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A better society for ALL families - our common mission!

NELFA congratulates COFACE for its new name, slogan and core values

The Network of European LGBTIQ* Families Associations (NELFA) is very pleased to learn that COFACE, the Confederation of Family Organisations in the European Union, has changed its name into **COFACE – FAMILIES EUROPE** and adopted a new slogan, “**A better society for ALL families**” at its 2016 General Assembly.

See their press release here: <http://tinyurl.com/js7ptxn>

NELFA’s President of the Board, Maria von Känel, says, “I’m really happy about this clear new direction taken by COFACE – FAMILIES EUROPE in defence of ALL families, because it reflects our common mission! NELFA also wishes to promote non-discrimination, equal opportunities, respect for human rights, social inclusion and solidarity. Let’s continue our joint cooperation and let’s move forward together – reenergised and ready!”

Luís Amorim, Vice-President of the Board, underlines, “Promoting the well-being, health and security of ALL families can never be taken for granted. LGBTIQ* parents and their children face quite often very difficult circumstances. There is still a lack of recognition, equal rights and social acceptance in many quarters. It is reassuring to know that COFACE – FAMILIES EUROPE backs Rainbow Families as well.”

About NELFA:

NELFA is the European platform of LGBTIQ* families associations, bringing together LGBTIQ* parents and parents-to-be from all over Europe. NELFA currently represents 27 organisations in 18 European countries with more than 25,500 members. NELFA is a member of ILGA-Europe and Transgender Europe. <http://www.nelfa.org>

Our new leaflet: http://nelfa.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/09/NelfaLeafletUpdate2016-05_web.pdf

Our newsletter June 2016 : <http://bit.ly/1Ww0HQS>

International Family Equality Day (IFED): www.internationalfamilyequalityday.org

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