

Cross-cutting issues:

- Memorandum for the new European Commission - January 2010.
- Specific analysis of the Lisbon Treaty from a family perspective, in particular the Charter of fundamental Rights.
- New social agenda.
- **2010 European Year against Poverty and Social exclusion. NGO campaigning and organisation of a major European Family Conference during the Belgian EU presidency (14-15 October 2010).**
- Regular contacts and follow-up with EU institutions, other NGOs, stakeholders,...
- Membership enlargement.
- Lobbying work toward the decision of 2012 as European year for Active Ageing and Solidarity between Generations.
- Follow-up of the economic crisis: its consequences for families and family organisations.
- Follow-up of National Action Plans on Social Inclusion in Member States (including follow up of implementation of the European Commission Recommendation on Active Inclusion).
- Follow-up and further dissemination of positions adopted in 2008 and 2009.
- Civil dialogue issues (eg. EESC Liaison group).

Family and Social policies

- **Role of social protection in the fight against poverty and social exclusion:** analysis and promotion of efficient safety net systems for families, with a focus on financial resources (including on-going funding of systems, the issue of individualisation of rights, and adequate minimum income for families).
→ A seminar will be organised on the role of social protection in March 2010.
- **Social services of general interest:** the role of family organisations as social services' providers (including regulation and innovation aspects).
- **Cross-cutting issues** to be mainstreamed: migrant families, ethnic minorities, lone parent families, rural families, working poor.
- Follow-up of directive proposal on **maternity leave** and foreseen directive proposal on **paternity leave**.
- Follow-up of **parental leave** directive.
- **Family reunification:** towards a revision of the directive?

Inclusive policies for disabled and other dependent persons and their families

- In-depth analysis of the **family dimension of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities** and its implication for future development of family policies (production of a brochure).
- Help to Family Carers: the issue of **respite care**.
- **Follow-up of European Commission initiatives** concerning: the needs of an ageing society, Alzheimer and other dementias, deinstitutionalisation, workforce for health,...
- Follow-up of **directive proposal on non-discrimination**.
- **Future EU disability strategy**.

Consumer protection, services and Public Health policies

- **Financial services:** tools for family budget management; impact of financial crisis on families, pursuit of advocacy work on the matters of financial inclusion, over-indebtedness and the credit history register.
- **Services of general interest (SGIs):** housing policy recommendations, MEDIANE project on public transportation (accessibility, quality, affordability).
- **Access to health care:** inequality; health determinants (interpretation, prevention); the pharmaceutical package.
- **Health and life-styles:** mental health; role of the media (production of a pedagogical tool with DVD on how to analyse the media and advertising); follow-up of policies in the field of alcohol, nutrition,...
- **Consumer rights** directive.
- Families and **sustainable development**.

Education and Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) policies

- Pursuit of the advocacy work on **Safer Internet** and other **ICT policies**.
- Pursuit of the work on **Information and Communication Technologies:** focus on video games, internet, social networking and new communication devices and technologies (e.g. portable media players and mobile phones; augmented reality).
→ A seminar will be organised on this issue organisation of a seminar on ICTs in March 2010.
- Follow-up of EU Commission initiatives in the field of **school system quality, schooling of migrant children**, Open Method of Coordination development in European cooperation in **education and training**.
- Parenting and children at risk. Early school leavers and the role of parents.

Other issues:

- **Tackling child poverty and promoting children's well-being:** efficiency of family support policies in tackling the intergenerational transmission of poverty (cross-cutting position).
- Follow-up of **European strategy on the rights of the child**, with DG JLS.
- **Inclusion of Roma families:** issuing a Declaration, in cooperation with Roma representatives.
- Participation and support of the Data Protection Day in January 2010 and of the PEGI game information project.
- Contacts have been made with DG EAC regarding the Communication on the **renewed Youth Strategy** to identify fields of cooperation.
- Collaboration with other specific NGOs in particular fields (eg. Child poverty, Youth policy, Housing, Health issues,...)

Exchange of information and experiences: mutual learning & capacity building

- Elaboration of a **lobbying strategy** towards EU Presidencies.
- Follow-up of the **Family and the Right of the Child** Intergroup.
- Refining COFACE's **Communication strategy**.
- Organising workshops on EU institutional issues.
- Field visits with the members.

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