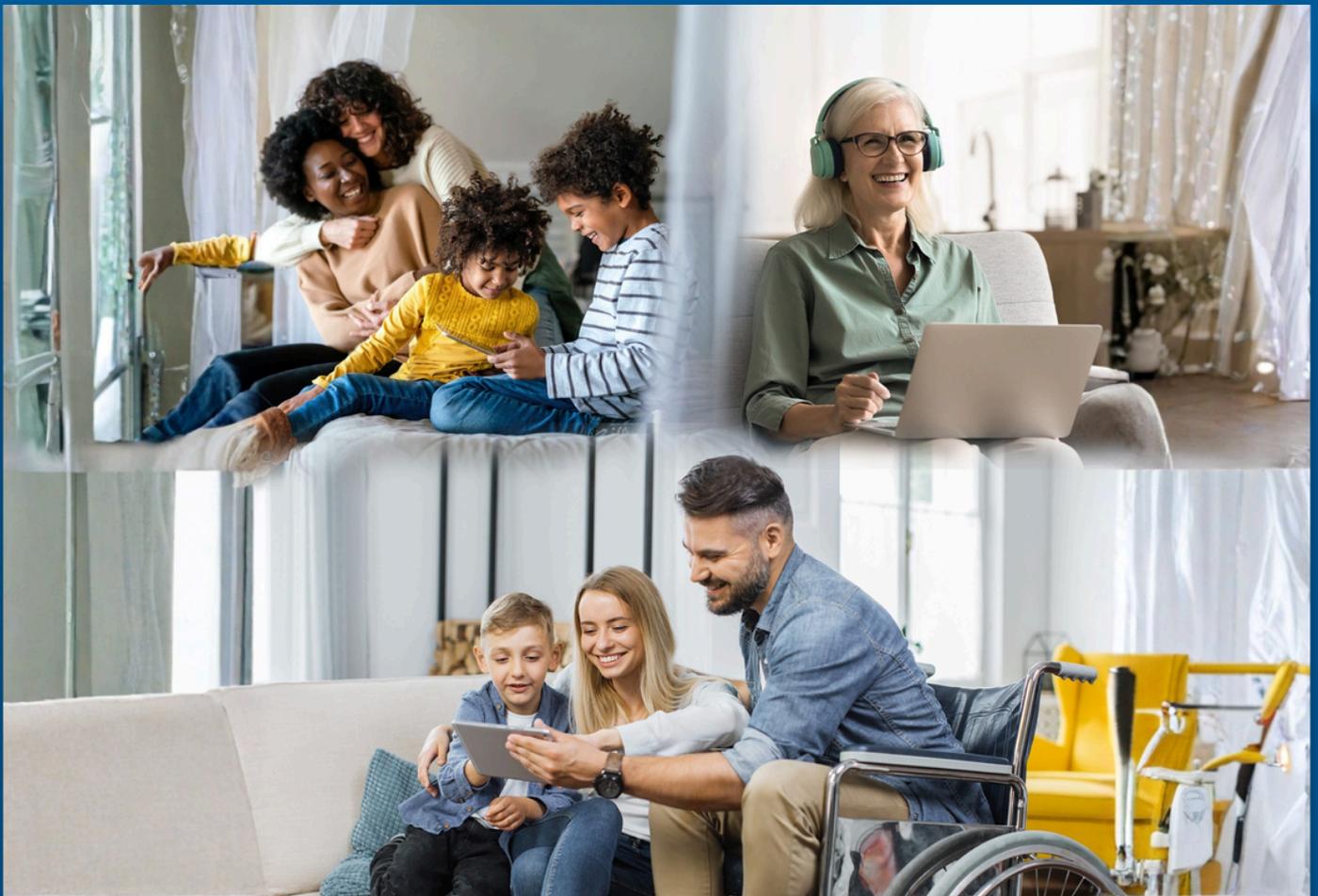


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Rights, Inclusion and Empowerment

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Background

As Artificial Intelligence (AI) becomes increasingly embedded in daily life, its impact on families is growing, shaping how they work, learn, care, communicate, and stay safe online.

Co-hosted by COFACE Families Europe and KMOP, this expert meeting will convene researchers, policymakers, tech experts and civil society to discuss the impact of AI on family life and inclusion, with a focus on rights, equity and empowerment in the digital age.

Using a multi-generation approach looking at children and adults, we aim to collect information from COFACE members and partners about family experiences at home, in the labour market, in schools and in the online environment, while highlighting the transformative role of AI and looking at both risks and opportunities.

The programme will aim to highlight the state of play of AI today, while also looking towards the future and its impact on families.

Key areas to be explored during breakout sessions are the following:

- 1. Future of work: what risks and opportunities for AI-exposed workers?**
- 2. Online safety and navigating AI in digital environments**
- 3. Financial inclusion and consumer rights in an AI world**
- 4. AI for families in migration: threat or opportunity?**
- 5. Leveraging AI for inclusive care and social protection**
- 6. AI in education: enhancing equity and respecting children's rights**

Together, we will identify the challenges for families of today and consider the building blocks of a family-friendly digital future, one where AI serves as a tool for social inclusion, equity, and well-being for all families.

Working languages: English and Greek.



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Co-moderators **Beatrijs Gelders**, Senior Policy and Advocacy Officer, COFACE Families Europe
Dr. Antonis Klapsis, Vice-President of KMOP, Greece

8.30 Registration and coffee

9.15 Welcome panel

Dr. Antonia Torrens, President of COFACE Families Europe, General Director of KMOP

Dimitris Papastergiou, Minister of Digital Governance, Hellenic Republic

Konstantinos Gloumis-Atsalakis, Secretary General for Demography and Housing Policy, Ministry of Social Cohesion and Family Affairs, Hellenic Republic

10.00 Opening panel debate

AI today and tomorrow: risks and opportunities for families

Prof. Dr. Veronica Barassi, Professor, University of St. Gallen, Switzerland

Alfonso Lara-Montero, Chief Executive Officer, European Social Network

Eva Lopez, European Affairs and International Partnerships, Internet Sans Crainte, France

Kave Noori, AI Officer, European Disability Forum

Dr. Yiannis Pappas, Head of Programmes, KMOP, Greece

11.00 Stretching break



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11.30 Parallel breakout sessions

Each session will look at the risks and opportunities of AI, and how this impacts families.

1.Future of work: what risks and opportunities for AI-exposed workers?

Moderator: **Attila Böhm**, Senior Policy and Advocacy Officer, COFACE

Speakers:

Mateusz Krzakala, Researcher, Institute for Structural Research, Poland

Angelica Salvi del Pero, Senior Counsellor to Director for Employment, Labour and Social Affairs, OECD

2.Online safety and navigating AI in digital environments

Co-moderators:

Beatrijs Gelders, Senior Policy and Advocacy Officer, COFACE

Zuzana, Ambassador, Better Internet for Kids Youth

Speakers:

Manon Letouche, Head of EU Affairs, 5Rights Foundation, United Kingdom

Carlos Puente Perez, Technician on Cybersecurity Knowledge and Awareness for Minors, Spanish National Cybersecurity Institute (INCIBE), Spain

3.Financial inclusion and consumer rights in an AI world

Co-moderators:

Elizabeth Gosme, Director, COFACE Families Europe

João, Ambassador, Better Internet for Kids Youth

Speakers:

Martin Schmalzried, Senior policy and advocacy manager, COFACE

Peter Norwood, Senior Research and Advocacy Officer, Finance Watch

13.00 Lunch Break



14.00 How do children and young people experience AI?

Session led by: **Evangelos, João and Zuzana**, Ambassadors, Better Internet for Kids Youth

14.30 Parallel breakout sessions

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1.AI for families in migration: threat or opportunity?

Moderator: **Alexandra Harkay**, Bureau member of the European Migration Forum

Speakers:

Anusha Zubairy Yildiz, Restoring Family Links Manager, Turkish Red Crescent
Prof. Dr. Vaseilios Margaritis, Senior Researcher, KMOP

2.Leveraging AI for inclusive care and social protection

Moderator: **Sebastian Gonzalez**, Policy and Advocacy Officer, COFACE

Speakers:

Dr. Lara Bezzina, Independent Researcher, Malta
Alfonso Lara-Montero, Chief Executive Officer, European Social Network

3.AI in education: enhancing equity and respecting children's rights

Co-moderators:

Zoé Lardou, Education Programme Coordinator, COFACE
Evangelos, Ambassador, Better Internet for Kids Youth

Speakers:

Romina Cachia, Scientific Team Leader - Digital Economy and Society Unit, JRC, European Commission
Antonia Nikou, Special Education Teacher, Greece



16.00 Closing networking session

Dr. Antonia Torrens, President of COFACE Families Europe, General Director of KMOP

17.00 End of conference

18.00 City visit

20.00 Networking dinner



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