



## **SLOVENIA JOINS THE FAMILY! Press Release 6 March 2015**

The Network of European LGBT Families Associations (NELFA) welcomes the recent vote by the Slovenian Parliament opening marriage and family equality to same-sex couples. Slovenia becomes the 11th European country to adopt equality legislation in this area. NELFA welcomes Slovenia to the family of European nations on the right side of History.

Maria Von Känel, NELFA President, said: *"the majority vote in the Slovenian parliament showed one thing very clearly: human rights is not about Right or Left, it is about what is right. This new law, which will likely be signed very soon by Slovenia's President, will provide not just legal recognition to same-sex couples wishing to marry, it will also provide all children in Slovenia with the legal protection they deserve, whether they live with two same-sex or two opposite-sex parents"*.

Jordi Anton, NELFA Board Member from Spain, added: *"as a fellow European and a father I am extremely happy to see equality extended to one more country in Europe. Slovenian rainbow families deserve to see their lives acknowledged and protected by law. The Slovenian parliament expressed with their vote what our families have known all along: we all deserve to be equal in love."*

### **About NELFA:**

NELFA is the European platform of LGBT families associations, bringing together LGBT parents and parents-to-be from all over Europe. NELFA currently represents 23 organisations in 15 European countries with more than 23,000 members. NELFA is a member of ILGA-Europe and Transgender Europe.

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