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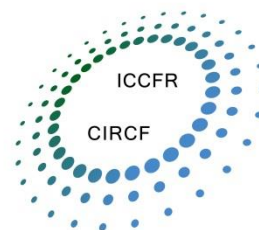
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European Economic and Social Committee



## 2014 - 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the International Year of the Family

15 May - International Day of Families

*Celebratory Conference*

*15 May 2014*

*at the European Economic and Social Committee,  
Rue Belliard 99, Brussels – Room JDE 51*



# Programme

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- 09.00 – 09.30: Welcome and registration
- Moderator: Maria Hildingsson, Secretary General, FAFCE
- 09.30 – 10.00: **Opening and introduction to the theme of the conference**
- Mrs Kinga Joo, EESC
  - Giuseppe Barbaro, Vice-President, *FAFCE*, Italy
  - Marc Morris, President, *ICCFR*, Belgium
- 10.00 – 10.40: **EU at the crossroads: can the family mainstreaming lead the EU out of the crisis? – A double perspective: public policy and a family voice**
- Tobias Teuscher, Secretary of the Intergroup on Family, Children's Rights and Intergenerational Solidarity, European Parliament
  - Branka Moynan, wife and mother, Brussels
- 10.40 – 11.00: Coffee break
- 11.00 – 12.15: **Round table and debate with NGO representatives**  
***Looking ahead: What Europe can do for families and what present and future families desire***
- From a youth perspective: Daniel Wiśniewski, Director, World Youth Alliance Europe
  - From a motherhood perspective: Olalla Michelena, Secretary General, *MMM – Make Mothers Matter Europe*
  - From a carers' perspective: Madeleine Wallin, President, *FEFAF – European Federation of Parents and Carers at Home*
- 12.15 – 12.30: **Round up talk and perspectives for the future**  
 Maria Hildingsson, Secretary General, FAFCE
- 12.30 – 13.30: **Celebration reception, EESC**

*The European Federation of Catholic Family Associations, FAFCE, founded in 1997 is recognised as an NGO with a participatory status by the Council of Europe. It represents national family associations from 16 countries across Europe, promotes the families' interests and valorises the contribution of the family to society towards the political decision makers at the European level.*

*In the context of the 20th Anniversary of the International Year of the Family (2014) FAFCE wishes to promote the family as a subject of rights and thereby contribute to the strengthening of those rights that already exist and are enshrined in legal instruments at the international, European and national levels.*