

Equinet Executive Board Meeting I
16 March 2017 (09.30-17.00)
Warsaw, Poland

Venue & Contacts:

Długa Street 23/25
Warsaw

Attendance:

Board Members: Evelyn Collins (Chair), Sarah Benichou, Anna Błaszczak, Sandra Konstatzky, Kalliopi Lykovardi, Kirsi Pimiä, Petr Polák, Tena Šimonović Einwalter
Patrick Charlier (*Skype*)

Expert advisor: Niall Crowley

Equinet Secretariat: Anne Gaspard (Executive Director), Sarah Cooke O'Dowd (Communication Officer), Tamás Kádár (Head of Legal and Policy), Jessica Machacova (Membership and Policy Officer), Katrine Steinfeld (Policy Officer), Yannick Godin (Administration & Finance Officer), Ingrid Thorsnes (Policy and Communication Assistant – Trainee)

Apologies: -

Meeting with Commissioner for Human Rights, Poland
09:30-10:30

Welcome Introduction by Adam Bodnar, Commissioner for Human Rights

Board discussion with **Adam Bodnar**, Commissioner for Human Rights and **Sylvia Spurek**, Deputy Commissioner (responsible for non-discrimination)

AGENDA - Equinet Board Meeting
10:30-16:00

Note: Items highlighted below are priority issues that will require particular attention and input from the Board for discussion and decision.

1. OPENING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

2. APPROVAL OF DRAFT MINUTES of previous Meeting

Preparatory materials: Annex 2

Draft Minutes of Board Meeting 8 December 2016 (*Annex 2*)

For decision

3. STRATEGIC PRIORITIES (2.5 hours)	
Preparatory materials: Annex 3 on Strategic priorities items	
3.1 Equinet External Evaluation 2016 (Annex 3.1) - Introduction by external evaluator (skype) - Consideration of draft Evaluation report, conclusions and recommendations	For discussion
3.2 Preparations Equinet 10 years Anniversary 2017 - Draft concept Equinet 10 th Anniversary events 10 October (Annex 3.2)	For discussion
3.3 Supporting development of Standards for NEBs: next steps (Annex 3.3) including: - Review of ECRI GPR No 2 - Prospect of FRA Legal Opinion - Proposal Members Strategic Meeting 2017 on Developing Standards and possible side event with external stakeholders - Follow up Members Communication: <i>What can Equinet Members do to promote Standards for Equality Bodies</i> - Equinet Research on budgets and mandates of national equality bodies	For discussion For discussion For decision For discussion For discussion
3.4 Contribution to EU Agenda including: - 2017 contribution of Equinet Working Group Policy Formation (see info included Annex 6.2) - IDAHOT Forum 18-19 May 2017 (Brussels) - EC engagement and EU Work-Life Balance Package (see info included in Annex 6.1) - Implementation and cooperation: EC Directive 2014/54/EU Freedom of Movement of Workers (see info included in Annex 6.1) - EU Accessibility Act (Annex 3.4)	For decision For discussion For discussion For discussion
3.5 Stakeholders cooperation in Equality and Human Rights (Annex 3.5) - Strategic cooperation with FRA and ENNHRI (follow-up joint meeting)	For discussion
LUNCH Short Visit of Commissioner for Human Rights' Offices	
4. GOVERNANCE AND FINANCE OF THE NETWORK (45 minutes)	
Preparatory materials: Annex 4 on Governance and Finance of the Network	
4.1 Management report – Equinet Accounts (Annex 4.1) - Final 2016 Equinet Accounts (closed and audited) - EC Grant 2017 Budget (approved)	For discussion
4.2 Planning Equinet AGM and Board Elections	For discussion
4.3 Update Moderators Working Groups 2017 (Equality Law,	For update

Gender Equality) <i>(see info included in Annex 6.2)</i>	
4.4 Membership updates Including: Unia Belgium, NCCD Romania, UNAR Italy, Austrian Ombudsman for Disability, Greek Ombudsman	For discussion
5. OPERATIONAL ISSUES (1 hour)	
Preparatory materials: Annex 5 on operational issues	
5.1 Concept Equinet Cluster on Research 2017 <i>(Annex 5.1)</i>	For discussion
5.2 Equinet Conference on Positive Duties, Brussels 4 May 2017 <i>(Annex 5.2)</i>	For discussion
5.3 Planning Equinet Conference on Migration & Integration (preliminary discussion)	For discussion
6. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION - Question time on Annex 6 doc (30 minutes)	
7. AOB and NEXT MEETINGS	
Strategic Meeting on Standards (3 May) and Conference Positive Duties (4 May), Brussels Equinet Board Meeting, 14 June 2017 (Brussels) Equinet Board Meeting, 13 Sept 2017 (Belfast) 10 th Anniversary Events (10 Oct) and Equinet AGM (11 Oct), Brussels	

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

Preparatory materials: annex 6 Items for information

(Joint Annex 6.1 for all items below – except where separate reference below)

- Updated Calendar of Equinet events 2017
- Equinet 10 years Anniversary - Communication work and activities 2017
- Equinet Seminar on Intellectual Disabilities, Zagreb 9-10 March 2017 *(Annex 6.2)*
- Violence against Women: Equinet Project and TAIEX Workshop
- Equinet Cluster on quasi-judicial bodies
- Equinet Working Groups update *(Annex 6.3)*
- Equinet Training on (i) social media, (ii) Gender Pay Gap and (iii) Strategic Litigation
- Update Cooperation platforms FRA-CoE-Equinet-ENNHRI
- Engagement EU and European stakeholders initiatives
 - EU Pillar of Social Rights
 - EC engagement and EU Work-Life Balance Package
 - EC Directive 2014/54/EU Freedom of Movement of Workers
 - Equinet Speaker Invitation to Conference on “Evolution and Challenges of Multi-mandated NHRIs”, 19 April 2017 in Tbilisi (20 years anniversary of the Public Defender’s office of Georgia)
 - Speaker invitation to ASEM Conference on the economic empowerment of women, 25-26 May 2017 in Vilnius (Lithuania)
 - Equinet participation in external meetings and events *(Annex 6.4)*

Meeting with NGOs Coalition, Poland
16:00-17:00

Introduction by Krzysztof Śmiszek, President NGOs Coalition

Board discussion with representatives from NGOs coalition in Poland