

## **VIENNA MEMORANDUM**



**We convened at the round-table**  
**Family Values, Family Policies, European Culture:**  
**Challenges and Opportunities in Central Europe Today**  
**in Vienna on July 8<sup>th</sup>, 2016.**

We are a group of concerned citizens, educators, experts, opinion-makers and politicians from the Visegrad 4 and other Central European countries.

Several concerns were raised and a clear consensus emerged which can be summarized as follows:

- (1) Humanist values, based on antiquity and Judeo - Christian spiritual heritage shaped European culture. These values should be transmitted to young people of next generations as fertile ground for common identity of the nations of Europe.
- (2) Family as the basic natural institution must be protected and its autonomy respected by states and governments.
- (3) Freedom of religion, freedom of conscience, and religious liberty are basic natural rights. They should be respected by all.

**We want to defend, protect and strengthen these principles, we shall continue to do so in the future, and we welcome all who would join us in these efforts and endeavors.**