

EQUINET EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING III

17 September 2015 (09.15-15.30)

Brussels, Belgium

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Attendance:

Board Members: Evelyn Collins (Chair), Kosana Beker, Anna Błaszczak, István Haller, Mari-Liis Sepper, Néphéli Yatropoulos
Board Advisor: Niall Crowley

Equinet Secretariat: Anne Gaspard (executive director), Tamás Kádár (senior policy officer), Yannick Godin (administration & finance officer), Sarah Cooke O'Dowd (communication officer), Jessica Machacova (project officer), Moana Genevey (trainee- communication/policy assistant)

Apologies: Tena Simonovic-Einwalter (*Board Member, on maternity leave*), Therese Spiteri (*Treasurer*)

AGENDA

	INFORMATION	DISCUSSION	DECISION
1. Opening and announcements	•		
2. Follow-up last Equinet Meetings			
○ Draft Minutes of Board Meeting 30 April 2015 (Annex 2.1)	•		•
○ Seminar <i>Charter Fundamental Rights</i> , Brussels June 2015 - summary & evaluation feedback (Annex 2.2)	•		
○ Gender Seminar <i>Work-Life Balance</i> , Tallinn July 2015 - Summary + Evaluation feedback (Annex 2.3)	•		
○ Training <i>Access to EU Funds</i> , Sofia Sept 2015 – Evaluation feedback (Annex 2.4)	•		
○ Equinet <i>Evaluation Lab</i> meeting June 2015 – summary & evaluation feedback (Annex 2.5)	•		
3. Equinet Draft Work Plan 2016			
○ Board discussion and approval of Draft Work Plan 2016 (Annex 3.1)		•	•
○ Monitoring and evaluation - Outputs and Impact Indicators Work Plans 2015/2016 (Annex 3.2)		•	
4. Equinet Governance			
○ Equinet Membership update	•		
○ <i>Membership Application - Protector of Human Rights and Freedoms of Montenegro</i> , Board review and decision (Annex 4.1)			•
○ <i>Membership Application - Ombudswoman for persons with disabilities, Croatia</i> (Annex 4.2)			•

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Equinet AGM Draft Programme, Brussels 9 Oct 2015 (Annex 4.3) ○ Equinet Board Elections (mandate 2015-2017) (Annex 4.4) 	•	•	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Strategic issues ○ Equinet Cluster on Standards for NEBs (Annex 5.1) ○ Equinet Meeting with EC Commissioner Jourovà, 27 August (Annex 5.2) ○ EC Colloquium on Fundamental Rights (Annex 5.3) ○ EC Horizontal Directive – process update & discussion (Annex 5.4) ○ Developments in the field of Disability & CRPD (Annex 5.5) 	•	• • • •	•
<p>5. Equinet Communication</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Presentation Equinet Highlights 2014-2015 (Annex 6.1) ○ Equinet updated promotional Brochure (Annex 6.2) ○ Production, use and dissemination – Board Discussion 	• •	•	•
<p>6. Equinet 2015 Work Programme Implementation</p> <p><i>Priority issues</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Equinet Research on Sanctions (Annex 7.1) ○ Seminar Religion & Belief, London 9-10 Nov (Annex 7.2) ○ Conference on Freedom of Movement, Paris 8 Dec (Annex 7.3)* <p><i>Other relevant issues</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Update on Equinet Working Groups 2015 activities (Annex 7.4) ○ Strategic Litigation Cluster (Annex 7.5) 		• • •	• •
<p>7. Equinet Finance & Administration</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Equinet Secretariat – Team Structure and recruitment update (Annex 8.1)* ○ Final accounts 2014 (Annex 8.2) – for AGM adoption ○ Management report – Equinet finances 2015 (Annex 8.3)* 	• • •	• •	
<p>8. Relevant EU and European stakeholders initiatives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ European Roundtable on Standards NEBs, Madrid 22 Sept (Annex 9.1) ○ Cooperation platforms FRA-CoE-Equinet-ENNHRI ○ FRA meeting with national stakeholders, 18-20 November Vienna (Annex 9.2) ○ ERIO annual meeting with NEBs, 16 Oct Brussels (Annex 9.3) ○ EC Conference Diversity Charters, Lux. Presidency, 28 Oct (Annex 9.4) ○ Equinet participation in meetings and events 2015 (Annex 9.5) 	•	•	
<p>9. Any Other Business (AOB)</p>			
<p>10. Next meetings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Update Equinet Calendar 2015 meetings and events <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 9 October: Equinet AGM (Brussels) + Board Meeting - 9-10 Nov: Seminar on Religion & Belief (London) - 8 Dec: Conference on the freedom of movement Directive (Paris) - 9 Dec: Board meeting (Paris) 			

NOTE (Annex): will be introduced and available at Board Meeting*