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Equinet, the European Network of Equality Bodies, brings together 37 organizations from 30 European countries, which are empowered to counteract discrimination as

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### Members of Equinet

*Welcome to the interactive information portal dedicated to Equinet's member equality bodies. Here you can find a list of all Equinet members from each European country, with a brief profile of each organisation but also the possibility to explore more detailed information sheets.*



#### Austria

- [Ombud for Equal Treatment](#)



#### Belgium

- [Centre for Equal Opportunities and Opposition to Racism](#)
- [Institute for the Equality of Women and Men](#)

# Commission for the Protection of Equality – Serbia

SAMPLE PROFILE

## Brief profile

### Contact details

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- **General email address:** [poverenik@ravnopravnost.gov.rs](mailto:poverenik@ravnopravnost.gov.rs)
- **Helpline and telephone number:** +381 11 243 64 64
- **Person of contact for media enquiries:** Antigona Andonov ([antigona.andonov@ravnopravnost.gov.rs](mailto:antigona.andonov@ravnopravnost.gov.rs))

### Overview

The Commission for the Protection of Equality is authorised to conduct complaints proceedings for discrimination, initiate law suits for protection against discrimination, file misdemeanour charges to the court, inform the public about discrimination cases and issue recommendations with the aim of improving equality protection.

### Type of equality body

The *Commission for the Protection of Equality* is a predominantly quasi-judicial body<sup>1</sup>.

## Grounds and fields of discrimination covered

Grounds	Fields	
	Employment	Beyond employment (education, goods & services, housing, etc.)
Gender	◆	◆
Race and ethnic origin	◆	◆

## Detailed OVERVIEW of members'

- Contact info
- Type of EB
- History
- Mandates
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- Budget
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## IN THE SPOTLIGHT



### ELIZA SAVVIDOU ON PROMOTING EQUALITY IN CYPRUS, THE ECONOMIC CRISIS AND THE CYPRIOT PRESIDENCY OF THE EU

The Office of the  
Commissioner for  
Administration and Human  
Rights is one of the oldest  
Equinet members (it joined the

network in 2007) and has the role of Ombudsman  
and National Equality Body in the Republic of  
Cyprus. Ms. Eliza Savvidou, the head of the  
Office, discussed with us the challenges faced by  
her institution in times of austerity, the  
opportunities provided by Equinet, and the  
commitment of Cypriot society to equal  
treatment. (...)

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The section “**IN THE SPOTLIGHT**” offers increased visibility to the work of Equinet member organisations and topical issues related to equality and non-discrimination at European level



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October 5th 2012



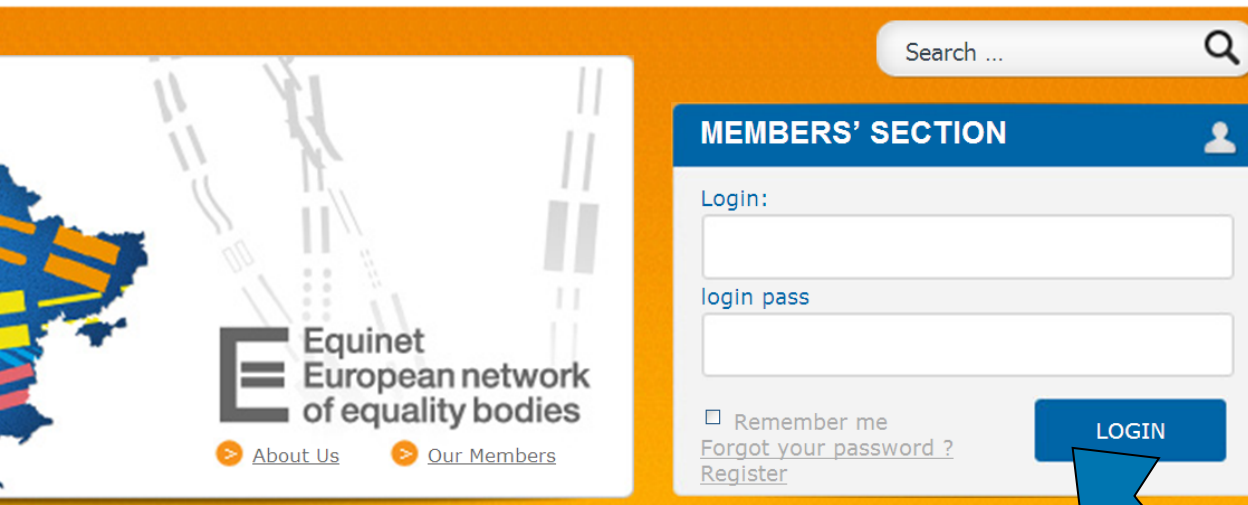
*This perspective was prepared by Equinet's Working Group on Policy Formation and addresses key current challenges and opportunities facing national equality bodies in the context of the economic and financial crisis.*

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### Latest Publications

- ▶ New edition of the European Anti-Discrimination Law Review
- ▶ Equality Commission for Northern Ireland publishes annual report
- ▶ EHRC launches reports on disability harassment and women-only services
- ▶ Belgian NEB launches a report on transcultural competencies in the health care sector
- ▶ FRA publishes handbook on the establishment and accreditation of NHRIs

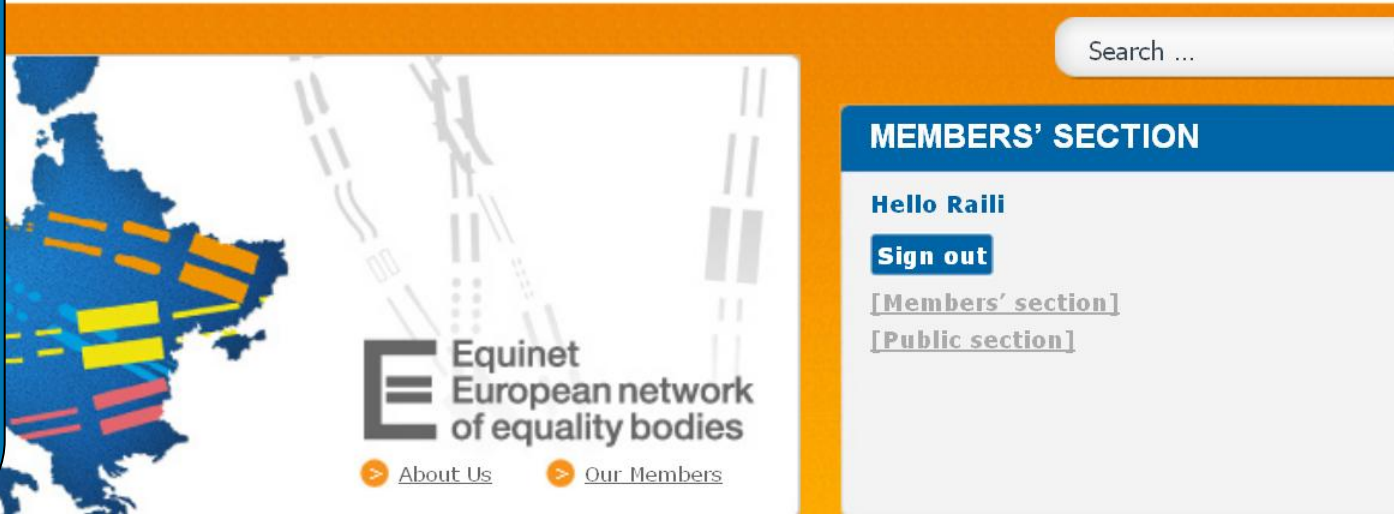
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- Governance
- Membership
- Working groups
- Events
- Forum



Equinet posts its most important announcements and requests to members to the **INFORMATION BOARD**.  
Make sure to check it regularly!

## INFORMATION BOARD

*Equinet will regularly post important announcements and requests for its members replies are very much appreciated.*

### Register for the Equinet 2012 Annual General Meeting in Brussels

Equinet will host its Annual General Meeting in Brussels on Wednesday, 5 December 2012. To find out more information about the meeting click [here](#).

### Equinet Communication to Heads of Member Equality Bodies: Proposal of the work of the Network of Gender Equality Bodies into the Equinet framework

Equinet has recently been approached by the European Commission to assess the possibility of integrating the work of the Network of Gender Equality Bodies, currently established under the gender equality framework of the European Commission, into the activities of Equinet. To read Equinet's communication to the heads of member national equality bodies on this issue, please click [here](#)

### DL ASAP: Filling in the questionnaire on the race ground for Equinet project at informing the EC's review of the Race directive

The Equinet working group on Policy Formation has decided to dedicate its second part of 2012 to the work of the equality bodies this year to combating discrimination and promoting equality on the ground of race and ethnicity.

This is being done to inform the work of the European Commission in conducting its review of the 'Race' Directive (2000/43/EC) in the first half of 2013. This will represent an important step in the evolution of EU equal treatment legislation and it is important to ensure that this process is informed by the experience and learning of the equality bodies across the Member States.

## Internal Calendar

« November 2012 »

M	T	W	T	F	S	S
29	30	31	1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	1	2

All important internal events and deadlines are integrated into the **ONLINE CALENDAR**



The “**GOVERNANCE**” section covers the internal functioning of the network. Featured items are:

- General information
- Downloadable key administration documents
- Procedures

- Executive Board
- Board Meetings and Minutes
- Annual General Meetings
- Statutes
- External Evaluation

## YOUR MEMBERSHIP

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### Membership Handbook

The member's handbook 2012 gives an overview of the running of Equinet - from the organisation's structure to a step-by-step guide to internal procedures. Should there be anything that is not clear from the handbook, please feel free to contact the Equinet Secretariat.



Membership Handbook  
2012

The “**YOUR MEMBERSHIP**” section answers questions members may have in regard to their membership

The new  
“**WORKING  
GROUPS**” section  
provides:

- The most up-to-date information on logistics & meetings
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## EQUALITY LAW IN PRACTICE

June 4th 2012

The working group Equality Law in Practice is Equinet's permanent platform for legal staff of equality bodies to exchange experience, share expertise and work to improve the level of legal protection from discrimination across the EU. The working group focuses on the interpretation of complex legal problems and a comparative analysis of EU and national legislation and jurisprudence in the field of equality and anti-discrimination law.

### Current moderator:

Ms. Jayne Hardwick from the [Equality and Human Rights Commission](#) in the UK  
[Jayne.Hardwick@equalityhumanrights.com](mailto:Jayne.Hardwick@equalityhumanrights.com)

### Staff support in the Equinet Secretariat:

Tamás Kádár, Policy Officer  
[Tamas.Kadar@equineteurope.org](mailto:Tamas.Kadar@equineteurope.org)

### Focus in 2012:

The working group will analyse a number of cases in 2012, each provided by members of the group. The cases will be selected from a variety of countries and with a view to represent diversity in terms of discrimination fields and grounds. The cases will also be chosen to support the major themes that Equinet is working on or where there is evidence that there is a significant insecurity in the interpretation of equal treatment laws.

### First meeting in 2012

The agenda of the March meeting in London is available [here](#) [1].

### Second meeting in 2012

The second meeting was held on Friday 19 October at the office of the Czech Public Defender of Rights in Brno, the Czech Republic. The agenda is available [here](#).

## FORUM

**A DISCUSSION FORUM** for exchanging experience, expertise and information on topics related to the 5 subsections of the forum

### Legal

*This section should be used to ask questions, post requests for information or support, make proposals and/or discuss topics relevant to the **LEGAL** work and functioning of equality bodies, excluding those that are related to the activity of the Equinet Working Group Law in Practice for which there is a special section in the forum.*

### Development

*This section should be used to ask questions, post requests for information or support, make proposals and/or discuss topics relevant to the **STRATEGIES and DEVELOPMENT** of equality bodies, excluding those that are related to the activity of the Equinet Working Group Strategy Development for which there is a special section in the forum.*

### Research

*This section should be used to ask questions, post requests for information or support, make proposals and/or discuss topics relevant to the **RESEARCH** done by equality bodies.*

### Communications

*This section should be used to ask questions, post requests for information or support, make proposals and/or discuss topics relevant to the **COMMUNICATIONS** work of equality bodies, excluding those that are related to the activity of the Equinet Working Group Communication Strategies and Practices for which there is a special section in the forum.*

### Equinet

*This section should be used to ask questions, make proposals and/or discuss topics relevant to the **membership in and activities of Equinet**. We would especially appreciate it if you would like to suggest improvements, report mistakes or problems, and/or **provide feedback on anything related to***

**NB! An automatic email notification is sent to the author of a forum post when a comment is posted in response to his/her post.**

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Equinet

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The European Network of Equality Bodies

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Organisation *[Required]* :

Address *[Required]* :

Rue Royale 138

Postal Code and City *[Required]* :

1000 Brussels

Country *[Required]* :

Belgium



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