

XXe anniversary of the UN International Year of the Family Universal Children's Day

Wednesday 20 November 2013

Strasbourg, European Parliament Build. PFL, room F01102, 14.00 - 16.00

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**Jaime Mayor Oreja, Jan Olbrycht, Miroslav Mikolasik
Martin Kastler, Alojz Peterlé, Maria Patrao Neves
invite you to celebrate this day. Special guests:
Ludovine de la Rochère, La Manif Pour Tous, France
Gioia Scappucci, Committee of Lanzarote, Council of Europe**



- The Council of Europe Convention: the Protection of Children against Sexual Exploitation and Abuse
- The French Taubira memo, Schengen reform, versus the fight against child trafficking
- One of Us - Uno di Noi - One of Us: a successful European Citizens' Initiative
- The Legislators declaration on the rights of the Family
- The family: a natural deposit of economic and human resources against poverty





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PRESS RELEASE

At the occasion of the UN World Day of the Child, celebrated on the 20th November each year, in the context of the preparation of the XXth anniversary of the international year of the Family, Members of the European Parliament convened to stress some key elements underlying the future of generations, a fundamental for economic, social and human prosperity in Europe.

In the morning, during a Press call, Members of the European Parliament Jaime Mayor Oreja (Spain), Miroslav Mikolasik (Slovakia) and Alojz Peterlé (Slovenia) alerted about current critical issues affecting children before and after their birth, requesting extreme vigilance: they developed these points with colleagues later that day during a conference to celebrate the event.

In the afternoon a well attended meeting by more than a hundred participants went on reflecting with MEPs and special guests on current critical issues challenging the right of the child to be born in a family composed by his/her biological father and mother.

Gioia Scappucci, Secretary of the Committee monitoring the Council of Europe "Convention regarding the protection of the Child against Sexual Exploitation and Sexual Abuse" - the "Lanzarote convention"- informed that this mechanism is in force in 29 Council of Europe Member states. **Jan Olbrycht**, EPP Vice President, Member of the European Parliament from Poland (PO) spoke about the Family -natural shelter of each child- is a natural deposit of economic resources. During the vote that day, he managed to get support for the family to be included in the 210 Billion euros European Regional Development Fund. **Martin Kastler** (MEP, Germany-CSU) addressed the Benefits of Marriage and the Family for the Common Good stressing the importance to promote the Free Sunday Initiative.

During the second round table, focusing on Specific cases regarding children's rights including example of current challenges in Bioethics, the rights of the unborn child and the Dignity of the child were addressed by **Maria Patrao Neves** (MEP-Portugal) and by **Alojz Peterlé** (MEP-Slovenia) while **Miroslav Mikolasik** (MEP-Slovakia) stressed how the most critical challenge provoked by the "Three-parent babies" UK proposal on "mitochondria replacement technique" is breaching international bioethical norms. **Ludovine de la Rochère**, special guest from France, President of the civil society movement "La Manif pour Tous", stressed how the French "Taubira memo" (the memo ordered by the French Minister of Justice Christiane Taubira on the legal recognition of a French surrogacy agreement (GPA) carried out abroad) was struck down by the French supreme court because a deliberately fraudulent process could not lead to the recognition of a fait accompli.

In Conclusion **Jaime Mayor Oreja** EPP Vice President, Member of the European Parliament from Spain officially announced the historical success of the European Citizen Initiative ONE OF US which gathered officially 1 894 693 signatures above the minimum required of 1 million from 20 Member states. He also announced the launch of the ONE OF US Foundation, a federation which networks all national coordinators of the initiative.

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PROGRAMME

ENGLISH

FIRST ROUND TABLE 14.30-15.00 - - International legal and economic framework: current challenges affecting the Child in the Family - natural deposit of economic resources :

14.30 - Gioia Scappucci (Council of Europe): The Council of Europe Convention regarding the protection of the Child from abuses - [Lanzarote convention](#)

14.40 - Jan Olbrycht MEP-PL: the Family as a natural deposit of economic resources

14.50 - Martin Kastler MEP-DE: Benefits of Marriage and the Family for the Common Good.

SECOND ROUND TABLE 15.00-16.00 - - Specific cases regarding children's rights : example of current challenges in Bioethics

15.05 - Maria Patrao Neves MEP-PT: The [Convention on the Rights of the Child](#): A comment

15.15 - Alojz Peterlé MEP-SL: the rights of the unborn children

15.25 - Miroslav Mikolasik MEP-SK: [Three-parent babies – how UK proposal on "mitochondria replacement technique" breaches international bioethical norms-](#)

15.35 - Ludovine de la Rochère FR: [The FR Taubira Memo](#) in the context of the Schengen reform

15.50 - CONCLUSION Jaime Mayor Oreja MEP-ES- the European Citizen Initiative [ONE OF US](#)



SPECIAL GUESTS BIOGRAPHIES



GIOIA SCAPPUCCI

Gioia Scappucci est membre du personnel du Conseil de l'Europe depuis 2001. Depuis 2012, elle est en charge, au sein de la Division des droits de l'enfant, du Comité de Lanzarote, à savoir l'organe de suivi de la Convention du Conseil de l'Europe sur la protection des enfants contre les abus sexuels et l'exploitation sexuelle. Auparavant, elle a travaillé pour le Comité européen des droits sociaux et pour le Comité directeur pour les droits de l'homme. Avant de devenir un membre du personnel du Conseil de l'Europe, en 1999-2000, elle a travaillé à Bruxelles pour la COMECE (Commission des Episcopats de la Communauté européenne). Gioia Scappucci a étudié les sciences politiques à Rome, à l'Université de La Sapienza et le Droit et la Politique au Collège d'Europe à Bruges, en Belgique, où elle a également travaillé comme assistant d'enseignement européen pendant plusieurs années.



LUDOVINE DE LA REOCHERE

Mère de 4 enfants, Professeur d'histoire, responsable de communication dans l'édition puis à la Conférence des évêques de France et actuellement à la Fondation Jérôme Lejeune. Co-fondatrice et Présidente de La Manif Pour Tous.