



Better families, better society

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5th European Conference on personal and household services

What services to families?

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COFACE?

- COFACE was founded in 1958
- 58 organisations in 24 countries
- We represent about 100 million citizens
- 3 pillar approach: T/R/S
- Special focus on: work-life balance, vulnerable families, disability, housing, health, consumption, safer internet, gender equality



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EUROPEAN CHARTER FOR FAMILY CARERS

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FOREWORD

The public policy response to the issue of dependency (from any cause: disability, illness, age, accident, etc.) in most EU countries is at present inadequate or non-existent. The gap therefore has to be filled in many cases by friends and family – usually women.

Family solidarity cannot in any sense absolve a state or public authorities of their duty to provide the necessary appropriate help in life for people who depend on someone else to carry out the activities of daily living.

coface-disability believes that recognition of and support for family carers would help to maintain and / or improve the quality of life of care-givers and care-needers alike. The overarching aim of such recognition is therefore to preserve families' qual-

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The Family Dimension
of the United Nations
Convention on the Rights
of Persons with Disabilities

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Services for Families

- Accessible, affordable and quality services
- Sustainable services with sustainable rules
- Work – family life balance offers job-creation potential, but at what cost?
- Consideration public – private services
- Partnership and support with local authorities – voucher system
- Accreditation, quality standards – roles for family organisations?

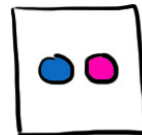
Families in transitions

- Working families
- Labour market migration
- New parents, single parents, large families
- Teenage years
- Accident, death in the family
- Chronic, long-term illness
- Family carers - respite
- Divorce, separation, shared parenting
- Violence, addiction, mental health problems

Investment in

- Early detection and early intervention
- Work on site – in the home of the families
- Training social workers, family organisation staff members, district nurses, midwives, early childhood professionals, teachers
- Community based services
- Integrated approach – team around the family

Thank you for your attention!



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