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"Both Parents for All Children™"
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Chambre des Députés
The Honourable
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Dear Ms. HETTO,

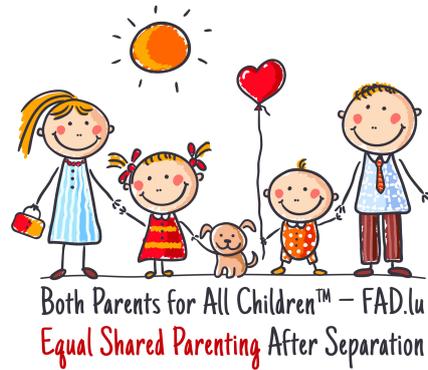
My name is Patryk P. RYBIŃSKI and I am in charge of FAD – Fathers Against Discrimination a.s.b.l. "Both Parents for All Children™", a non-profit organization based in Luxembourg with its offices in Strassen.

Our organization has been created to become a platform of dialog to promote gender equality of chance for both parents, to stop violation of children's rights and to assure their well-being.

As an association we believe a child should never be deprived of his natural human right to family life and equal access to both parents. Nor does anyone have the right to decide which of his parents' love has more value.

Considering the above we seek equal treatment of both parents during custody hearings in Luxembourg family courts. We support the rights of fathers and mothers to equal parenthood and successful professional career. We address the importance of family values promoting the positive impact a full and healthy family has on the upbringing of children.

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In 2015 European Council voted on Resolution 2079 you have personally initiated - <http://assembly.coe.int/nw/xml/XRef/Xref-XML2HTML-EN.asp?fileid=22220>. The Resolution called all EU member states to introduce Equal Shared Parenting – Alternating Residence as base for family law and a rule for children custody proceedings. An initiative that at that point in time was to be considered groundbreaking promoting gender equality across all social spheres of the member states of European Union with the objective to reach consensus that equality between parents must be guaranteed and promoted from the moment the child arrives.

The Resolution advocated the benefits of equal involvement of both parents in their child's upbringing and the positive effects active presence of both father and mother has on emotional stability of a child. The initiative you have launched also underlined that the role of fathers with regard to their kids, including very young children, needs to be better recognised and properly valued.

It has been almost 5 years since the vote in European Council. On behalf of FAD but most importantly speaking for Luxembourg children, families, parents and grandparents we would like to ask you if there has been any initiative in the last 5 years promoting Equal Shared Parenting – Alternating Residence in Luxembourg?

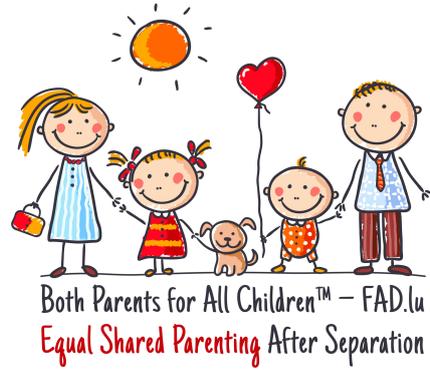
We are aware of the changes in the Luxembourg Code Civil introduced on 1 November 2018 but Equal Shared Parenting – Alternating Residence still remains only an option and not a default law and a starting point for all custody hearings in Luxembourg.

Could you please let us know if you are in possession of any information regarding number of custody proceedings since 2015 or statistical data indicating how many times Luxembourg Courts have introduced Equal Shared Parenting – Alternating Residence since?

As a former Luxembourg Minister of Equal Rights between Women and Men, previous and current member of the Luxembourg Parliament and finally the initiator of the Resolution could you please advise if you have ever taken opportunity to raise motion in the Luxembourg Parliament calling your colleagues from CSV and rest of the members of the parliament to vote on the Resolution?

If this hasn't been the case yet are you planning to address the parliament any time soon advocating your initiative and promote Equal Shared Parenting – Alternating Residence to become a default law in Luxembourg and not only an option as it is now?

We would be interested to meet with you to discuss potential cooperation in advocating our cause. We will adjust to your calendar. Thank you in advance for your reply.



Most respectfully,

Patryk P. RYBIŃSKI
President
with Board Members of the Association & Members

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"Mir wëlle bleiwe wat mir sinn an mir kënnen e Beispill fir den Rescht vun Europa sinn." -
- "We want to remain what we are and we can be an example for the rest of Europe."