

REYKJAVIK DECLARATION ON THE FAMILY AND HUMAN RIGHTS A HUMANIST PERSPECTIVE

As Humanists, we are particularly worried to notice a rising opposition to key fundamental rights, especially in the sphere of family law and family policies, and increasing attempts to impose a reactionary project of society in various European countries. Against what we see as a surge of hate, xenophobia, homophobia and misogyny, we promote the building of an inclusive society and call all humanists to reclaim hijacked fundamental rights.

As Humanists, we promote the building of an inclusive society that allows everyone to live in dignity without fearing of discrimination on any ground. A society where women fully enjoy their rights and ability to choose over their life and body; a society where LGBTI+ people enjoy full equal rights and equal treatment, and everyone can express their love and their gender identity openly; a society where all families are respected and recognised, in their diverse forms and compositions.

We call humanist organisations and progressive forces in Europe and worldwide to reclaim the protection of life and of families by promoting loud and clear their vision of society. We also urge them to actively remind their government and regional bodies that:

1. Family is defined by the international community in an inclusive way so as to respect and protect its different forms and compositions.
2. There is a paramount need to protect the sexual and reproductive health and rights of women, which requires access to safe and legal abortion as endorsed recently by the United Nations in a General Comment on the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights.