

## Roundtable

### Equality for all? National Equality Bodies and the European Parliament, engaging together to combat discrimination

Wednesday 10 September 2014, 16:00 – 17:30

#### VENUE

European Parliament, Brussels  
Room A3H1

Entrance of the European Parliament: ASP building, Simone  
Veil entrance (in front of Place du Luxembourg)

#### OBJECTIVES

This roundtable aims at enhancing cooperation between Members of the European Parliament and national equality bodies by:

- Exchanging on current priorities of MEPs and of equality bodies for the promotion of equality and the fight against discrimination
- Enhancing the understanding of equality bodies on the work of Members of the European Parliament on equality and antidiscrimination law and policies
- Enhancing the understanding of members of the European Parliament on the work of equality bodies.

This event will be as well an occasion to present the new Equinet Information Kit for Members of the European Parliament.

#### HOSTING

This Equinet Roundtable event will be co-hosted by Claude Moraes, Chair of LIBE Committee (S&D), Iratxe Garcia Perez, Chair of FEMM Committee (S&D) (*tbc*) and Evelyn Collins, Chair of Equinet and Chief Executive of the Equality Commission for Northern Ireland.

#### CONFIRMED PARTICIPANTS TO THE ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION

MEP Claude MORAES (S&D, UK), Chair of LIBE Committee and host of the event  
MEP Ulrike LUNACEK (Greens, AT), Vice-President of the EP  
MEP Malin BJÖRK (GUE/NGL, SW)  
MEP Therese COMODINI CACHIA (EPP, MT)  
MEP Miriam DALLI (S&D, MT)  
MEP Sirpa PIETIKÄINEN (EPP, FI)  
MEP Soraya POST (S&D, SW)  
MEP Birgit SIPPEL (S&D, DE), Coordinator S&D LIBE Committee

Evelyn COLLINS, Chair of Equinet and Chief Executive of the Equality Commission for Northern Ireland.

Patrick CHARLIER Vice-Director of the Interfederal Centre for Equal Opportunities, Belgium  
Jozef DE WITTE Director of the Interfederal Centre for Equal Opportunities, Belgium  
Mark HAMMOND Chief Executive, Equality and Human Rights Commission, GB-UK  
Emile HOFHUIS Acting Vice-President of the Netherlands Institute for Human Rights  
Sandra KONSTATZKY, Deputy Director of the Ombud for Equal Treatment, Austria  
Nathalie MORGENTHALER Executive Director, Centre for Equal Treatment, Luxembourg  
Mari-Liis SEPPER Gender Equality and Equal Treatment Commissioner, Estonia  
Tena ŠIMONOVIĆ EINWALTER, Deputy Ombudswoman, Office of the Ombudswoman, Croatia  
Néphéli YATROPOULOS, Advisor on European and International Affairs, Defender of Rights, France

## DRAFT AGENDA

15.15 – 15.45 **Registration and Welcome**

**Opening Address**

**Claude Moraes** – Chair of LIBE Committee (S&D, UK)

16:00 – 16.20 **Iratxe Garcia Perez** – Chair of FEMM Committee (S&D, ES) (*tbc*)

**Ulrike Lunacek** – Vice-President of the European Parliament (Greens, AT)

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

**Roundtable discussion**

**Participants will exchange on the following topics:**

- 16:25 – 17:25
- *What are the key priorities in the area of equality, antidiscrimination and gender equality which need to be tackled in the next few years?*
  - *Which cooperation can take place between Equality Bodies and Members of the European Parliament in order to combat discrimination in European societies?*

**Participants: Members of the European Parliament and representatives of equality bodies**

17:30-18:15

**Closing of the meeting and reception**