

EQUINET EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING V
9 December 2015 (09.15-16.00)
Paris, France

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Attendance:

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

Apologies - Board Member: **Kosana Beker**

Equinet Secretariat: Anne Gaspard (executive director), Tamás Kádár (head of legal and policy), Yannick Godin (administration & finance officer), Sarah Cooke O'Dowd (communication officer), Jessica Machacova (project officer), Moana Genevey (trainee- communication/policy assistant)
Katrine Steinfeld (policy officer – focus gender equality, starting January 2016)

AGENDA

	INFORMATION	DISCUSSION	DECISION
1. Opening and announcements	•		
2. Follow-up last Equinet Meetings			
○ Draft Minutes of Board Meeting 9 October 2015 (Annex 2.1)			•
○ Draft Minutes of Board Meeting 17 Sept 2015 (Annex 2.2)			•
○ Equinet AGM Oct 2015 - summary & evaluation feedback (Annex 2.3)	•	•	
○ Equinet Seminar on Religion & Belief, London Nov 2015 (Annex 2.4)	•	•	
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3. Equinet Governance and management			
○ Role and nomination of Equinet Treasurer (Annex 3.1)		•	•
○ Nomination of Board Conciliator (Annex 3.2)		•	•
○ Equinet Board Advisor – Proposal (Annex 3.3)		•	•
○ Update Working Group Moderators (Annex 3.4)	•		
○ Equinet Board Elections Procedures – Group allocation of Montenegro / new Member (Annex 3.5)		•	•
<i>Monitoring & Evaluation</i>			
○ Outputs and Impact Indicators Work Plans 2015/2016	•	•	
○ External evaluation process 2015 (Annex 3.6)		•	
4. Strategic issues			
○ EU positioning of NEBs - follow-up EC Colloquium First Vice-President Timmermans and Commissioner Jourovà (Annex 4.1)	•	•	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Equinet Cluster on Standards for NEBs – update on follow-up (Annex 4.2) 	•	•	
5. Equinet Work Programme 2015- planning 2016			
<i>Completion 2015 Work Plan Implementation</i>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Equinet Research on Sanctions (Annex 5.1) 		•	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Update on Equinet Working Groups 2015 activities (Annex 3.4 as above) 	•		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Equinet ECtHR monitoring (Annex 5.2) 	•	•	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Strategic Litigation Cluster (Annex 5.3) 	•	•	
<i>Planning implementation of Equinet Work Plan 2016</i>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Work Plan overview and Calendar 2016 (Annex 5.4) 	•	•	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Equinet Roundtable “Equality Bodies and Work-Life Balance: contributing to new EU Initiatives” (Annex 5.5) 		•	•
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Outline Concept – Equinet Seminar “Reasonable Accommodation and Accessibility” (Annex 5.6) 		•	
13.00-14.30 EXCHANGE & LUNCH with Defender of Rights			
6. Equinet Membership			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Equinet Membership update 	•		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Situation of UNAR, Italy (Annex 6.1) 	•	•	
7. Equinet Finance & Administration			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Equinet Secretariat – Team Structure and recruitment update (Annex 7.1) 	•		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ EC Funding – Grant 2016 (application process update and issues) 	•		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Management report – Equinet finances 2015 (Annex 7.2) 	•	•	
8. Relevant EU and European stakeholders initiatives			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ EC Public Consultation on Work-Life Balance 	•	•	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Council of Europe Helsinki event, 10-11 December (Annex 8.1) 			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Cooperation platforms FRA-CoE-Equinet-ENNHRI (Annex 8.2) 			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ FRA meeting with national stakeholders, 18-20 November Vienna 			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Equinet participation in meetings and events 2015 (Annex 8.3) 			
9. Any Other Business (AOB)			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Suggested key items for next Board Meeting agenda 		•	
10. Next meetings			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Equinet Calendar 2016 – proposed dates for Board meetings: 	•		•
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 3 March 2016, Brussels 			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 16 June 2016, Brussels 			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 8 September 2016 			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 8 December 2016 			