

The demographic trend in nearly all European countries with its known consequences for population composition, economic dynamics, social security systems and family politics is one of the biggest challenges for the member states of the European Union.

In this context, the DNK wishes to make its contribution in cooperation with the European Region of WFO, organising a conference which brings together several relevant issues.

When generations do not self-evidently meet in families any more, a new question has to be asked: how can generations stay in contact with each other and learn from one another? This leads to the subject of supporting families to contribute to the preservation of a solidary society. Furthermore, there is the big complex of Lifelong Learning: It is above all in the families that a basis is provided for children and teenagers, but also for the older generation, to experience learning as an enrichment of their life and to stay open and capable for the always changing demands which come up in building their life.

The Conference "Meeting Point Europe: Families and Generations on new Paths" is taking up these issues in a special way. It is conceived not as much as an abstract and academic symposium but as a platform for projects and ideas that have already been prepared in some of its member states. Exchanging thoughts and ideas on the future-oriented subjects Families and Generations is the focus of this symposium, which is being complemented by presentation of projects and initiatives, plans and programmes and by many possibilities for individual dialogue.

In different workshops, the members can get a picture of intergenerative approaches, voluntary engagement and of work with young families. They are being invited to discuss prospects and outlooks for families in Europe.

Venue

Hotel Aquino
Tagungszentrum Katholische Akademie
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Hotel accomodiation

At Hotel Aquino there is only a small number of rooms available for the participants. Please make your own reservation directly at Hotel Aquino. For other hotels near by (Hotel Ramada, Hotel Merkur, Hotel La vie Joachimshof) please contact Berlin Tourism Marketing GmbH, Service Center phone: +49 30 250024, online booking www.berlin-tourism.de
(keyword: EU-Tagung)

Conference fee

For your participation in the conference with catering we do not collect any fee. Participation costs for travel and accommodation will not be refunded.

Registration

We kindly ask for your conference registration per e-mail, per fax or per post at the conference office until **28. February 2007 at the latest**.

Conference organisation/Contact/Information office

German National Committee (DNK) of the World Family Organisation (WFO) in cooperation with the European Region of WFO (E-WFO).

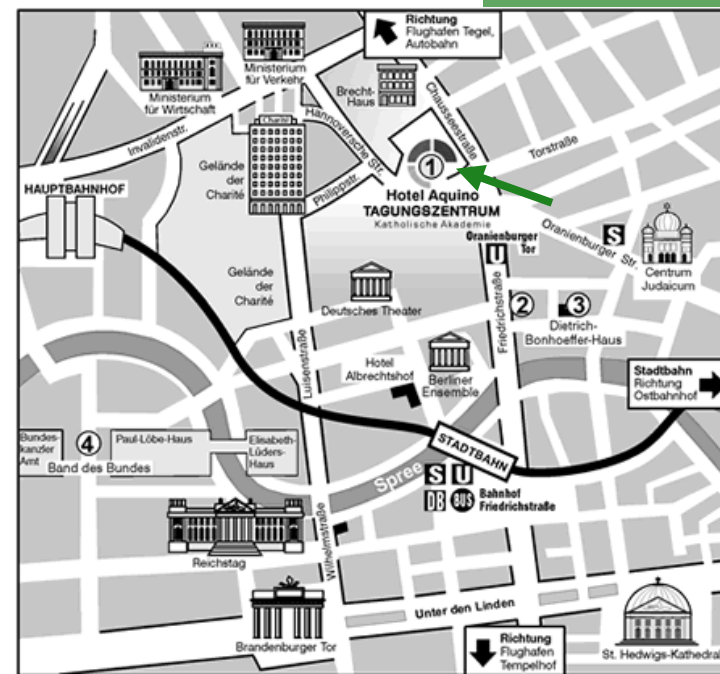
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Travel information

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1. Hotel Aquino Tagungszentrum Katholische Akademie
2. Friedrichstadt
3. Dietrich-Bonhoeffer-Haus
4. Band des Bundes (Deutscher Bundestag)

You can reach the conference center of Hotel Aquino by public transport :

Bus 240 and Underground U6 – Stop Oranienburger Tor, Tram M1, M6 and M12 - Stop Oranienburger Tor, Tram until station Friedrichstraße, change to underground U6, Direction Alt-Tegel, Stop Oranienburger Tor

We ask for your comprehension that due to the multitude of projects there might be modifications in the conference program



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Meeting-point Europe - families and generations on new paths

A Symposium as Part of the German EU Presidency

Conference 19 – 20 March 2007
Hotel Aquino Conference Center, Berlin
Catholic Academy

Our special thanks for financial support of the conference go to the Federal Ministry for Family Affairs, Senior Citizens, Women and Youth (BMFSFJ) and the European Region of WFO

Monday, 19th March 2007

- 11:00** **Registration**
11:30 **Reception / Snack**
- 12:00** **Welcome**
Heribert Rollik
President of the German National Committee (DNK) of the World Family Organisation (WFO)
- 12:15** **Opening / speeches**
Dr. Hermann Kues
Parliamentary State Secretary in the Federal Ministry for Family Affairs, Senior Citizens, Women and Youth (BMFS-FJ)
- 12:30** **Dr. Gerd Sabathil**
Director of the Representation of the European Commission in Germany
Dr. Heidi Knake-Werner
Senator for Integration, Labour and Social affairs of Berlin
Dr. Deisi Noeli Weber Kusztra
President of the World Family Organisation WFO
Françoise Meauzé
President of the European Region of WFO
Elisabeth Bußmann
President of the Family Federation of German Catholics (FDK), legal entity of DNK
- 13:00** **Demographic development in Europe and its impact on families**
Dr. Hugo Swinnen
Verwey-Jonker Institute, Utrecht
- 13.30** **European key competences for a lifelong learning and its challenges for families**
Helga Truepel, MEP, Reporter on lifelong learning, Brussels

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- 14:00** **Parallel Workshops I:**
- 1. Civil-social developments (on the national and international level) by the example of trans generational volunteer services**
Dr. Martina Wegner, Center for civil social development, Freiburg
Christoph Neukirchen, International Volunteer Service, Bonn
Moderation: Dr. Gabriele Rössler, German Red Cross, Berlin
- 2. A: Development of a citizens' engagement for the implementation of projects and lobby work. Example: Bulgaria**
Dr. Nadeschda Todorosvka, Bulgarian Red Cross
- 2. B: Intergenerational and frontier crossing work with families in Brandenburg and Poland**
Kerstin Leutert-Glasche, Guben
Jadwiga Polewska, Gubin
Moderation: Dr. Insa Schöningh, EAF
- 3. Parental Education – School of Communication between the generations. Project reports from different countries**
Prof. Dr. Aldona Pobojevska, Academy of Humanities and Economics, Lodz
Anja Neubig, Hümeýra Baykan, European Educational Institute for profession and society, Magdeburg
Moderation: Prof. Dr. Laszlo Marki, National Association of Large Families, Budapest
- 15:30** **Coffee break**

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- 16:15** **Parallel Workshops II**
- 1. Strong service for each age – Multi-Generations' houses**
Dr. Annette Niederfranke, BMFSFJ
Moderation: *Dr. Insa Schöningh, EAF*
- 2. A Experiences from the model program „Erfahrungswissen für Initiativen (EFI)“ (knowledge for initiatives)**
Joachim Braun, isab Institute, Köln
- 2. B Training for Senior Citizens' Consultants**
Els Messelis, Higher Institute for Family Sciences, Brussels
Moderation: *Eric De Wasch, Gezinsbond, Brussels*
- 3. Success stories of intergenerational strategies and activities in Europe (results EU-project: "New horizons - active age")**
Dr. Jutta Thinesse, Competence Center, Dachau
Elke Tippelmann, BAGSO office, Brussels
- 17:45** **Market of possibilities / Snack**
- 19:30** **Drive round Berlin**
- Tuesday, 20th March 2007
- 09:30** **Welcome by Heribert Rollik**
- 09:45** **Family supporting services in Europe**
Hanna Steidle, Observatory for the development of social services in Europe, Berlin

Tuesday, 20th March 2007

- 10:15** **Parallel Workshops III**
- 1. A Families in Russia**
Prof. Dr. Zaretkhan Saralievá and Svetlana Solovjova, Nizhny Novgorod State University
- 1. B Help from the beginning – Hungary**
Dr. Agota Benkő, Director Home-start, Budapest
Moderation: Prof. Dr. Laszlo Marki
- 2. Family supporting services and institutions in France**
François Fondard, President «Union Nationale des Associations Familiales», Paris
Moderation.: *Luk De Smet, Gezinsbond, Brussels*
- 3. Parenting as European-wide task**
Ulrich Paschold, BMFSFJ,
Olaf Kapella, Austrian Institute for Family Research, Vienna
Moderation: *Jacqueline Heyman, Ligue des familles, Brussels*
- 12:00** European buffet lunch
- 13:00** **Consent to the family is increasing - National and European inquiry results**
Dr. Wilhelm Haumann, Allensbach Institute
- 13:30** **Discussion Meeting place Europe**
a.o.: *Marc Morris, Flemish Government, Brussels*
Dr. Hugo Swinnen, Utrecht
Dr. Jan Schröder, Head of Project „Local Alliances“, Berlin
Dr. Erika Neubauer, BAGSO, Bonn
Olaf Kapella, Vienna
- 14:30** **Families and Generations in Europe – Summary and Perspectives**
Prof. Dr. Ute Gerhard, President EAF
- 15:00** **Closing speech**
Heribert Rollik