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Annual General Meeting (AGM) Equinet - the European Network of Equality Bodies

Hotel Pullman, Brussels Midi, Place Victor Horta 1, 1060 Brussels, Belgium

Wednesday 3 December, 19.30: social Event – networking dinner with Equality bodies

Thursday 4 December 2014

08.30-09.00	Registration	
09.00-10.30	Session 1 – EQUINET Network of Equality Bodies	
09.00-09.30	<p>Welcome and introduction</p> <p>EQUINET 2014 - Report from the Equinet Board</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Report on 2014 Equinet work plan ▪ Update on Equinet Membership ▪ Equinet funding & financial issues ▪ Q&A – Members' discussion <p>Voting items</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Equinet Accounts 2013 ▪ Minutes Equinet AGM 2013 	<p><i>Evelyn Collins</i> <i>Chair of the Board</i></p> <p>VOTE on minutes and accounts</p>
09.30-09.40	<p><i>Ratification of new Equinet membership</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction of Commissioner for the Protection from Discrimination, Republic of Albania 	<p>VOTE on ratification for membership</p>
09.40-10.15	<p>Presentation of Equinet Strategic Plan 2015-2018 & Introduction Equinet Work Plan 2015 (adopted November 2014)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Q&A – Members' discussion <p>Voting item (continued)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Equinet Strategic Plan 2015-2018 	<p>VOTE on Strategic Plan</p>
10.15-10.45	<p>Presentation of key topics for discussion groups:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Approach to Standards for Equality Bodies ▪ Towards a comprehensive EU Equal Treatment legislation framework ▪ Equality Bodies and the EU 2020 Strategy ▪ Third Party Interventions before the ECtHR 	

10.45-11.15	Coffee break	
11.15 – 13.00	Session 2 - Discussion Groups	
	<p>Structured Discussion Groups with members NEBs</p> <p>Parallel discussions with members addressing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Approach to Standards for Equality Bodies ▪ Towards a comprehensive EU Equal Treatment legislation framework ▪ Equality Bodies and the EU 2020 Strategy ▪ Third Party Interventions before the ECtHR <p>Participants will have the opportunity to sit on two discussion groups consecutively (45 min each). Indication of preferred topics will take place prior to the AGM.</p>	
13.00–14.00: Networking Lunch		
14.00-15.30	Session 3 – EU priorities on equality and non-discrimination and the contribution of equality bodies	
14.00-15.30	<p>EU perspectives for equality and non-discrimination: and the key role of equality bodies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Introduction – Equinet perspective, Tena Šimonović Einwalter, Moderator of Equinet Working Group Policy Formation and Board Member ▪ Ms Salla Saastamonen, Director for Equality, European Commission DG Justice ▪ Ulrike Lunacek MEP, Vice-President of the European Parliament (video message) ▪ Representative of the European Parliament TBC ▪ Perspective of the Italian Presidency of the Council of the EU TBC ▪ Q&A – Discussion with representatives of national equality bodies 	
15.30– 16.00	Final remarks and closing of the AGM	



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