



FAMILY MATTERS!

**An invitation for young people aged 18 to 30
to participate in the European Youth Weekend
organized by the Confederation of Family Associations in the Carpathian Basin
Budapest, Hungary, 12-14 February 2016**

WHAT IS IT ABOUT?

The Confederation of Family Associations in the Carpathian Basin is preparing its annual conference and Family Day on 13 February 2016 in the Hungarian Parliament.

This year, the organizers of the event are planning to give the event a global European perspective, reaching beyond the borders of the Carpathian Basin, and specially addressing the youth of Europe.

The European Youth Weekend starts on Friday 12 February, and lasts until Sunday 14 February early afternoon. The highlight of the weekend will be the event in the Parliament on Saturday, but the three days include other exciting programmes as well.

On the gathering, there will be several international speakers, who will give insight into tendencies and challenges regarding families in some countries of Europe. This will be followed by an **English-speaking roundtable discussion** with the participation of the **invited youth guests**.

The aim of this special event is to let the youth of Europe speak out about their thoughts and motifs regarding family and their future. It is very important for us to let the youth express how they would like to accomplish their dreams concerning their own family lives, as well as to discuss what family policies are needed on the political side, and in what ways pro-family civil organizations can promote these issues in their opinion.

The roundtable discussion will follow the steps of the conference entitled *Future of the families, Families of the Future* held in the European Parliament in Brussels in September 2015. It is at the same time the forerunner of an upcoming conference to be organized with the participation of the youth in Brussels, scheduled for June 2016.

Half of the participants of the European Youth Weekend will come from organizations within the Carpathian Basin, whereas the other half will be invited from other European countries.

Throughout the weekend, you will be involved in a variety of exciting cultural and social events. You will have a great opportunity to mingle with and to get to know other European people of your age. You will be able to have wonderful discussions, exchanging ideas and thoughts, gaining insight into what is going on in Europe regarding this topic. And last but not least, you can experience the atmosphere of the vibrant and historical city of beautiful Budapest.

WHERE AND HOW?

The Family Day on Saturday will be held in the beautiful historical building of the Hungarian Parliament, in the heart of the Hungarian capital. All the other programmes of the European Youth Weekend (on Friday, Saturday evening and on Sunday) will be in different locations of Budapest.

The working language of the youth weekend is English (without interpretation), therefore a high command of English is required in order to participate.

The following expenses of the successful youth applicants will be covered:

- ✓ reimbursement of travel expenses
- ✓ accommodation with breakfast during the programme
- ✓ travel pass for local public transportation
- ✓ participation in cultural events.

Please note that lunch and dinner will not be provided by the organizers. Therefore, be prepared to have lunch and dinner at your own expense.

HOW TO APPLY?

For a successful application, you will need the following:

- ✓ you should be aged from 18 to 30,
- ✓ you should speak fluent English,
- ✓ you need to fill in the application form,
- ✓ you should answer all the essay questions in the form,
- ✓ last but not least, you should be convinced that even your voice matters in shaping the future of the families of Europe. 😊

The Application form can be downloaded from **from here**.

If the link does not open, please try this longer version:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1WKH3gD70MGAQtspimhlmuh4yY97fwtzxeTf8o2hboPU/viewform?usp=send_form

The deadline of the application is **10 January 2016**.

You will get feedback of your application by 17 January. We will contact the successful applicants for further information and preparation of the trip.

For further information, please contact one of the following email addresses: e.katus@yahoo.com, bakos@kcssz.hu, or mihalfy@kcssz.hu.

The Confederation of Family Associations in the Carpathian Basin wishes successful applications to every candidate.

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Honorary President

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