

AGENDA

Equinet Annual General Meeting (AGM)

Venue: Thon Hotel EU – Rue de la Loi 75, B-1040 Brussels, Belgium

Thursday, 8 October 2015

From 19:30

Networking dinner

Restaurant of the Thon Hotel EU – Rue de la Loi 75, B-1040 Brussels, Belgium

Friday, 9 October 2015

08:00 – 08.30

Registration, welcome and introduction

08.30 – 08.45

Welcome

- Salla Saastamoinen, Director for Equality, European Commission DG Justice
- Evelyn Collins, Chair, Equinet Executive Board 2013-2015 and Chief Executive, Equality Commission for Northern Ireland

08.45 – 09.15

Keynote Speech - Jenny R. Yang, Chair of the US Equal Employment Opportunity Commission

09.15 – 11.00

Session 1 – Review and way forward Equinet

09.15 – 09.50

Report on Equinet (Evelyn Collins, Chair, Equinet Executive Board 2013-2015)

- Report on 2015 Work Plan
- Presentation of Work Plan 2016

Q&A – Members' discussion

09.50 – 10.30

Introduction of Equinet Board Elections (for the mandate 2015-2017)

- Steps and procedure for the closed ballot vote
- Personal introduction of candidates (2 min)

10.30 – 11.00

New Equinet membership

Short introduction of candidate member equality bodies

- Federal Ombudsman for People with Disabilities, Austria
- Ombudswoman for Persons with Disabilities, Croatia
- Protector of Human Rights and Freedoms (Ombudsman), Montenegro

VOTE ON RATIFICATION OF CANDIDATE FOR MEMBERSHIP

VOTE ON

**EQUINET WORK PLAN
AND BUDGET 2016**

Accounts 2014

Minutes AGM 2014

11.00 – 11.20	Coffee Break, including CLOSED BALLOT VOTE – EQUINET BOARD MEMBERS ELECTION	
11.20 – 12.50	Session 2 – Parallel discussion groups with equality bodies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Standards for equality bodies (Facilitated by Niall Crowley, Independent expert and Equinet Board Advisor) EU Equal Treatment Legislation (Facilitated by Emilie Van Laer, Belgian Interfederal Centre for Equal Opportunities) 	
12.50 – 13.00	Results of Equinet Board Elections	
13.00 – 14.00	Networking Lunch	
14.00 – 15.30	Session 3 – Achieving a fair and equal Europe and the role of equality bodies	
14.00 – 14.15	Introduction by Equinet (Evelyn Collins, Chair, Equinet Executive Board 2013-2015)	
14.15 – 15.10	Panel discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Andreas Stein, Head of Unit Equality legislation, European Commission DG Justice Christian Åhlund, Chair of European Commission against Racism and Intolerance, Council of Europe John Morijn, Permanent Representation of the Netherlands to the EU 	
15.10 – 15.30	Q&A – Members' discussion	
15.30 – 16.00	Key findings of the Equinet study on sanctions in discrimination cases <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presentation of the study by the author, Ms. Katrin Wladasch, Ludwig Boltzmann Institute for Human Rights Q&A – Members' discussion	
16.00 – 16.15	Conclusion and closing remarks	Anne Gaspard, Equinet Executive Director
	Networking Coffee	
16:30 – 17:30	Board Meeting with newly elected Board Members <i>Election of the Chair of the Executive Board</i>	

