, position Rachel Cassen, Director, Leap



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Annex: Extract from COFACE Statutes on membership categories

“COFACE has three membership categories:

- Full members
- Associate members
- Supporting members

Family organisations and non-profit, non-governmental organisations which defend the interests of children and families in a variety of ways and which are committed to the aims and objectives of COFACE in a pluralistic and non-discriminatory way can become full or associate members of COFACE.

Other type of organisations and institutions can become supporting members of COFACE.

All Members must meet the criteria for membership set out in the Statutes and the Rules of Procedures, as well as accept the purpose and aims of COFACE and pay an annual membership fee.

- Full members are registered legal entities established in the European Union countries or in EFTA countries, which fulfil the above-mentioned criteria. Only full members have voting rights in the statutory meetings of COFACE.

- Associate members of COFACE are family organizations which meet the stated requirements for full membership but which belong to a European country which has the status of associate member to the European Union.

- Supporting members are other organizations, who subscribe to the values, aims and objectives of COFACE. Supporting members will have no voting rights in COFACE, and no right to stand for election or to present candidates to the statutory bodies.

Membership applications are first reviewed by the Executive Bureau, then voted on by the Administrative Council, and finally ratified by the General Assembly by simple majority.”