

# Equinet High-Level Seminar on Gender Equality

## *Gender Equality in the Access to Goods and Services: the Role of Equality Bodies*

Thursday – 24 April 2014

### VENUE

European Economic and Social Committee, Jacques Delors Building, rue Belliard, 1040 Brussels, room JDE 62 (6th floor)

## AGENDA

08.30 - 09.00	<b>Registration and Welcome</b>	
09.00 - 09.30	<b>Opening Address</b> <i>Jane Morrice</i> - Vice-President, European Economic and Social Committee <i>Lina Papamichalopoulou</i> - Head of Non-discrimination Policies and Roma Coordination Unit, Directorate for Equality, DG Justice, European Commission <i>Evelyn Collins</i> – Chair of the Equinet Executive Board , Chief Executive of the Equality Commission for Northern Ireland	
09.30 - 10.00	<b>Setting the Scene: the Goods and Services Directive</b> <i>Prof. Aileen McColgan</i> , King's College London, UK National Expert on the European Networks of Legal Experts in the Field of Gender Equality and of Experts in the Non-discrimination Field.	
10:00 - 10:10	Questions & Answers	
<b>10.10 - 11.20</b>	<b>SESSION 1 – The application of the Directive</b> Chair: <i>Sandra Ribeiro</i> , Moderator of Equinet Gender Equality Working Group, Equinet Board Member, President of CITE (Portugal)	
10.10 -10.35	<b>Equality bodies and the Directive: The Equinet Draft Report</b>	<i>Mirosław Wróblewski and Stefania Minervino</i> - Members of Equinet's Gender Equality Working Group
10.35 - 11.00	<b>The European Commission Report on the Application of the Directive</b>	<i>Sophie Malettras</i> – Equal Treatment Legislation, European Commission, DG Justice
11:00 - 11:20	Questions & Answers – Discussion	
11:20 - 11:35	Coffee break	

## SESSION 2 – The Experiences of Stakeholders

11.35 - 13.00

Chair: Mari-Liis Sepper, Equinet Board Member, Gender Equality and Equal Treatment Commissioner (Estonia)

Videomessage from:

- MEP Marije Cornelissen, (NT, GREEN/ALE) Shadow Rapporteur for the European Parliament's Report on the transposition and application of Council Directive 2004/113/EC
- MEP Zita Gurmai (HU, S&D) Rapporteur for the European Parliament's Report on the transposition and application of Council Directive 2004/113/EC TBC

Stakeholders interviewed by equality bodies, including:

- Pierrette Pape, Acting Coordinator, European Women's Lobby
- Richard Köhler, Senior Policy Officer, Transgender Europe

13:00 – 14:20 **Lunch**

14:20 - 14:30 Videos from campaigns on gender equality from Equinet members

## SESSION 3 – Ways forward

14.30 - 16.30

Chair: Néphéli Yatropoulos, Equinet Board Member, Advisor on European and International Affairs of the Defender of Rights (France)

14.30 - 15.00 **Insurance services and gender equality** *Yves Thiery* - Leuven University

15.00 - 15.30 **Media, education and advertisement and gender equality** *Silvia Sansonetti* – Fondazione Brodolini/ENEGE

15:30 - 16:15 Questions & Answers – Discussion

16.15 - 16.30 **Closing of the seminar**  
*Anne Gaspard* – Executive Director, Equinet



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