



RESEARCH AGENDA  
**RESEARCH ISSUES  
FOR FAMILY  
RESEARCH  
AND KEY POLICY  
QUESTIONS  
IN EUROPE**

FAMILYPLATFORM CONFERENCE

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SEVENTH FRAMEWORK  
PROGRAMME



**4<sup>th</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2010,**  
AT EESC - EUROPEAN ECONOMIC  
AND SOCIAL COMMITTEE, BRUSSELS

**Thursday, 4<sup>th</sup> November** 9:00 – 18:00

- 9:00 – 9:30**     **Registration and coffee**
- 9:30 – 9:45**     **Welcome and practical information**
- 9:45 – 10:00**    **Welcoming speech**  
Luca Jahier  
President of Group III, European Economic and Social Committee
- 10:00 – 10:30**   **Introduction – Policy context and opportunities  
for FAMILYPLATFORM**  
Pierre Valette  
European Commission, DG Research, Head of Unit for Research  
in the economic, social sciences and humanities - Prospective
- 10:30 – 11:00**   **Coffee break**
- 11:00 – 11:30**   **FAMILYPLATFORM: The four steps towards  
the research agenda**  
Prof. Dr. Uwe Uhlenдорff  
Overall Co-ordinator – FAMILYPLATFORM, Technical University  
of Dortmund, Germany
- 11:30 – 12:15**   **Overview of the state of the art of research  
on families and family policy in Europe**  
Prof. Dr. Kimmo Jokinen  
Family Research Centre, University of Jyväskylä, Finland
- 12:15 – 14:00**   **Lunch break at EESC**
- 14:00 – 14:45**   **Overview of the critical review of research  
on families and family policies in Europe**  
Prof. Dr. Karin Wall  
Institute for Social Services – ICS, University of Lisbon, Portugal
- 14:45 – 15:15**   **Outcomes of foresight & future scenarios**  
Olaf Kapella  
Austrian Institute for Family Studies, Austria  
Anne-Claire de Liedekerke  
World Movement of Mothers, Belgium
- 15:15 – 15:30**   **Statement**  
FAMILYPLATFORM Advisory Board
- 15:30 – 16:00**   **Coffee break**
- 16:00 – 18:00**   **Statements and comments on the results  
of FAMILYPLATFORM**  
Representatives of family organisations, European  
institutions, employees, trade unions, and scientists  
Moderation:  
Prof. Dr. Kim-Patrick Sabla  
University of Vechta, Germany
- 19:00**            **Dinner at the Thon hotel**

**Friday, 5<sup>th</sup> November** 9:00 – 15:30

- 9:00 – 12:00**    **European research agenda on the family:  
proposed issues**  
(including initial statements)  
Dr. Marina Rupp  
Dipl.-Soz. Loreen Beier  
Dipl.-Soz. Anna Dechant  
Dipl.-Soz. Elisa Marchese  
State Institute for Family Research at the University of Bamberg –  
ifb, Germany  
Moderation:  
Olaf Kapella  
Austrian Institute for Family Studies, Austria
- 10:15 – 10:45**   **Coffee break**
- 12:00 – 13:30**   **Lunch break at EESC**
- 13:30 – 15:00**   **Panel discussion & final plenary debate**  
Moderation:  
William Lay  
Confederation of Family Organisations in the European Union –  
COFACE  
Note: this and the following session will be in English  
without interpretation
- 15:00 – 15:30**   **Final statements**  
Dr. Marina Rupp  
State Institute for Family Research at the University of Bamberg –  
ifb, Germany  
Prof. Dr. Uwe Uhlenдорff  
Overall Co-ordinator – FAMILYPLATFORM, Technical University of  
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- 15:30**            **End of the conference**

