

# Equinet High-Level Legal Seminar on Equality Law

19 February 2014

## VENUE

Institute for the Equality of Women and Men, Rue Ernest  
Blérot 1, Brussels

## A G E N D A

08.30 – 09.00 **Registration and Welcome**

### Opening Address

09.00 – 09.30 **Evelyn Collins** – Chair of Equinet and Chief Executive of the Equality  
Commission for Northern Ireland

**Andreas Stein** – Head of Unit on Equal Treatment Legislation, DG  
Justice, European Commission

09.30 – 11.00

### SESSION 1 – Developing jurisprudence on discrimination in Europe

Chair: **Tena Šimonović Einwalter**, Equinet Executive Board member  
(*Office of the Ombudsman, Croatia*)

09.30 – 10.00

**Evolving case law of the CJEU  
and its interplay with the ECtHR  
and the European Committee on  
Social Rights**

**Colm O’Cinneide**

University College London, Vice-  
President of the European  
Committee of Social Rights

10.00 – 10.30

**The European Commission’s  
implementation Report on  
Directives 2000/43 and 2000/78**

**Pia Lindholm and Alvaro  
Oliveira**

European Commission DG Justice

10.30 – 11.00

**Questions & Answers – Discussion**

11.00 – 11.30

**Coffee break**

11.30 – 12.45

### SESSION 2 – European case law

Chair: **Jayne Hardwick**, Moderator of the Equinet Working Group on  
Equality Law in Practice (*Equality and Human Rights Commission, Great  
Britain*)

11.30 – 12.00

**School segregation of Roma  
children**

**Dezideriu Gergely**

European Roma Rights Centre

12.00 – 12.20	<b>The Asociația Accept (C-81/12) case and the lessons learnt from it</b>	<b>Iustina Ionescu</b> Euroregional Center for Public Initiatives, Romania
12.20 – 12.45	<b>Questions &amp; Answers – Discussion</b>	
12.45 – 14.00	<b>Lunch</b>	
<b>14.00 – 16.30</b>	<b>SESSION 3 – Ensuring freedom of movement and combating nationality-based discrimination</b> Chair: <b>Evelyn Collins</b> , Chair of Equinet ( <i>Equality Commission for Northern Ireland</i> )	
14.00 – 14.20	<b>The right to freedom of movement and the perspective of the European Parliament on the proposed EU Directive</b>	<b>Edit Bauer</b> Member of the European Parliament (Group of the European People's Party)
14.20 – 14.40	<b>The proposed EU Directive – the current state of play and expectations</b>	<b>Gillian More</b> European Commission DG Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion
14.40 – 15.00	<b>Combating nationality - based discrimination in the Member States and the implications of the proposed Directive</b>	<b>Paul Minderhoud</b> Coordinator, European Network on Free Movement of Workers (Radboud University Nijmegen, the Netherlands)
15.00 – 15.30	<b>Questions &amp; Answers – Discussion</b>	
15.30 – 16.00	<b>The experiences of national equality bodies in combating nationality- based discrimination</b>	<b>Calliope Spanou – Greek Ombudsman</b> <b>Patrick Charlier – Belgian Centre for Equal Opportunities and Opposition to Racism</b>
16.00 – 16.20	<b>Questions &amp; Answers – Discussion</b>	
16.20 - 16.30	<b>Closing of the seminar</b> <i>Anne Gaspard</i> – Executive Director, Equinet Secretariat	
<b>FOLLOW-UP</b>		
<p>Equinet will publish a summary report of the seminar and will upload the speakers' presentations on its website at: <b><a href="http://www.equineteurope.org/activities/events">www.equineteurope.org/activities/events</a></b></p> <p>In addition to visiting our <b>website</b>, you can also follow the legal work done by Equinet and its 41 European member equality bodies by subscribing to our <b>monthly newsletter</b> from our homepage or by following us on <b>Facebook</b> (<a href="https://facebook.com/EquinetEurope">facebook.com/EquinetEurope</a>) or <b>Twitter</b> (@equineteurope)</p>		