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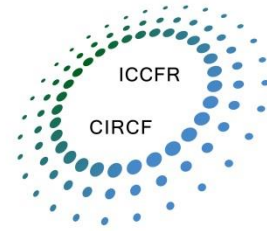
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European Economic and Social Committee



2014 - 20th 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*



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**15 May 2014:
the 20th International Day of Families, Brussels**

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2014: 20th Anniversary of the International Year of the Family and 20th Anniversary of the International Day of Families

2014 is an important year for the family throughout the world, as it is the 20th anniversary of the **International Year of the Family** and of the **International Day of Families**, both proclaimed by the United Nations General Assembly in 1994.

The International Day of Families, celebrated **every year on 15th May** since twenty years, aims at raising awareness about the issues and **challenges related to the family**, and is also an invitation to nations to improve their **capacity to adopt coherent and adequate policies** to reply to these challenges.

The ***International Commission on Couple and Family Relations*** (ICCFR) has decided to dedicate its **61st annual international conference** that takes place in Brussels from 12 to 15 May, to this event that is **an important occasion to promote the family**.

The **three themes chosen by the United Nations** for this 20th Anniversary are at the heart of the 61st Annual International ICCFR Conference:

- Intergenerational Solidarity,
- Balance between Family Life and Work,
- Combating poverty and social exclusion.

On **15 May, the International Day of Families**, a special event closes the conference, namely a celebratory conference at the European Economic and Social Committee (EESC) in Brussels.

On 15 May, simultaneously with other events at the **United Nations in New York** and across the world, ICCFR and FAFCE will celebrate the family, the foundation and the future of our civilisation.

During this celebration, we will welcome various speakers, all **fervent promoters of the family, representing NGOs, the European Institutions, and families**. They will recall how much **the family needs to be supported, promoted and protected in Europe and across the world**, drawing on its **positive and constructive contribution to Society**.

A reception will close the event to allow further discussion among the participants who will also include mothers and fathers.

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Programme

- 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.

Following the conference, all conference delegates are invited to a celebration reception at the European Economic and Social Committee.

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Speakers



Giuseppe Barbaro, Vice-President, *FAFCE*, Italy

Vice-President of FAFCE, Mr Barbaro is also a lawyer in Bari, Italy. He is married and the father of three children.



Kinga Joo, EESC, Hungary

Member of the EESC since 2010, in Group III (VariousInterests) and the SOC and External Relations sections.

Rapporteur in 2012 of the EESC Opinion 'an EU Agenda for the Rights of the Child'.



Maria Hildingsson, Secretary General, *FAFCE*, Brussels

Born and raised in Sweden, she moved to France in 1997. She studied International relations at the Ecole des Hautes Etudes Internationales in Paris (France) where she obtained her Master's degree in 2004.

After several years of working with recruitment in the legal area, she joined the french National Federation of Catholic Family Organisations, CNAFC (Paris) as project manager in 2008. Since 2009 she is the Secretary General of FAFCE, based in Brussels. Married, to a German.



Olalla Michelena, Secretary General, *MMM - Make Mothers Matter Europe*, Brussels

Secretary General of the European Delegation of MMM since March 2014. A lawyer by training, she holds a masters degree in European Law at the Free University of Brussels and completed a traineeship at the European Commission. After working in Madrid for the African NGO AMREF in the field of maternal health, she joined Burson-Marsteller Brussels for more than 8 years as a consultant in EU social and environmental affairs. She is the mother of 2 children and is committed to promote concrete measures to reconcile work and family life.

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Marc Morris, President, ICCFR, Belgium

After gaining a licenciante's law degree Marc entered the public service, at some time serving as legal adviser to the Ministry of Flanders. Since 1993 he has held a number of senior posts and worked alongside several Flemish Ministers. He recently retired from his position as Secretary-General of the Flemish Department of Welfare, Public Health and Families.



Branka Pejic Moynan, wife and mother, Brussels

Raised in Belgrade, Branka lived & studied in Germany & US before settling in Belgium where she worked at a high level Finance sector. She is the mother of five in a blended family. Together with her husband she has years of experience mentoring teenagers and their families. In her spare time Branka works as a *Hope Alive* counselor and volunteer helping women trapped into prostitution, poverty or suffering the many wounds left by abortion. She is passionate about seeing family relationships strengthened, and people living confidently in their inherent value.



Tobias Teuscher, Secretary of the Intergroup on Family, Children's Rights and Intergenerational Solidarity, European Parliament, Brussels

Raised in former DDR, Tobias studied Political Science in Berlin, Strasbourg and Brussels. Since 15 years he works at the European Parliament where he is the Secretary of the above Intergroup since the beginning of the current legislative term.



Madeleine Wallin, President, FEFAF – European Federation of Parents and Carers at Home, Sweden

President of FEFAF since 2009. Madeleine has been working on family related questions for 10 years. She is married and a mother of five children between the ages of 9-23 and has been a "stay at home mum" for ten years. She also runs a business together with her husband, producing and selling their own forest machines.

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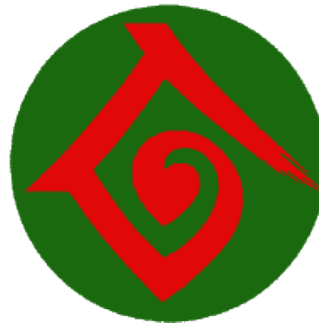
Daniel Wiśniewski, Director, *World Youth Alliance Europe*, Brussels

Daniel comes from Poland. He studied economics at the Catholic University of Louvain and Warsaw University, and international relations at Collegium Civitas in Warsaw. During his studies, he also spent a year at Kingston University London as an Erasmus student and a semester at Emory University in Atlanta. Daniel always wanted to be involved in building bridges between people from different countries and cultures. He travelled the world in order to get a broader perspective on various matters related to politics, economics and philosophy. In order to acquire international experience, he interned at the European Parliament, Permanent Representation of Poland to the European Union in Brussels and United States Congress. Since 2012 he is the Director of WYA Europe.

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Twentieth Anniversary of the International Year of the Family, 2014



The **twentieth anniversary of the International Year of the Family (IYF)** offers an opportunity to refocus on the role of families in development; take stock of recent trends in family policy development; share good practices in family policy making; review challenges faced by families worldwide and recommend solutions.

Owing to rapid socio-economic and demographic transformations, families find it more and more difficult to fulfil their numerous responsibilities. Many struggle to overcome poverty and adequately provide for the younger and older family members. It is also more and more difficult for them to reconcile work and family responsibilities and maintain the intergenerational bonds that sustained them in the past.

In response to these trends, the preparations for the twentieth anniversary of the IYF will focus on exploring family-oriented policies and strategies aiming mainly at confronting family poverty; ensuring work-family balance and advancing social integration and intergenerational solidarity. The preparatory process is to accelerate progress in family policy development; demonstrate its relevance for overall development efforts and draw attention to the role of different stakeholders in achieving these goals.

The preparations for the twentieth anniversary will include:

- International and regional expert group meetings gathering family experts and practitioners to explore recent family trends; analyse family-oriented policies and programmes and review good practices in family policy making.
- Research activities, including background papers on family poverty, work family balance and intergenerational solidarity.
- Exchange of good practices in family policy.
- Observances of the International Days of Families focusing on the themes for the twentieth anniversary.
- Side events at the Commission for Social Development.

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- Government, civil society, academic and private sector initiatives at the national level.
- Findings and recommendations from these activities are to guide future action in effective family policy design, monitoring and implementation.

Governments, United Nations agencies and bodies, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, research and academic institutions and the private sector are encouraged to play a supportive role in promoting the objectives of the twentieth anniversary for the benefit of families worldwide.

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United Nations (UN): International Day of Families, 15 May 2014



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Families Matter for the Achievement of Development Goals International Year of the Family + 20

A special observance of the International Day of Families will be held next 15 May in UN Headquarters. This event commemorates the twentieth anniversary of the International Year of the Family and will feature a panel discussion on 'Families Matter for the Achievement of Development Goals.' A landmark, fully illustrated, commemorative publication by Tudor Rose 'Family Futures' will be presented and a copy offered to participants. It is open to the public and will be followed by light lunch (If you need a pass to enter the UN premises, please open the flyer below and click on RSVP link at the bottom). It will also be webcast at [UN Web TV](#)

The International Day of Families in 2014 marks the twentieth anniversary of the International Year of the Family established by the United Nations General Assembly in 1994 to raise awareness of the importance of families, promote knowledge of socio-economic and demographic trends affecting families and stimulate efforts to respond to challenges faced by families.

Over the years, the international community has recognized the importance of families for the achievement of development goals. Families remain active agents of development and their numerous contributions to development deserve more recognition and support.

In preparation for the anniversary, the following major development themes of importance to families and policy makers alike took centre stage:

- Confronting family poverty and social exclusion
- Ensuring work-family balance
- Advancing social integration and intergenerational solidarity within families and communities

The research and international and regional reviews of these topics conducted as part of preparations for the anniversary, indicate that family-oriented policies contribute to poverty reduction, better outcomes for children, greater gender equality, improved work-family balance and stronger intergenerational bonds. We have ample evidence that policies in those areas are effective, contribute to the achievement of internationally agreed development goals

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and should be advanced further.

The observance of the International Day of Families this year is to commemorate the 20th anniversary of the International Year of the Family with an aim to encourage a more concerted action on the part of Governments and civil society to add families to post 2015 development agenda.

The Day is to sum up and illustrate recent contributions of civil society, Governments, academic institutions and the private sector to the well-being of families worldwide.

The event is open to the public and targets civil society, Permanent Missions, academics and practitioners as well as private sector representatives. It will feature inter alia:

- *Families Matter*: a civil society led panel discussion reflecting on the role of civil society in support of families
- *Focus on Families in Development*: an academic panel discussion showcasing recent developments in family research and advocacy
- Interactive discussions and recommendations for future action on family issues
- Launch of *Family Futures*, a fully illustrated landmark publication by Tudor Rose commemorating the IYF +20
- Documentary showcasing examples of contributions of civil society to the wellbeing of families worldwide
- Declaration of Civil Society on the Occasion of the 20th Anniversary of the International Year of the Family

The annual observance of the International Day of Families reflects the importance the international community attaches to families and is an opportunity to demonstrate support to families. Governments, non-governmental organizations, educational institutions and individuals are encouraged to organize observances of the Day to raise awareness of issues relating to families and increase the knowledge of the social, economic and demographic processes affecting families. Such observances can promote a better understanding of the functions, strengths and needs of families.

International Day of Families by Year and Theme :

- **2014:** "Families Matter for the Achievement of Development Goals; International Year of the Family + 20"
- **2013:** Advancing Social Integration and Intergenerational Solidarity
- **2012:** "Ensuring Work-Family Balance"

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- **2011:** "Confronting Family Poverty and Social Exclusion"
- **2010:** "The impact of migration on families around the world"
- **2009:** "Mothers and Families: Challenges in a Changing World"
- **2008:** "Fathers and Families: Responsibilities and Challenges"
- **2007:** "Families and Persons with Disabilities"
- **2006:** "Changing Families : Challenges and Opportunities"
- **2005:** "HIV/AIDS and Family Well-being"
- **2004:** "The Tenth Anniversary of the International Year of the Family: A Framework for Action"
- **2003:** "Preparations for the observance of the Tenth Anniversary of the International Year of the Family in 2004"
- **2002:** "Families and Ageing: Opportunities and Challenges"
- **2001:** "Families and Volunteers: Building Social Cohesion"
- **2000:** "Families: Agents and Beneficiaries of Development"
- **1999:** "Families for all ages"
- **1998:** "Families: Educators and Providers of Human Rights"
- **1997:** "Building Families Based on Partnership"
- **1996:** "Families: First Victims of Poverty and Homelessness"

More informations : [www. http://family2014.org/](http://family2014.org/)

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ICCFR, the International Commission on Couple and Family Relations



About ICCFR

Established in 1953 as the IUFO Commission on Marriage and Marriage Guidance (subsequently: Commission on Marriage and Interpersonal Relations) it adopted its current title in 2001 so as to make clear the focus of its work. Its extensive international membership includes organisations and individuals involved in couple and family therapy, relationship education, social work, mediation, psychology and psychiatry, research, social policy, family courts and the law, and family organisations. As a result the Commission sustains a groundbreaking interdisciplinary dialogue about couple and family relations and the support provided for them by the professions.

Mission statement

ICCFR - CIRCF believes that stable, flourishing communities are based on thriving couple and family relations.

The Commission dedicates itself to the advancement and world-wide dissemination of knowledge about those relationships, and to activities promoting their well-being. It provides an international forum in which individuals and organisations can engage in a multidisciplinary dialogue about the issues and challenges couple and family relations face, and about the means by which the related professions can collaborate in responding to them.

Organisation

A Board of ten or twelve members drawn from different regions of the world plans and manages the annual conferences and the Commission's international communications. Its work is supported by an Honorary General Secretary. Members meetings held during each conference inform Board members about current interests and concerns and about possible future Commission activities. The Commission's purposes and agenda are determined internally while fostering positive working relations with other international bodies.

Conferences and communications

The annual international conferences address topics reflecting the current activities and concerns of the membership. Those events bring innovative activities and new thinking about couple and family relations to the attention of their participants and result in publications which reach a much greater readership, worldwide. Conference reports are sent to the WFO and a range of interested governments, NGOs and professional bodies. Those reports and main

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conference papers are held in the database of GIDS (Institute of Sociology, KU Leuven, Belgium) and recent ones are available as separate publications.

The conferences also expand and revitalise the Commission's active international network of family-related professionals and organisations and promote collaborative activity. Thus, with a minimum of bureaucracy, the worldwide exchange of information and experience is promoted between those whose work connects with and supports couple and family relations – the Commission's primary purpose.

By responding to the invitations of national organisations or institutions the Commission is able to ensure that its conferences are held in a different part of the world each year. About twenty countries are usually represented at those events.

The Commission's conferences are carefully structured as working meetings which draw on the experience and expertise of all who participate. Plenary keynote presentation sessions are complemented by numerous workshops addressing specific topics in more detail and by working groups which relate themes and topics to participants' own working environments. These working groups are central features of the conferences, generating high levels of participation and of creativity, and providing settings in which new members quickly engage in dialogues with a direct relevance to their own special interests. The continuing involvement of key national institutions and eminent practitioners has been attributed to the very significant benefits of the international multi-disciplinary activities of the working groups.

ICCFR : Last conferences

2013 London, England: *"Surviving the crisis : Putting the couple relationship at the heart of an early intervention agenda for families"*

2012 Boston, USA: *"Collaboration Instead of Collision: Family Law, Social Policy and Joint Practice."*

2011 Ghent, Belgium: *"Family and social workers: A successful marriage?"*

2010 Malta: *"Empowering Families as Sustainable Partners in Social Policy"*

2008 Helsinki, Finland: *"Sustaining successful marriages and relationships: dream or reality?"*

2007 Edinburgh, Scotland: *"Barriers to Access: Finding Paths to Inclusiveness"*

2006 Lyon, France: *"Families and Democracy - Compatibility, Incompatibility, Opportunity or Challenge?"*

2005 Vienna, Austria: *"Differing Needs: Societies' Responses to children, parents, families, couples and the older generation"*

[More information on www.iccfr.org](http://www.iccfr.org)

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EESC, the European Economic and Social Committee



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Mission Statement of the EESC

Committed to European integration, the EESC contributes to strengthening the democratic legitimacy and effectiveness of the European Union by enabling civil society organisations from the Member States to express their views at European level. This Committee fulfils three key missions:

- helping to ensure that European policies and legislation tie in better with economic, social and civic circumstances on the ground, by assisting the European Parliament, Council and European Commission, making use of EESC members' experience and representativeness, dialogue and efforts to secure consensus serving the general interest;
- promoting the development of a more participatory European Union which is more in touch with popular opinion, by acting as an institutional forum representing, informing, expressing the views of and securing dialogue with organised civil society;
- promoting the values on which European integration is founded and advancing, in Europe and across the world, the cause of democracy and participatory democracy, as well as the role of civil society organisations.

Working of the EESC

The European Economic and Social Committee (EESC) is a consultative body that gives representatives of Europe's socio-occupational interest groups and others, a formal platform to express their points of views on EU issues. Its opinions are forwarded to the Council, the European Commission and the European Parliament. It thus has a key role to play in the Union's decision-making process.

More information on www.eesc.europa.eu

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- the European Federation of Catholic Family Associations



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.

FAFCE has signed the **Declaration of the Civil Society** on the occasion of the 20th Anniversary of the International Year of the Family:

The representatives of the civil society organizations, academics and policy makers named below,

Acknowledging the right to found a family, as described by the art. 16 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights,

Recognizing that, as basic and essential building blocks of societies, families have a crucial role in social development, bear the primary responsibility for the nurturing, protection, education and socialization of children, as well as instilling values of citizenship and belonging in the society, and provide material and non-material care and support to its members, from children to older persons or those suffering from illness, sheltering them from hardship to the maximum possible extent, [1]

Recalling that this social protection function performed by families is especially important in times of increased uncertainty and vulnerability, when families find it more and more difficult to fulfil these multiple roles and tackle all responsibilities entrusted to them, [2]

Emphasizing that family-focused policies have proven both valuable and efficient in many areas of social development, and that the very achievement of Millennium Development Goals depends on how well families are empowered to contribute to it, [3]

Expressing the will to work closely with the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs in a coordinated manner on family-related issues, including the preparations for the twentieth anniversary of the International Year of the Family. [4]

1. Welcome the call made by United Nations to celebrate the forthcoming twentieth anniversary, in 2014, of the International Year of the Family, noting the opportunity it provides to revisit family-oriented policies as part of overall development efforts, [5]

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supporting its objective to aim at responding to challenges faced by families and continuing to guide national efforts that benefit families worldwide [6] and to integrate a family perspective [7] by introducing a family impact report or assessment as a standing and compulsory part of policymaking;

2. Urge Member States to enhance and strengthen family mainstreaming in policy making at all levels, considering the impacts of socio-economic policies on families; to develop, promote and implement family-friendly policies aimed at providing sustainable, affordable and quality living conditions for families; and to empower families and recognize their role in social cohesion and economic development; [8]

3. Invite Member States to recognize the right of families to sufficient resources and social assistance and the right to live in a manner compatible with human dignity, recalling that this is a common vital issue for single-parent, large and immigrant families; to develop, promote and implement policies aimed at ending child poverty through the eradication of family poverty, and encourage social, economic and educational policies to prevent intergenerational transmission of poverty; and to promote the provision of integrated services for families and family-friendly taxation policies and practices, including reduced taxes on goods and services for early childhood products and services; [9]

4. Request Member States to recognize and communicate the value of balancing family and work in the economy and in society; to develop, provide and communicate comprehensive well-resourced and flexible parental leave entitlements, to promote skill development and learning systems throughout the life course of the family and in periods of transition, to facilitate parents' re-entering the labor market, and to enhance dialogue and partnerships between social policy makers and relevant stakeholders, including families, family associations, business sector, trade unions and employers to develop and improve family-friendly policies and practices in the workplace; [10]

5. Encourage Member States to facilitate intergenerational solidarity, quality couple and family relationships, parenting programmes; high-quality childcare and other ancillary services which support families; promote and develop active measures to support the psychological well-being of children and youth with sensitivity to family situations; prevent violence, addictions and juvenile delinquency; and promote school to work transitions and young adults' economic security to facilitate family formation and stability, particularly among those with insecure socio-economic resources; as well as to promote and develop public policies concerning the support to the elder members of the family, especially in situations of particular need such as cases of Alzheimer or similar diseases.

[1] Cfr. Report of the Secretary-General on the Follow-up to the tenth anniversary of the International Year of the Family and beyond, 29 November 2010, A/66/62-E/2011/4, n. 3. Cfr. Resolution on Preparations for and observance of the twentieth anniversary of the International Year of the Family, 28 November 2012, A/C.3/67/L.12/Rev.1.

[2] Ibidem, n. 4.

[3] Ibidem, n. 10.

[4] Cfr. ECOSOC Resolution on the Preparations for and observance of the twentieth anniversary of the International Year of the Family, 30 August 2012, E/RES/2012/10.

[5] Cfr. Report of the Secretary-General on the Preparations for and observance of the twentieth anniversary of the International Year of the Family in 2014, 11 November 2011, A/67/61-E/2012/3, n. 57.

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[6] *Ibidem*, n. 4.

[7] *Cfr. Resolution on Preparations for and observance of the twentieth anniversary of the International Year of the Family*, 28 November 2012, A/C.3/67/L.12/Rev.1, n. 1.

[8] *Cfr. European Expert Group Meeting 'Confronting family poverty and social exclusion; ensuring work-family balance; advancing social integration and intergenerational solidarity in Europe' (Brussels, 6 - 8 June 2012), Recommendations for relevant stakeholders.*

[9] *Ibidem*.

[10] *Ibidem*.

FAFCE, who we are

“Families are Europe’s treasure!”

This is the motto of the Federation of Catholic Family Associations in Europe. As an umbrella organization FAFCE represents families and advocates in favor of their interests at the European political level, within the context of the European Union (28 Member States) and the Council of Europe (47 Member States).

History

FAFCE was founded in 1997, it was the fruit of a coordination amongst catholic family associations that began in 1990 after the fall of the Berlin wall.

In 2000 FAFCE was granted a participatory status with the Council of Europe and was hence recognized as an international NGO.

In 2009 FAFCE opened its office in Brussels where the Secretary General is based.

In 2013 FAFCE became a member of the Fundamental Rights Platform of the EU Fundamental Rights Agency.

Members and affiliated members (observers) meet twice a year at the bi-annual Board Meeting in Brussels or Strasbourg where the European institutions are based, and in one of the Member countries.

Throughout the year the Secretariat General keeps the members informed about current and upcoming issues on the political agenda. Action alerts are regularly provided, briefing the members and inviting them to take action. The most recent alerts were related to a report on sex based prenatal and neo natal practices aimed at eliminating fetuses and new born (“Gendercide”), and the “Estrela Report” (SRHR).

To raise awareness FAFCE organises conferences and speaks at various conferences and events. A conference on “The Family, a Subject of Rights of the Family” was recently hosted by FAFCE at the Council of Europe with high level speakers ranging from Council of Europe officials to European and national parliamentarians.

Our Vision

Family is the centre and starting point for the formation of the person in

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society. For us the family based on the marriage of a man and a woman provides the best environment for children.

Family as a community is the most important social entity where the gift of life is welcomed and accompanied until its natural end. Emphatically we insist on the inalienable dignity of every person, especially at the outset and the end of life.

Family is, as a general rule, the social space where children establish reliable relations, gain confidence and thus grow up to be independent persons. Therefore parents must be acknowledged as the first and most important educators of their children and be supported in their educational task.

Children are the most important resource for our future. Hence it is the common responsibility of all social domains to provide parenthood services to support and promote the family.

Parents invest a lot to offer their children the best chances for their development. They are entitled to an appropriate compensation of the costs involved and an adequate recognition of their efforts. All social domains are requested to guarantee a well-balanced combination of financial means, time and services for all families (child care facilities, assistance for the elderly...).

Parents have the right to choose by themselves between gainful employment and family work. The renunciation of gainful employment for the benefit of family work must be compensated by equivalent transfer payments. Moreover general conditions of the working environment must be adapted to be compatible with family life.

Parents and children live within an inter-generational community of reciprocal responsibility. It is indispensable to enhance the practised solidarity of generations with the solidarity of society as a whole in the form of adequate social security systems.

FAFCE has ideas and a vision to offer to European decision makers!

FAFCE wants to promote the family, to be proactive, and not only react to the political agenda!

FAFCE works in a long term perspective!

FAFCE is a true expression of the families themselves!

Representing families from all across Europe

FAFCE currently represents the following national organizations and associations:

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Members

ACER, Czech Republic

*Association of Catholic Families
V. Ghika, Romania*

Confédération Nationale des Associations Familiales Catholiques, France

Family Solidarity, Ireland

Familienbund der Katholiken, Germany

FORUM delle Associazioni Familiare, Italy

HKRS, Slovakia

KMR, Slovakia

Katholischer Familienverband Süd Tyrol, South Tyrol

Katholischer Familienverband Österreich, Austria

Lithuanian Family Centres, Lithuania

MAKACS, Hungary

Polska Federacja Ruchów Obronyżycia, Poland

Stowarzyszenie Przymierze Rodzin, Poland

Affiliated members

Cana Movement, Malta

Cro-Bios, Croatia

Familias, UK

Christian Families - Light of the Orient, Ukraine

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