



## NELFA SUPPORTS ITALIAN MAYORS FOR MARRIAGE EQUALITY

The Network of European LGBT Families Associations (NELFA) supports the mayors of Milan, Bologna, Rome and other Italian cities, who have recently decided to formally register the marriages celebrated by Italian same-sex couples abroad.

Maria von Känel, NELFA's President said: *"These mayors are not just making a symbolic gesture; they are standing publicly in defence of our families and their rights to full legal protection. These brave mayors are choosing the right side of history and are siding with the majority of Italians who now favour the introduction of marriage equality in Italy. This is a trend that is here to stay."*

Ilaria Trivellato, a NELFA Board member from Italy, added: *"I am extremely happy to see the joy in the faces of so many couples and their children during the registration ceremonies being organised throughout Italy. Italy is the only Western European country lacking the most basic rights for LGBT couples and their children. It's about time we join the rest of Europe. The Italian government must take notice of this unstoppable movement and do the right thing: introduce civil marriage for all couples in Italy."*

### **About NELFA:**

NELFA is the European platform of LGBT families associations, bringing together LGBT parents and parents-to-be from all over Europe. NELFA currently represents 23 organisations in 15 European countries with more than 23,000 members. NELFA is a member of ILGA-Europe and Transgender Europe.

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