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**European Elections 2014 - A Manifesto for Family Friendly Policies**

## **European elections 2014: Manifesto for comprehensive and effective European policies in favour of the Family, Europe's Treasure!**

Candidate for the European elections, I commit myself to systematically take into account the needs of the family when making political decisions that have an impact on the society to strengthen the family institution for the good of Europe, fully respecting the principle subsidiarity, now and in the future.

I promise to commit to promoting the rights of the family, namely through the following:

### **1. Acknowledging the complementarity of woman and man**

The notion of "gender" has no legal basis in the Treaty.

I recognize the complementarity between man and woman, and refuse gender ideology that seeks to erase the sexual differences in public policies.

### **2. Defining, respecting and promoting the institution of marriage**

Registered same-sex partnership is a different form of union than marriage between a man and a woman.

I undertake to respect the right of Member States to define the specific content of the concept of registered partnership and marriage. Under the principle of subsidiarity, I will oppose any interference of the European Union in this area through community policies.

### **3. Respecting human dignity from beginning to natural end of life**

I pledge to respect life at all its stages, including the unborn, namely through the implementation of the criteria contained in ECJ the judgment C-34/10 and the European Citizens' Initiative "One of us."

### **4. Father and mother, first and foremost educators of their children**

I undertake to ensure that the Union, in all its youth and education programmes, respects and promotes the right of parents to educate their children in conformity with their moral and religious convictions, taking into account the cultural traditions of the family which favour the good and the dignity of the child.

## 5. The family, a subject of rights

The family is entitled to protection and support by the society. I commit to work in favour of the rights and interests of the family, without interfering in the competence of the Member States.

## 6. Applying "family mainstreaming"

In order to introduce a human dimension to the process of EU integration, the European Union must take the interests of the family into account in all its decisions. I am committed to promoting the concept of "*family mainstreaming*" in all sectorial policies.

## 7. Promoting the voices of families

Family associations are the voice of families by authentically articulating their needs. I pledge to recognise the contribution and the role of family associations in the design and development of programs that have an impact on family life.

## 8. Recognising the value of informal work

I am committed to the recognition of the value of the work of the mother and father at home, by the European Union within the framework of its competence, because of its value to the family and society, and the value of volunteering as a contribution to social cohesion.

## 9. Balance between family life and professional life

Consider the family as a starting point for the design of working conditions can both provide families living conditions for time together and thus maintain the population dynamics and contribute to social cohesion.

I am committed to a better articulation of the balance between family life and professional life for the benefit of the family, including Sunday as a common weekly day of rest.

## 10. Maternity leave

I pledge to participate actively in negotiations on the Maternity leave Directive, to allow an increase of the minimum period of leave.

## 11. The economy at the service of the family

I am committed to ensuring that families benefit from economic conditions that ensure a standard of living consistent with their dignity and their full development.

## 12. Dignified work is necessary for every family

Every family should be able to live of its labour. I pledge to work for employment policies that do not consider the labour market in the unique light of the economy and finance, but foremost focused on the person and its talents, as an active participation towards the common good and an instrument to prevent poverty and social exclusion.



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