

The Friedrich-Ebert-Foundation Cyprus,  
the Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany in Cyprus and the University of Nicosia,  
cordially invite you to the launch and presentation of the FES-Report:

## ***The LGBTI Movement in Cyprus Activism, Law, and Change Across the Divide***

on Wednesday, 19 February 2020 at 18:30

**Location:** University of Nicosia, M-203 Conference Room Millennium Building (-2 Basement)

In Cyprus, colonisation, ethnic division, and the influence of conservative socio-political actors have stalled the creation and development of an LGBTI movement. The admission of the Republic of Cyprus to the European Union in 2004 has facilitated the mobilisation of LGBTI groups on both sides of the island. Nonetheless, in Cyprus, LGBTI equality remains a work in progress. Since the early-2010s, a pan-Cypriot LGBTI movement is in the making that progressively increases its efforts not only for LGBTI legal recognition, but also for substantive equality and intersectional justice. This report assesses the situation of the LGTBI communities on both sides of the divide.

### **Program**

**18.15 – 18.30 Registration**

**18.30 – 18.50 Welcome and Introduction**

**H.E. Franz Josef Kremp**, Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Germany in Cyprus

**Constantinos Phellas**, Vice Rector for Faculty and Research, University of Nicosia

**Hubert Faustmann**, Director of Friedrich-Ebert-Foundation Cyprus

**18:50 – 18:55 Positioning – Legal Reforms In the Pursuit of Human Rights**

**Maria Stylianou-Lottides**, Commissioner for Administration and the Protection of Human Rights

**18.55 – 19.15 Presentation of the report by the authors**

**Nayia Kamenou**, VC2020 Senior Lecturer, School of Applied Social Sciences & Deputy Director, Media Discourse Centre, De Montfort University, UK

**Costa Gavrielides**, Adviser to the President of the Republic of Cyprus for Multiculturalism, Acceptance and Respect to Diversity & Former President, Accept – LGBTI Cyprus (2012 to 2017)

**Enver Ethemer**, Independent Researcher & Co-founder, Envision Diversity

**Okan Bullici**, Psychologist & Co-founder, Envision Diversity

**19.15 – 20.30 Discussion followed by a reception**

**Coordinator:** **Aristoteles Constantinides**, Associate Professor of International Law and Human Rights, Department of Law, University of Cyprus

*The event is open to the public and will be held in English*