

ECR Party to hold III European Congress on Family in Dubrovnik

The ECR Party will hold the III European Congress on Family – “Putting an End to Europe’s Demographic Winter” from 11 to 13 September 2026 in Dubrovnik, Croatia, bringing together political leaders, parliamentarians, policymakers, experts and civil society representatives to address one of the continent’s defining long-term challenges: demographic decline and its consequences for Europe’s future.

The Congress will open with welcoming remarks by Antonio Giordano, MP and ECR Party Secretary General; Nikola Grmoja, MP and President of Most; and Stephen Bartulica, MEP.

The programme will also feature dedicated interviews conducted by Antonio Giordano with Eugenia Roccella, Italian Minister for Family, Natality and Equal Opportunities; and Nick Adams, Special Presidential Envoy for American Tourism, Exceptionalism, and Values, USA. Further discussions will explore the path towards demographic renewal.

Other Members of the European Parliament taking part will include Adrian-George Axinia, Adam Bielan, Joachim Stanisław Brudziński, Rihards Kols and Ivaylo Valchev, alongside national parliamentarians, political leaders, academics and civil society representatives.

Discussions will examine falling birth rates; the role of parents and education in raising the next generation; the impact of social media and artificial intelligence on family life; and the political choices needed to strengthen families and freedom.

The political programme will conclude with the panel “Family, Freedom and the Future of Europe,” featuring Adam Bielan, Head of the Polish Delegation of the ECR Group in the European Parliament; Brian Brown, President, International Organization for the Family, USA; Carlo Fidanza, Acting President of the ECR Party and MEP; Tina Mercep, IDU Secretary General and Executive Director, Croatia; and George Simion, ECR Party Executive Vice President and President of AUR.

By connecting evidence, policy and international experience, the Congress aims to place family, freedom and responsibility at the heart of Europe’s response to demographic change.

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