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## **The Network of European LGBTIQ\* Families Associations (NELFA) elects a new Board at its Annual General Meeting in Barcelona**

The Network of European LGBTIQ\* Families Associations (NELFA) met in Barcelona, Spain for its fourth Annual General Assembly (AGM), on 12 March 2016. NELFA's 29 member organisations, covering 18 European countries, had a fruitful discussion and agreed on their Action Plan for 2016-2017, focusing on furthering their advocacy work on behalf of LGBTIQ\* parents and their children.

Member organisations also agreed to change the name of the network to LGBTIQ\*, adding Queer to their name. The purpose is to illustrate the diversity of the family movement in Europe. The asterisk added to our name reinforces NELFA's openness to all family constellations beyond LGBTIQ. (for reference, LGBTIQ stands for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Intersex and Queer)

The AGM also elected a new Board. Maria von Känel (Dachverband Regenbogenfamilien, Switzerland) was re-elected as President, Luís Amorim (ILGA Portugal) was elected Vice-President, Rita Marascalchi (Famiglie Arcobaleno, Italy) was elected Secretary and Dominique Boren (APGL, France) was elected Treasurer. The following Board members were also elected: Jordi Antón (FLG, Spain), Caroline Ausserer (TransInterQueer, Germany), Angelo Berbotto and Giuseppina La Delfa (Famiglie Arcobaleno, Italy), Nickolas Chamtzoudis (OLKE, Greece), Kathryn Clarke and Liz Corder (Brighton and Hove Rainbow Families, UK), Lisa Green and Björn Sieverding (LSVD, Germany), Juha-Pekka Hippi (Sateenkaariperheet, Finland), Anne Rudolph (Independent, Germany) and Krisztián Rosza (Foundation for Rainbow Families, Hungary).

NELFA is very thankful to the Diputació de Barcelona for graciously hosting our meeting in the Cultural Centre 'Espai Francesca Bonnemaison'.

**Maria von Känel, NELFA's President, said:** *"I was thrilled to be re-elected as NELFA's President. I appreciate the confidence vested in me and I look forward to working with my fellow Board members to further the rights of all rainbow families in Europe. We have a winning team!"*

**About NELFA:** NELFA is the European platform of LGBTIQ\* 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.  
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International Family Equality Day (IFED): [www.internationalfamilyequalityday.org](http://www.internationalfamilyequalityday.org)

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