

8 September 2016 (09.00-15.30) Helsinki, Finland

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Attendance:

Board Members: Evelyn Collins (Chair), Kosana Beker, Sarah Benichou, Anna Błaszczak, Patrick Charlier, Sandra Konstatzky, Elisabeth Lier Haugseth, Kalliopi Lykovardi, Petr Polak

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)

Expert advisor: Niall Crowley

Apologies: Yannick Godin (administration & finance officer)

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

AGENDA			
Opening and announcements	INFORMATION	DISCUSSION	DECISION
 2. Follow-up last Equinet Meetings o Draft Minutes of Board Meeting 15 June 2016 (Annex 2.1) o Equinet Reception & Conference: Strengthening implementation and effectiveness of equal treatment legislation, Brussels 15-16 June 2016 	•		•
 3. Strategic issues Equinet/NEBs EU Positioning (Annex 3.1) Equinet Draft Work Plan 2017 (Annex 3.2) Supporting development of Standards for NEBs: next steps (Annex 3.3) Discussion: Links between NEBs and NHRIs mandates, linking Equality and Human Rights frameworks (Annex 3.4) 		•	•
 4. Equinet Membership: o Membership updates o Scope and potential for future Equinet membership development 	•	•	

 5. Equinet Governance: Equinet Annual General Meeting - AGM 2016 Draft Programme (Annex 5.1) Revised Proposal - Equinet Board Elections Procedures (Annex 5.2) 	•		•
6. Equinet Communication o Equinet Online Directory of NEBs o Preparations Equinet 10 years Anniversary 2017 (Annex 6.2) o Equinet public statements positioning (Annex 6.3)	•	•	
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7. Equinet Work Programme 2016 – Implementation progress:Equinet Calendar 2016 (Annex 7.1)	•		
 Priority planning items under Equinet Work Plan 2016 Working Groups update (Annex 7.2) Equinet Factsheet – Follow up Members survey questionnaire on inclusion of migrants (Annex 7.3) Equinet Training Equality Bodies and Social Media (Annex 7.4) Seminar on Race & Ethnicity, Budapest 9-10 Nov 2016 (Annex 7.5) Equinet draft Paper & Conference on Intersectionality, Brussels 7 Dec 2016 (Annex 7.6) 	•	•	•
Presentation & Discussion (Katrine Steinfeld and Niall Crowley) o Draft Study paper on the use of positive duties in promoting equality (Annex 7.7)		•	•
Other relevant Work Plan items Cluster on quasi-judicial bodies (Annex 7.8) Strategic Litigation Cluster Cooperation platforms FRA-CoE-Equinet-ENNHRI (Annex 7.9)	:	•	
 Equinet Finance & Administration Management report - situation Equinet Accounts 2016 (Annex 8.1) Equinet external evaluation 2016 	:	•	
 9. Relevant EU and European stakeholders initiatives EC Journalism Award 2016 (Annex 9.1) EC LGBTI Campaign 2016 & IDAHO Forum 2017 (Annex 9.2) Equinet participation in meetings and events 2016 (Annex 9.3) 	•		
10. Any other Business (AOB)			
 11. Next meetings Equinet Calendar 2016 – next dates: AGM 29-30 September 2016 (Brussels, Belgium) Seminar on Race & Ethnicity, 9-10 November 2016 (Budapest, Hungary) Conference on Intersectionality, 7 December 2016 (Brussels, Belgium) Board Meeting 8 December 2016 (Brussels, Belgium) 	•		