Public Policies Supporting the Wish to Have Children

Societal, Economic and Personal Factors

Council of Europe
Conference of Ministers responsible for Family Affairs

Meetings of the Committee of Liaison Officers
Monday, 14.00 – 17.00, Tuesday, 17.00 - 18.00.
Wednesday, 8.00 – 9.30 (optional depending on the work in progress)

Working languages of the Conference
English, French, German, Italian and Russian
Passive interpretation from Spanish
Programme

Monday 15 June 2009

17.00
Registration of participants

20.00
Dinner hosted by the Federal Ministry of Economy, Family and Youth of Austria for Ministers/Heads of Delegation
Restaurant Oktogon „Am Himmel”
Himmelstraße, Vienna
Departure of bus from Hotel Kaiserwasser: 19.15
Return to Hotel Kaiserwasser: 22.30

20.00
Dinner hosted by the Mayor of Vienna for other participants of the Conference
City Hall Vienna, Stadtenaussitzenssaal
Lichtenfelsgasse, Vienna
Departure of bus from Hotel Kaiserwasser: 19.45
Return to Hotel Kaiserwasser: 22.30

Tuesday 16 June 2009

08.30 – 9.15
Registration of participants (continued)

09.30
OPENING SESSION

Opening of the Conference by Ms Maud de Boer-Buquicchio
Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe

Mr Heinz Fischer
Federal President of the Republic of Austria

Mr Reinhold Mitterlehner
Federal Minister of Economy, Family and Youth, Austria

Ms Maud de Boer-Buquicchio
Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe

Election of the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Conference

Mr Ivan Svetlik
Minister of Labour, Family and Social Affairs, Slovenia,
Chairmanship of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe

Mr Luca Volonte
Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe

Mr Valerio Prignachi
Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe

10.30
Mr Marian Hošek
Deputy Minister of Labour and Social Affairs, Czech Republic,
Presidency of the European Union

10.35
Mr Jean-Marie Heydt
President of the Conference of International Nongovernmental Organisations of the Council of Europe

11.00
WORKING SESSION I

Why many Europeans have fewer children than they actually want: Societal and economic factors

Keynote speech by Mr Wolfgang Mazal
Director of the Austrian Institute for Family Studies

Introduction by Ms Jadranka Kosor (t.b.c.)
Vice-President of the Government and Minister of Family, Veterans’ Affairs and Intergenerational Solidarity, Croatia

Reply by Mr Hanno Pevkur
Minister of Social Affairs, Estonia

Debate

13.00
Luncheon hosted by the Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe for Ministers/Heads of Delegations
Conference Venue

15.00
WORKING SESSION II

Family-friendly policies: measures for an optimal framework

Keynote speech by Mr Fred Deven
Scientific Director at the Kenniscentrum WVG,
Department of Well-Being, Public Health and Family, Belgium

Introduction by Ms Christine Marek
State Secretary of Family and Youth, Austria

Reply by Ms Nadine Morano
State Secretary for the Family, France

Debate