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Broad support for MAP in Europe – including for lesbian women

NELFA welcomes the result of a survey on medically assisted procreation (MAP)

The French opinion research institute ODOXA just published a new study concerning MAP, according to which a majority (57 percent) of those questioned (in France, Germany, Italy, Spain and the United Kingdom) advocate the option of medically assisted procreation for lesbian women.

Read more here (in French): <http://www.odoxa.fr/pma-et-infertilite-les-europeens-se-sentent-mal-informes-et-ont-raison-de-le-penser/>

The Network of European LGBTIQ* Families Associations (NELFA) is pleased with this result and also promotes further clarification and education campaigns in this context. Indeed, a large number of people (70 percent) feels badly informed about infertility and MAP.

Luís Amorim, Vice-President of NELFA, says, “The new data tell us that people are much more open in those states which already allow medically assisted procreation for lesbian women. In Spain, for example, 76 percent give a favourable opinion. By contrast, only 39 percent of Italian respondents would accept MAP for homosexuals. This shows the urgent need for objective information but also the importance of bold and decisive governments.”

NELFA’s President, Maria von Känel, adds, “The recent survey reveals an increasing support for strong women’s rights and all kinds of families. The (unfulfilled) desire to have children can be a dreadful burden, entirely independent from sexual orientation and gender identity. Finally, substantive equality of treatment and appropriate legislation should be a matter of course.”

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 June 2016 newsletter: <http://bit.ly/1Ww0HQ5>

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

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