

The Friedrich-Ebert-Foundation Cyprus and the Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany in Cyprus 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 Friday, 21 February 2020 at 18:30

**Location of the Launch in the north:** Turkish Cypriot Chamber of Commerce

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 LGBTI 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

**Emine Dizdarlı**

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

**18.50 – 19.10 Presentation of the report by the authors**

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

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

**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)

**19.10 – 19.20 Comments by**

**Mine Atlı**, Activist at KAYAD, Association of Women to Support Living

**Fazilet Özdenefe**, Republican Turkish Party (CTP)

**Jale Refik Rogers**, People's Party (HP)

**19.20 – 20.30 Discussion followed by a reception**

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