

## DRAFT AGENDA

### Equinet Annual General Meeting (AGM)

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

**Thursday, 8 October 2015**

**19.30**

**Networking Dinner with Equality Bodies**

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

**Friday, 9 October 2015**

**08:30 - 09.00**

**Registration**

**09.00 – 09.30**

**Keynote presentation by and discussions with Ms. Jenny R. Yang, Chair of the US Equal Employment Opportunity Commission**

**09.30 - 11.15**

**Session 1 – Review and way forward Equinet - European Network of Equality Bodies**

**Chair: Evelyn Collins, Chair of Equinet**

**09.30 – 10.10**

Welcome and introduction

**Report on Equinet** by Evelyn Collins, Chair - Equinet Executive Board

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

**Q&A – Members' discussion**

**VOTE ON**

Accounts 2014

Minutes AGM 2014

**10.10 – 10.20**

**Update Equinet membership**

Short introduction of candidate member equality bodies

- Federal Ombudsman for People with disabilities, Austria

**VOTE ON RATIFICATION OF CANDIDATE FOR MEMBERSHIP**

**10.20 – 10.30**

**VOTE ON EQUINET WORK PLAN AND BUDGET 2016**

**10.30 – 11.15**

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

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

**11.15 – 11.30**

**Coffee Break**

<b>11.30 – 13.00</b>	<b>Session 2 – Parallel discussion groups with equality Bodies</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• EU Equal Treatment Legislation / Horizontal Directive</li> <li>• Standards for Equality Bodies</li> </ul>	
<b>13.00 – 14.00</b>	<b>Networking Lunch</b>	
<b>Until 14.00</b>	<b>CLOSED BALLOT VOTE – EQUINET BOARD MEMBERS ELECTION</b>	
<b>14.00 – 15.45</b>	<b>Session 3 – Achieving a fair and equal Europe and the role of equality bodies</b>	
<b>14.00 – 14.15</b>	Introduction by Evelyn Collins, Chair of Equinet	
<b>14.15 – 14.25</b>	Claude Moraes MEP, Chair of the LIBE committee ( <i>Video message, tbc</i> )	
<b>14.25 – 15.20</b>	<b>Panel discussion</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Salla Saastamoinen, Director for Equality, European Commission DG Justice</li> <li>• Christian Åhlund, Chair of ECRI (European Commission against Racism and Intolerance, Council of Europe)</li> <li>• Jan van der Velden, Permanent Representation of the Netherlands to the EU</li> </ul>	
<b>15.20 – 15.45</b>	Q&A – Members' discussion	
<b>15.45 – 16.00</b>	<b>Coffee Break</b>	
<b>16.00 – 16.30</b>	<b>Launch of the Equinet Study on sanctions in discrimination cases</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presentation of the study by the author, Ms. Katrin Wladasch</li> <li>• Q&amp;A – Members' discussion</li> </ul>	
<b>16.30 – 16.45</b>	<b>Closing Session</b>	<i>Anne Gaspard, Equinet Executive Director</i>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Results of Equinet Board Elections</b></li> <li>• Conclusion and closing remarks</li> </ul>	
<b>17:00 – 18:00</b>	<b>Board Meeting with newly elected Board Members</b> <b><i>Election of the Chair of the Executive Board</i></b>	

