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rainbow families in Europe

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ABOUT THE PROJECT

Rights on the move looks at the European protection of the rights of rainbow families, i.e. families where the parental roles are played by persons of the same legal gender - moving and residing within the EU. The diversity of regulations about marriage and partnership, access to assisted reproductive technologies and adoption exposes these families to considerable obstacles when moving within the EU.

By adopting a child-oriented approach, *Rights on the move* aims at unravelling how freedom of movement should be read in compliance with the EU Charter, the European citizenship rights of the child and other international and supranational instruments.

The project started in January 2013 and will last two years.

OBJECTIVES

- Increase knowledge on the freedom of movement of LGBT families and analyse the legal situation in the 28 Member States;
- spread information on the legal situation of rainbow families in Europe;
- increase understanding among legal professionals of the rights of children in LGBT families and how to protect them;
- create a network amongst legal practitioners and the wider legal community interested in the project's topics;
- enhance empowerment of citizens and NGOs to fully enjoy their fundamental rights;
- increase awareness among workers and employers of the situation of rainbow families moving within the EU;
- produce a White Paper discussing obstacles and proposals for overcoming them.

PROJECT MILESTONES

14-15 March 2013, Kick-off meeting **Faculty of Law, University of Trento**

An open discussion of ideas on how legal principles not yet applied to Rainbow families could help shape future case-law and legislation. The kick-off is meant to help partners collect suggestions and shape their research plan for the next two years.

2 July 2013, Medically assisted procreation and today's challenges **University of Toulouse 3 Paul Sabatier**

This one-day workshop is part of the international conference of the "European Summer School on Health Law and Bioethics July 1-6, 2013 Toulouse (France). Full programme will become available on: www.arfdm.asso.fr. The overall topic of the two-day international conference is: "Legal and ethical aspects related to the beginning of life".

24-25 October 2013, The rights of the children in LGBT families **Barcelona (at the premises of Fondation Martí l'Humà - La Garriga)**

Children of same-gender parents suffer discrimination when their relationship is not recognized by the law of the State they live in or of a destination country if they move. Limits to adoption hamper their well-being. This workshop will analyse international and comparative sources that support full recognition of family ties.

15 November 2013, Parenthood and worker's rights **CGIL Nuovi diritti, Rome**

This one-day workshop will discuss how rainbow families deal with the changing landscape of parental roles and their recognition and how national and European law protects parents at work against discrimination.

27-28 January 2014, Rights on the move Central Training **The Peace Institute, Ljubljana**

A group of legal practitioners will be selected through an open call to attend a two-day training in Slovenia. It will focus on current legal issues involving rainbow families in Europe and address case-law and legislation at the national, European and international level. Participants will then offer training to colleagues of their country of origin.

4-5 June 2014, Moving Forward: The Rights of Rainbow Families in Europe **Belfast**

During the conference, aimed at rainbow families, civil society and public administrations, findings regarding the rights of Rainbow Families across Europe will be presented, with a particular focus on parts of Europe that are particularly vulnerable to discrimination towards lesbian, gay, bisexual and trans Rainbow Families, and how these rights are affected as families move between different countries in Europe.

16-17 October 2014, Rights on the move - Rainbow families in Europe, Closing international conference **Faculty of Law, University of Trento**

This two-day conference will present the scientific research outcomes of the project and engage in a discussion on its results. A call for papers and several round-tables will discuss specific fields of analysis and highlight the most important legal challenges rainbow families face. Simultaneous translation is provided for French, Italian and English.