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## **The Network of European LGBTI Families Associations (NELFA) gathers in Barcelona, Spain**

The Network of European LGBTI Families Associations (NELFA) will gather in Barcelona, Spain for its fourth Annual General Assembly (AGM), on 12 March 2016. The event brings together representatives from NELFA's 29 member organisations, covering 18 European countries, from Portugal to Russia, from Norway to Italy, from Hungary to the UK.

Member organisations will discuss, among others, NELFA's Action Plan for 2016-2017, which puts forward the network's actions aimed at furthering the rights of LGBTI parents and their children throughout Europe. Members will also elect a new Board.

The AGM will be followed by a **rainbow families picnic on Sunday, 13 March 2016**, in Barcelona's Parc de la Ciutadella at 11:00 a.m..

**Maria von Känel, NELFA's President, said:** *"I always look forward with excitement to our Annual General Meeting. Beyond the formalities, this is a great opportunity for member organisations to get together and look at our past achievements, take stock of the challenges ahead, and agree on ideas and concrete actions to ensure the visibility of our families and the betterment of our lives in Europe. Our events are also about networking and socialising and I, and the rest of the Board of NELFA, are very much looking forward to meeting dozens of local rainbow families during our picnic on Sunday."*

**Jordi Anton, NELFA Board member based in Barcelona, added:** *"My national organisation, FLG, is very happy to be hosting the 2016 NELFA AGM in Barcelona. FLG is one of NELFA's founding members and we are very committed to NELFA's aims in defense of European rainbow families. We used this opportunity to highlight to our own national members the importance of the work done at European level. It is not just a question of solidarity, it is also about being stronger together."*

**About NELFA:** NELFA is the European platform of LGBTI families associations, bringing together LGBTI parents and parents-to-be from all over Europe. NELFA currently represents 29 organisations in 18 European countries with more than 25 500 members. NELFA is a member of ILGA-Europe and Transgender Europe. [www.nelfa.org](http://www.nelfa.org)

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