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## NELFA PRESS RELEASE:

### **Team spirit and fresh ideas for the European Network of rainbow families! - NELFA recently elected a new Executive Board at a meeting in Barcelona**

The Network of European LGBTIQ\* Families Associations, NELFA, is looking ahead with joy, confidence and enthusiasm. On 17 June 2017, the new Board met in Barcelona (Spain) to reflect upon the achievements and challenges of the network, to professionalise the current structures and to implement several major projects, dedicated to rainbow families in Europe and beyond. One special topic was the election of the new Executive Board positions.

Dominique Boren (APGL, France) is from now on President and Giuseppina La Delfa (Famiglie Arcobaleno, Italy) Vice-President. Giovanni Fantoni (Famiglie Arcobaleno, Italy) was elected Treasurer and Björn Sieverding (LSVD, Germany) will be – as Secretary - in charge of the office. The whole NELFA Board has currently ten members and will work until the elections during the next Annual General Meeting in Lisbon, in spring 2018.

The other Board members are Caroline Ausserer (TransInterQueer, Germany), Jordi Antón (FLG, Spain), Juha-Pekka Hippi (Sateenkaariperheet, Finland), Esteban Jiménez (Famiglie Arcobaleno, Italy), Eleni Maravelia (FLG, Spain), Jesús Santos Homobono (Galehi, Spain).

**NELFA's new President, Dominique Boren**, says, *“I appreciate the confidence vested in me and I look forward to working with my fellow Board members to strengthen the rights of LGBTIQ\* parents and their children. We can build on the tremendous work done so far by NELFA and its (former) volunteers, the member organisations and numerous allies. My core message remains unequivocally and simple: Europe should rely on family diversity!”*

**Giuseppina La Delfa, new Vice-President of NELFA**, adds, *“I am delighted by the team spirit and all the fresh ideas which were discussed in Barcelona: plans for a new European Rainbow Families Meeting, the next major NELFA conference in Lisbon 2018 and the upcoming project granted by the Erasmus+ programme of the EU! My own declared aim is to reinforce our efforts to ensure the freedom of movement in Europe – for all families!”*

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 24 organisations in 15 European countries with more than 20,000 members. NELFA is a member of ILGA-Europe and Transgender Europe. Website: <http://www.nelfa.org>. Leaflet: <http://bit.ly/2rJW0us>. Newsletter: <http://bit.ly/2sQkRMz>.

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