



The Confederation of Family Organisations in the European Union

Founded in 1958

Pluralistic

Promotion of family policy

Solidarity between generations

Defence of children's interests

Non discrimination

Equal opportunities

« The voice of families in the EU »

No definition of family



- **54 member organisations**
- **21 EU Member States**

familien^v
Der Katholische
Familienverband Österreichs

apel
Le souffle de la liberté



ANAS



Unapei
le handicap mental, une différence comme les autres



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**SOS VAIKŲ KAIMAI
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UNAE

Unió cívica de consumidors i mestresses
de casa de Barcelona i província

**RÉUSSIR
autrement**
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**Families
rurales**
Vivre mieux !



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5 Working Groups :

- Family & Social Policies
- Inclusive Policies for disabled and other dependent persons and their families
- Consumer Protection, Services and Public Health Policies
- Education and New Information Technologies
- Exchange of Information and Experiences: mutual learning and capacity building

European Union and Family policy

- no legal basis
- but COFACE supported by the European Progress Programme
- against poverty and social exclusion of families

European Union and Family policy

« Many political choices have repercussions on the family and therefore all relevant policy sectors should take into account their implications for the family... Family policy should therefore become an integral part of all Community policies » (1983)

→ Family dimension of EU policies = European Family Policy

Family Policy in a nutshell :

- financial resources
- services
- time

European Union and Family Policy

- First Council of Family Ministers (1989)
- International Year of the Family (1994)
- European Alliance for Families (2007)
- Lisbon Treaty with European Charter of Fundamental Rights (2009)

Major issues addressed (I) :

- Reconciling family and work (services, time arrangements)
- Equal opportunities between women and men (role of men in the family)
- Active Inclusion and families
- Taxation and families
- Social protection and families
- Maintenance payments

Major issues addressed (II) :

- Disability and dependency issues (European Charter for Family Carers)
- Siblings and persons with care needs

Major issues addressed (III) :

- Over-indebtedness
- Access to banking and financial services
- Health and nutrition (obesity, alcohol, labelling, ...)
- Health inequalities

Major issues addressed (IV) :

- Schooling of migrant children
- Safer internet (children)
- Data protection (children, young people)
- Digital divide

Exchange of Information and Experiences between member organisations :

- Communication workshops, with internal and external experts.
- Examples of good practice: members' campaigns and projects.
- COFACE website development: members' room; electronic newsletter; update of members' database.
- EU information: general policy updates, briefings; programmes, EU mechanics...
- Field visits

Current European projects :

- as coordinator :
 - « Daphne »

- as partner :
 - « FamilyPlatform »
 - « Services for families » (CAFé)
 - « Nutrition labelling » (FLABEL)

European Family Conference

Brussels, 14-15 October 2010 :

Social Inclusion of families and EU Policies :
Where do we stand?

With the support of the :

- Belgian Presidency of the EU**
- European Commission**

Conclusions

- Many fields of activities
- Corresponding with the priorities of the EU in family life
- Representation of family organisations at EU level.

COFACE's role in the FamilyPlatform project :

- information
- dissemination
- publication
- website (www.familyplatform.eu)

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