

## AGENDA - Equinet Annual General Meeting (AGM)

Thursday, 28 November 2013

Venue: HUSA President Park Hotel, 44 Boulevard du Roi Albert II, 1000 Brussels, Belgium

08:30 - 09.00	<b>Registration</b>	
09.00 - 11.00	<b>Session 1 – Review and way forward Equinet – European Network of Equality Bodies</b> Chair: Jozef De Witte, Chair - Equinet Executive Board	
09.00 - 10.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Welcome and introduction</li> <li><b>Report on Equinet</b> by Jozef De Witte, Chair - Equinet Executive Board</li> </ul>	
	Report on 2013 Work Plan Presentation of Work Plan & Budget 2014 <sup>1</sup> Funding & financial issues	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Q&amp;A – Members’ discussion</b></li> </ul>	
	<b>VOTE ON</b>	Minutes Equinet AGM 2012 Accounts 2012
10.00 - 10.15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Update on Equinet Membership</b></li> </ul>	
	Introduction of candidate member equality bodies	
	National Equality Councillor, Italy	
	National Commission for Persons with Disability, Malta	
	Ombudsperson for Gender Equality, Croatia	
	<b>VOTE ON RATIFICATION OF CANDIDATES FOR MEMBERSHIP</b>	
10.15 - 11.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Introduction of Equinet Board Elections</b> (for a mandate 2013-2015)</li> </ul> Steps & procedures for the closed ballot vote (afternoon) Personal introduction of candidates (2 min each)	
11.00 - 11.30	<b>Coffee Break</b>	
11.30 - 12.45	<b>Session 2 – Pre-consultation with Members on Preparing for next Equinet Strategic Plan (parallel discussion groups)</b>	
<b>1. Changing context of work for NEBs</b>	What are the key external changes, challenges and opportunities in the political, institutional and legal environment affecting the work and priorities of NEBs and Equinet?	<i>facilitated by <b>Eva Biaudet</b> (Finnish Ombudsman for Minorities)</i>

<sup>1</sup> Adopted by the Equinet Executive Board on 20 September following consultation with the membership, as the basis for Equinet's application for 2014 EC Action Grant

<b>2. Evolving needs of NEBs</b>	What would NEBs like to see as Equinet's key objectives in the future to be relevant to all members? What are the key internal challenges for Equinet?	<i>facilitated by <b>Mandana Zarreparvar</b> (Danish Institute for Human Rights)</i>
<b>3. Equinet structures and working groups</b>	Are the current structures, working methods and events satisfactory in order to meet the needs of NEBs? How could they be evolved effectively in the future?	<i>facilitated by <b>Jayne Hardwick</b> (Great Britain Equality and Human Rights Commission)</i>
<b>4. Communications and Messages</b>	What are the key messages that NEBs need to communicate about themselves? What are the messages that Equinet needs to communicate about NEBs? What are the most effective means to communicate them?	<i>facilitated by <b>Nadine Brauns</b> (Belgian Centre for Equal Opportunities and Opposition to Racism)</i>
<b>12.45 - 14.00</b>	<b>Networking Lunch</b>	
<b>14.00</b>	<b>CLOSED BALLOT VOTE</b>	<b>EQUINET BOARD MEMBERS ELECTIONS</b>
<b>14.00 - 16.00</b>	<b>Session 3 – EU priorities on equality and non-discrimination</b> Chair: Anne Gaspard, Equinet Executive Director	
14.00 - 14.10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Equinet Introduction, <b>Evelyn Collins</b>, Moderator Working Group Policy Formation</li> </ul>	
14.10 - 14.30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Aurel Ciobanu-Dordea</b>, Director for Equality, DG Justice, European Commission</li> </ul>	
14.30 - 14.50	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Raül Romeva I Rueda MEP</b>, Member of the European Parliament</li> </ul>	
14.50 - 15.30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Q&amp;A – Members' discussion</li> </ul>	
15.30 - 16.00	<b>Launching of the Equinet paper on <i>Processes and Indicators for measuring the impact of equality bodies</i></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Presentation of paper by <b>Niall Crowley</b> (independent expert)</li> </ul>	
16.00 - 16.30	Coffee Break	
<b>16.30 - 17.00</b>	<b>Closing Session</b>	<i>Jozef De Witte, Chair of Equinet</i> <i>Anne Gaspard, Equinet Executive Director</i>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Results of Equinet Board Elections</b></li> <li>Conclusion and closing remarks</li> </ul>	

## NOTE for Equinet Board Elections Candidates

### AGENDA - FIRST EQUINET EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING (restricted to elected Board Members only)

<b>17.15 - 18.15</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Opening and Board Members introduction</li> <li>Nomination of the Chair of Equinet Board and of the Equinet Treasurer</li> <li>Forthcoming decisions</li> </ul>
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