MONDAY 26/10/20 ONLINE

Families in vulnerable situations









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PROGRAMME

COFACE wants to **shape a healthy and safe environment fit for families and their children** and has the ambition to build a Child Compass 2030 to better respect the rights of children and better respond to the needs of both children and their families.

One key dimension to be examined as part of this child compass is poverty reduction and support to children living in families in vulnerable situations.

On 26th October 2020 from 9.00-15.50, COFACE together with Single Parents Foundation Hungary and NOE will host an expert meeting focusing on one-parent families and large families.

For this, we will examine the situation of these families in the following areas: housing, work-life balance, and family care. The two main questions will be addressed in the discussions are the following:

-what are the challenges identified for single parents and large families? -what solutions exist to address these challenges?

Objectives of the meeting:

1. Foster exchange between NGOs supporting families in different countries of the COFACE network;

2. Improve understanding of the specific needs of one-parent and large families;

3. Collect the information into a policy brief for publication.

	Meeting moderator: Elizabeth GOSME, Director of COFACE		
	09.00-10.00	Welcome and introduction of the host organisations	
		Annemie DRIESKENS, President of COFACE Families Europe Anna NAGY, Director of Single Parents Foundation Hungary Kinga JÓÓ, Vice-President of NOE	
	10.00-11.00	Session 1: Housing	
		Country spotlight: Hungary András PÁRI, Assistant Professor, Pázmány Péter Catholic University	
		Reactions and discussion from participants	
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	11.15-12.25	Session 2: Work-life balance and income support	
		Introductory contribution about the Hungarian situation Balázs MOLNÁR, vice-president, Maria Kopp Institute for Demography and Families	
		Country spotlight: Belgium Elke VALGAEREN, Policy adviser, Gezinsbond, Belgium	
		Reactions and discussion from participants	
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12.25-13.25	Lunch break	
13.25-14.35	Session 3: Family care for different care needs Introductory contribution about the Hungarian situation Réka Hegedüs, Home Start Hungary Country spotlight: Spain Daniel ALVAREZ, Projects manager, Isadora Duncan, Spain Reactions and discussion from members	
14.35-15.35	Session 4: Good practices for a life-cycle approach National programmes and strategies to support young children, adolescents, persons with disabilities and the older persons Introductory contribution about the Hungarian situation Reactions and discussion from members	
15.35-15.50	Closing session Conclusions and next steps Elizabeth GOSME, Director of COFACE	
Working language: English Venue: Zoom/online		

Meeting status: for COFACE members only