

# Info Day in Budapest, Hungary

Hosted by Demographic Research Institute (Budapest) in  
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## «Social Platform on Research for Families and Family Policies»

The Social Sciences and Humanities programme **SSH** is structured according to the *major challenges* facing the EU & the World

- Major trends in Societal Changes: demography, migration, family, youth, quality of life, cultural interactions
- Participation, democracy, citizenship

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## «Social Platform on Research for Families and Family Policies»

- The aim is to build a **research agenda** for EU and Member States with scientists and stakeholders (CSO, including policy makers)
- «**Road Map**» 2010-2013 with indicative distribution of Societal Challenges and Topics for the future Work Programmes

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- Support Action financed by the **EU Commission, DG Research (1,4 Mill €)**
- Duration: **18 months**
- Consortium of **12 participants**  
(9 European research organisations and 3 civil society organisations)

## Participants: Research organisations

**Technical University Dortmund, Germany**

**State Institute for Family Research, University of Bamberg, Germany**

**Family Research Centre, University of Jyväskylä, Finland**

**Austrian Institute for Family Studies, University of Vienna, Austria**

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**Demographic Research Institute, Budapest,  
Hungary**

**Institute of Social Sciences, University of Lisbon,  
Portugal**

**Department of Sociology and Social Research,  
University of Milano-Bicocca, Italy**

**Institute of International and Social Studies, Tallinn  
University, Estonia**

**London School of Economics, Great Britain**

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## Participants: Civil Society Organisations

**Confederation of Family Organisations in the  
European Union, COFACE, Belgium**

**Forum delle Associazioni Familiari, FDAF, Italy**

**Mouvement Mondial des Mères, MMM, Belgium**

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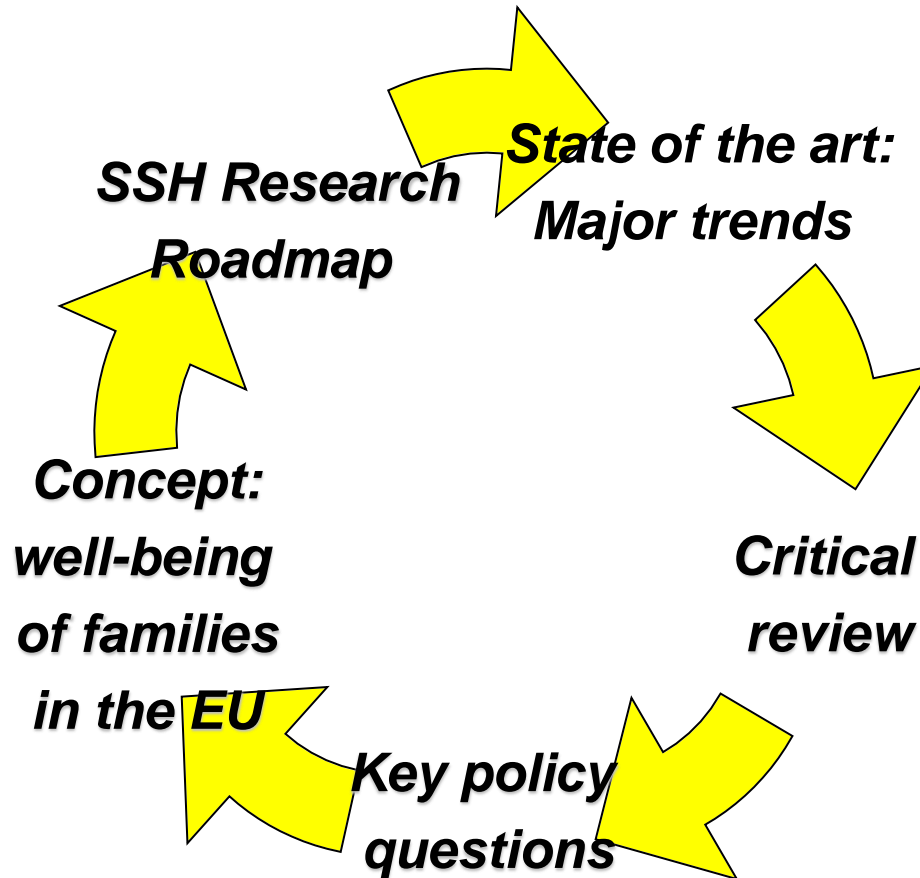
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- Compilation and review of **existing research** on family life
- Identification of **research gaps**
- Finding **key policy questions** and fundamental **research issues**: Family life in Europe in 2035
- Creation of a **«feedback loop»** between different groups

- **Help policy makers understand how to meet future challenges**
  - By completing research findings European-wide
  - By engaging into the Foresight Approach
- **Improve well-being of Families**
  - By concepts of « well-being of families » as a key concept in EU policies and for future research

# FAMILYPLATFORM - Objectives



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1. Study existing family research/trends, gaps, methodologies
2. Review existing research with stakeholders
3. Generate key policy questions
4. EU research agenda

## Area 1: Major trends

- Family structures and family forms
- Developmental processes in the family
- State family policies
- Family and living environments
- Family management
- Social care and social services
- Social inequality and diversity of families
- Family and media, family education and participation

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## Area 2: Critical Review

- Review of Major Trends: in workshops + via Internet Platform (discussion Forums) and presentation of results during Lisbon Conference (scheduled in May 2010)
- Focus groups, workshops, plenary sessions, internet platform
- Topics: gender equality & family, family life & work, family oriented services

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## Area 3: Future of families in Europe – key policy questions and research issues

- Aim: to draw up **policy recommendations** with a view to achieving well-being for EU families.

### Foresight approach:

- **8 workshops** to “think the future” (2035) and to determine common elements of family well being and identify strategies for achieving family well-being (April and June 2010, Dortmund)

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## Area 4: European Research Agenda

- SSH Research Roadmap 2012-2013
- Results of all areas will become part of the **draft** research agenda, discussed at the **2nd conference in Brussels, Belgium (Nov. 2010)**

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## How to participate:

- 3 Info Days
- 2 Conferences
- Work Shops/Focus Groups
- **Internet Platform** (Public Online Discussions)

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# Thank you for your attention!

## Questions, comments, discussion?

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## Introduction of the participants

Please tell us...

- **who you are and what organisation(s) do you represent?**
- **why you have come here: What are your expectations? What can Familyplatform do FOR you?**
- **what can YOU do for Familyplatform?**

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