

# Families beyond borders

5-6 November 2015 Sofia, Bulgaria

#FBB15

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**Training on Advocacy campaigns**  
**Networking dinner & Film projection**  
**“The town of Badante women”**

What happens when no woman is left in a village?

6 November

**European Conference**  
**“Families Beyond Borders”**



Jointly organised by the Bulgarian Center of Women's Studies and Policies  
and the Confederation of Family Organisations in the European Union

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## Training Out and Loud!

# Designing and implementing your advocacy campaign for transnational families

Venue: Central Park Hotel Sofia, Vitosha Blvd 106, 1463 Sofia

14.00-15.30

### What you need to know before starting a campaign: your advocacy toolbox

*During this session, we will work on how to identify your needs & objectives, target groups and best tool to achieve them. We will also analyse some successful campaigns and define dos and don'ts.*

15.30-15.45

Coffee break

15.45-18.00

### From theory to practice: campaign simulation

*During this session, participants will work in smaller groups to put in practice what learnt earlier and will structure advocacy campaigns on transnational families. Each group will develop its own campaign idea and will receive feedbacks from other groups and trainers.*

## Networking dinner & Film projection

19.00- 22.00 | Venue: Studio 5, Pl. Bulgaria 1, NDK A3, 1505 Sofia (City garden)

### The town of Badante women

2009. By Stephan Komandarev

Synopsis:

A town without women. The men look after the children, cook, do the washing and... wait for money from their wives who work abroad. The Bulgarian town of Varshets is the site of a staggering social experiment. Many of its women work as "badante" in Italy, taking care of the old and the sick. The social structure of Varshets is shifting and the changes –sometimes dramatic, sometimes humorous– are everywhere: in the pubs, in the families, in the local brass band... And at the bus station, where once a year the women arrive for holidays.

*You are kindly invited for the dinner before the film. The projection will be followed by a Q&A session by Diana Ivanva, film screenplay writer.*

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## European Conference

# Families beyond borders. What is the impact of migration on families?

Venue: Central Park Hotel Sofia, Vitosha Blvd 106, 1463 Sofia

9.00 9.30	Opening and welcome: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- <b>Annemie Driekens</b>, COFACE President</li><li>- <b>Rumyana Kolarova</b>, Chair of the CWSP Board</li></ul>		
9.30 10.15	Keynote speech: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- <b>Prof Maurizio Ambrosini</b>, University of Milan, Italy</li></ul>		
10.15 12.45	<p>Workshop 1 <b>Labour Migration and transnational family life</b></p> <p>Chair: <b>Hector Cebolla</b> UNED (Spain)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▶ “Transnationality and the impact on Bulgarian families and children” <b>George Bogdanov</b>, National Network for children in Bulgaria (BG)</li><li>▶ “The effects of migration on Romanian children” <b>Nicoleta Ungurianu</b>, Alternative Sociale Association (RO)</li><li>▶ “The mothers’ perspective and the project ‘Mum loves you’” <b>Silvia Dumitrache</b>, Romanian Women Association in Italy - ADRI (IT)</li></ul> <p><i>Discussion</i></p>	<p>Workshop 2 <b>Brain-drain, emigration and family formation</b></p> <p>Chair: <b>Roza Dimova</b> CWSP (Bulgaria)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▶ “Family migration to Lithuania: challenges and future perspectives” <b>Giedrė Blažytė</b>, Social Research Centre, Institute for Ethnic Studies (LT)</li><li>▶ “Youth emigration in Greece and its consequences” <b>Antonia Torrens</b>, KMOP (GR)</li><li>▶ “Psychosocial and employment support for women from transnational or migrant families” <b>Camino Calle</b>, Red Acoge (ES)</li></ul> <p><i>Discussion</i></p>	<p>Workshop 3 <b>Migrant carers and global care-chain</b></p> <p>Chair: <b>Klara Foti</b> EuroFound (Ireland)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▶ “Families in context project: focus on Polish families in the Netherlands” <b>Nina Conkova</b>, Erasmus University, Rotterdam (NL)</li><li>▶ “Female migrant domestic workers and global care chain” <b>Antonello Scialdone</b>, ISFOL (IT)</li><li>▶ “Local initiatives and benchmarking for work-life balance to support migrant care workers and their families abroad” <b>Alessandro Baldo</b>, SoleTerre NGO (IT)</li></ul> <p><i>Discussion</i></p>

12.45 14.15	<p>Lunch and networking session with poster presentations by :</p> <p>Association Binational Families and Partnerships (<b>Germany</b>), Vaestoliitto-Family Federation of Finland (<b>Finland</b>), Partners Bulgaria Foundation (<b>Bulgaria</b>), Association of Binational Families - ASFAMIX (<b>Spain</b>), Les amoureux au ban public (<b>France</b>), Université Libre de Bruxelles (<b>Belgium</b>), Fondazione l'Albero della Vita (<b>Italy</b>), Migrant Rights Centre Ireland (<b>Ireland</b>), Demographic Research Institute (<b>Hungary</b>).</p>
14.15 15.45	<p><b>From ideas to practice: an exchange with policy makers</b></p> <p>Chaired by <b>Agnes Uherezky</b>, COFACE Director</p> <p>Interactive roundtable discussion with :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Laura White</b>, Legal expert DG EMPL, European Commission</li> <li>- <b>Svetlana Angelova Naidenova</b>, Deputy Chairperson of the Labour, Social and Demographic Committee, Bulgaria (<i>tbc</i>)</li> <li>- <b>Galab Donev</b>, Deputy Minister of Labour and Social Policy (<i>tbc</i>)</li> <li>- <b>Deyana Kostadinova</b>, Secretary for Social Policies, Youth and Sports of the President of the Republic of Bulgaria (<i>tbc</i>)</li> <li>- <b>Ivan Lazarov</b>, Mayor of Varshets, Bulgaria (<i>tbc</i>)</li> <li>- <b>Elisabeth Potzinger</b>, City of Graz, Austria</li> </ul> <p>Open discussion with the audience :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Hector Cebolla</b>, UNED, report and initial questions on Labour Migration and transnational family life.</li> <li>- <b>Roza Dimova</b>, CWSP, report and initial questions on Brain-drain, emigration and family formation.</li> <li>- <b>Klara Foti</b>, EuroFound, report and initial questions on Migrant carers and global care-chain.</li> </ul>
15.45 16.00	<p>Closing of the day</p>

More about this event: [www.coface-eu.org/en/Events/Families-beyond-borders](http://www.coface-eu.org/en/Events/Families-beyond-borders)

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