NELFA CELEBRATES INTRODUCTION OF MARRIAGE EQUALITY AND EQUAL ADOPTION RIGHTS FOR ALL COUPLES IN LUXEMBOURG

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The Network of European LGBT Families Associations (NELFA) rejoices in the recent approval by the Luxembourg House of Representatives of legislation legalising marriage equality and introducing equal rights for same-sex couples wishing to adopt children jointly. The vote was 56 to 4. The new legislation is expected to enter into force in January 2015.

Maria von Känel, NELFA's President said: *"We are very happy to see that legislation opening marriage equality and providing equal rights in adoption for all couples in Luxembourg passed the House of Representatives with such an overwhelming majority in favour. LGBT persons in Luxembourg will now be able to marry the person they love and will be able to provide their children with the full legal protection they deserve"*.

Anne-Marie Thus, NELFA Board member from the Netherlands, added: *"I am extremely happy to see Luxembourg join the rest of the Benelux family by adopting this new legislation. I am also proud to see that the positive trend we started in the Netherlands in 2001 is catching on"*.

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 10.000 members. NELFA is a member of ILGA-Europe.

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