

## Equinet Network Updates - March 2015

### 1. Follow Equinet Gender Equality Conference on Twitter

Equinet Gender Equality Conference is taking place next Monday in Brussels to discuss preliminary findings of the **Equinet Perspective** on the work of equality bodies on gender equality and future strategic priorities. If you cannot attend, follow [our live tweet](#) and interact with us thanks to the hashtag **#GenderEquality**!

The agenda of the conference is available on [our website](#).



**@EquinetEurope** **#GenderEquality**



### 2. Equinet Communications 2015 - Important reminders

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- **Online Directory of Equinet Members (Deadline: ASAP!)**

Only 22 members have filled out the form for the directory so far. In order to launch the Directory as soon as possible, the online form should be filled out as soon as possible and is available [here](#).

- **Focus on Members' and their Activities (Deadline: Wednesday 25th March)**

In order to continue highlighting our members and the work that you do, we would like you to send us any **recent reports and/or campaigns that you have been working on** in order to include them in the [online media library](#). This section aims to feature various initiatives, campaigns, video clips, posters and other materials developed by Equinet members or external actors on any and all aspects of discrimination. In conjunction with this and the new online Directory, we are going to highlight the information you send us in **two different ways**:

#### **Social Media Campaign #MeetEqualityBodies**

We are preparing an electronic campaign to give increased visibility to each Equinet member through our website and social media accounts. This means that every Monday from mid-April on, we will present an equality body linked to the hashtag **#MeetEqualityBodies** on the Equinet website, and Facebook, Twitter and LinkedIn accounts.

If you wish your equality body to be highlighted at a specific moment of the year (launch of a new campaign, anniversary...), please let Jessica Machacova know by **Wednesday 25th March**

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#### **Spotlight on Equality Bodies (quarterly Newsletter)**

At the end of March, we will send out our first Spotlight on Equality Bodies since 2013. If you have any information that you would wish to include in the Media Library and especially highlight in the Spotlight at the end of the month, please send it on to Sarah Cooke O'Dowd by **Wednesday 25th March**  
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Dear Members,  
This Members' Bulletin gathers the **main Equinet internal updates, with the objective of giving you a clearer overview of Equinet activities**. We very much hope this Members' Bulletin will be useful in your day-to-day work and we would be grateful if you could disseminate it among your colleagues. Your feedback is also greatly appreciated. Should you have comments or further questions, please do not hesitate to contact **Jessica Machacova, Equinet Project Officer**  
([Jessica.machacova@equineteurope.org](mailto:Jessica.machacova@equineteurope.org)).

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### 3. CoE-FRA-Equinet-ENNHRI platforms for thematic cooperation - 2015 Work Plans

On 7-8 October 2013 the **Council of Europe, Equinet, ENNHRI and FRA** organised a [joint conference](#) in Vienna to discuss our priorities and potential areas of collaboration. This meeting set the scene for closer cooperation among national bodies and between national and international bodies.

In the beginning, platforms for cooperation will be set up in the following **four areas**:

- Asylum and migration,
- Roma integration,
- Combating hate crime,
- Advancing social and economic rights and socio-economic equality.

In February 2015, the platforms on hate crime and asylum adopted their work plan. They are available on the [European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights' website](#).

### 4. Calls for Submissions & Funding Opportunities

- **ILGA Europe & OSCE Hate-Crime Report 2014 (Deadline: Monday 20 April)**

ILGA-Europe will soon start preparing its global submission to the OSCE/ODIHR, in view of their **annual report on hate crime in 2014**. ILGA-Europe will prepare a comprehensive submission on all the countries on which we collected information on incidents that happened in 2014. As a result, you can choose to send to Michael Cerulus, ILGA Europe Senior Policy Officer ([michael@ilga-europe.org](mailto:michael@ilga-europe.org)) all relevant information. Your contribution will be included in this global submission, also indicating that your organisation is a co-submitter along with ILGA-Europe. In this case, please send your input with this information by **Monday 20 April 2015**.

- **Targeted consultation: European Ombudsman invites your input to her inquiry on Frontex Joint Return Operations (Deadline: Monday 6 April)**

The European Ombudsman considers it useful to gather feedback on Frontex's opinion from representative bodies and organisations which are active in the protection of the human rights of migrants. The content and practical information about the consultation are available in [Equinet Members' Room](#).

### 5. Join Equinet's group on LinkedIn

**Equinet Europe's LinkedIn Group** has been reactivated. Do not hesitate to use it to follow our latest updates and publications and interact with us. Request membership by clicking on [this link](#).



### 6. Equinet Upcoming Events

#### MARCH

**23rd:** Gender Equality Conference (Brussels)

**24th:** Working Group Policy Formation (Brussels)

#### APRIL

**23rd:** Working Group Equality Law (Brussels)

**29th:** Cluster on Standards (Madrid)

**30th:** Board Meeting (Madrid)

#### SAVE THE DATE!

- **16th-17th June:** Seminar on the Charter of Fundamental Rights (Brussels)

- **1st-2nd July:** Seminar on Work-Life Balance (Tallinn)

- **9th October:** Equinet Annual General Meeting (AGM) (Brussels)

## 7. Equinet Latest Publications

Download, read and share our latest publications! (*click on the picture to download the PDF file*)



**Equinet  
Strategic Plan  
2015-2018**  
(*updated design*)



**Harassment on the  
basis of gender  
and sexual  
harassment:  
supporting the  
work of equality  
bodies**



**Equinet Good  
Practice Guide:  
Advancing  
Equality by  
Making Policy  
Recommendations**



**Strategic Planning  
and Equality  
Bodies: Selected  
Example of Good  
Practice**

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We are also delighted to welcome two new trainees who recently joined the Equinet team for a traineeship until end August 2015:

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**Thank you very much for your attention! The next Members' Bulletin (on EU Developments) will be sent during the first week of April.**



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