

INTRODUCTION



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In European legal culture (shaped by Greek philosophy, Judeo-Christian religion, and Roman law), the concepts of family, parenthood, motherhood, and fatherhood are among the fundamental values whose traditional meaning has been questioned in the last few decades. Therefore, there has been a need for scientific reflection on one of the key aspects in this area—parental responsibility—in the legal systems of Central and Eastern European countries based on a similar constitutional axiology, belonging to the same legal culture, and having many similar historical, cultural, legal, and social experiences.

With the above in mind, the Central European Academy University of Miskolc appointed, at the beginning of 2022, the research team “Content of the right to parental responsibility,” which comprises Prof. Aleksandra Korać Graovac (University of Zagreb, Croatia); Prof. Zdeňka Králíčková (University of Brno, Czech Republic); Prof. Tímea Heinerné Barzó (University of Miskolc, Hungary); Prof. Suzana Kraljić (University of Maribor, Slovenia); Prof. Lilla Garayová (Pan-European University, Bratislava, Slovakia); Prof. Gordana Kovaček Stanić (University of Novi Sad, Serbia); Prof. Marek Andrzejewski (Polish Academy of Sciences, Poland); Prof. Paweł Sobczyk (University of Opole, Poland); and Dr. Michał Poniatowski (Cardinal Stefan Wyszyński University in Warsaw, Poland).

One of the basic tasks and effects of scientists’ work is this monograph. At the outset, the team of researchers assumed that a multi-author scientific monograph, which will be created as part of the team’s work, will be published under a title identical to the name of the team. Nevertheless, detailed analyses and discussions during an international scientific conference led to the verification of the initial research assumptions and the change of the title of the monograph to *Content of the right to parental responsibility. Experiences – Analyses – Postulates*.

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When starting the research, it was assumed that the work's individual chapters would be devoted to the analysis of the title issues from the perspective of national law and the jurisprudence of the European Court of Human Rights in Strasbourg. It was initially assumed that each chapter would consist of 12 basic points, within which detailed issues determined by the researchers will be discussed. It was considered crucial to focus the analyses on the following issues (while maintaining the researchers' autonomy and the freedom of choice of matter): (1) introduction, (2) axiological and constitutional foundations for the protection of parental responsibility, (3) protection of parental authority in the system of legal sources, (4) the concept of a parent, (5) the concept of a child, (6) principles of parental responsibility, (7) the rights and obligations of parents and children resulting from parental responsibility, (8) sexual education of children and parental responsibility, (9) detailed issues related to parental responsibility, (10) parental authority in case of divorce, (11) the status of a child not subject to parental responsibility, and (12) summary and *de lege ferenda* conclusions.

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