

8 December 2016 (09.15-16.00) Brussels, Belgium

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<u>Equinet Secretariat</u>: 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), Silvana Röbstorf (policy and communication assistant), Nicolas Oliveri Ibaldi (finance and administration assistant)

Apologies: Kalliopi Lykovardi (Board Member), Elisabeth Lier Haugseth (resigned Board Member)

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

AGENDA					
		INFORMATION	DISCUSSION	DECISION	
1.	Opening and announcements	•			
2.	Follow-up last Equinet Meetings O Draft Minutes of Board Meeting 8 September 2016 (Annex 2.1) Equinet Annual General Meeting AGM, 29-30 Sept 2016 (Annex 2.2) Equinet Seminar on Fighting Discrimination on the grounds of Race and Ethnic Origin, Budapest 9-10 November 2016 (Annex 2.3)	•	•	•	
3.	 Equinet Governance: Equinet Board Membership–Resignation Elisabeth Lier Haugseth (Annex 3.1) Board Conciliator nomination – Equinet Staff Regulations (Annex 3.2) Equinet Board Election Procedures – Group allocation of Bosnia and Herzegovina / new Member (Annex 3.3) 		•	•	

4. Strategic issues			
 Supporting development of Standards for NEBs: next steps (Annex 4.1) 		•	
including: - Prospect of FRA Legal Opinion			
- Review of ECRI GPR No 2			•
- Proposal Strategic Meeting 2017 on Developing Standards		•	•
- Draft Members Communication: What can Equinet Members do to promote		•	•
Standards for Equality Bodies (Annex 4.2)			
- Links between Equality and Human Rights mandates and standards		•	
5. Equinet Membership:			
Membership updates: A that to Francisco from Power for Francisco (Approx F.4)	•		
 Letter to Equinet from new Advocate for Equality, Slovenia (Annex 5.1) Equinet Membership Engagement (Equinet work 2017) 	•		
Regional Cooperation development		•	
Scope and potential for future Equinet membership development		•	
6. Equinet Communication			
o Preparations Equinet 10 years Anniversary 2017 (Annex 6.1)		•	
 Equinet public statements positioning: follow-up discussion / case studies 		•	
(Annex 6.2)			
LUNGU			
LUNCH			
7. Work Programme 2016 / 2017– Implementation progress and planning:			
Important general planning o Tentative Equinet Calendar 2017 (Annex 7.1)			
Moderation and participation - Equinet Working Groups	•	•	
Cooperation platforms FRA-CoE-Equinet-ENNHRI		•	
o cooperation platforms i ttA-coc-Equinet-Etvivi itt	•		
Completion Equinet Work Plan 2016 with continuation in 2017			
 Meeting Cluster Strategic Litigation 12 Dec 2016 and follow-up training 2017 	•	•	
(Annex 7.2)			
 Launch meeting Cluster on quasi-judicial bodies 16 Dec 2016 and follow-up 		•	
work in 2017 (Annex 7.3)			
 Equinet Working Groups update (Annex 7.4) 	•	•	
 Project Evaluation Lab and follow-up 	•		
Priorities Equinet Work Plan 2017			
o Equinet Seminar on Intellectual Disabilities (Annex 7.5)			
o Project on Violence against Women (Annex 7.6)			
Equinet Training Equality Bodies and Social Media	•	•	
Inclusion of migrants – Factsheet and follow-up work	•		
Report and Conference on Positive Duties	•	•	
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8. Equinet Finance & Administration			
Equinet Funding - EC Grant Application 2017	•		
o Management report - situation Equinet Accounts 2016 (Annex 8.1)	•		
o Update on other funding prospects (Annex 8.2)	_	•	
 Equinet external evaluation 2016 (Annex 8.3) 	•		
9. Relevant EU and European stakeholders initiatives	•		
Follow up EC Journalism Award, Dublin Oct 2016			
 EU High Level Group on Combating Racism, Xenophobia and other Forms of 			
Intolerance, 2 nd Meeting, 7 Dec 2016			
 European Pillar of Social Rights: EC Consultation and event 23 Jan 2017 			
o Malta EU Presidency 2017: events on (i) Gender-based violence 2-3 Feb (ii)			
Girls and Women in Science 10-11 Feb (iii) on LGBTI issues 23 Feb			
o LGBTI Initiatives & IDAHOT Forum 2017			
 Equinet participation in meetings and events (Annex 9.1) 			1
10. Any other Business (AOB)			

11. Next meetings		
o Equinet Calendar 2017 – next dates:		
 Seminar on Intellectual Disabilities, 9-10 March 2017 (Zagreb, Croatia) 	•	
o Board Meeting, March 2017 (tbc)		