

AGENDA

2016 Equinet Annual General Meeting (AGM)

Thursday 29th September (13:45 – 18:00) & Friday 30th September (09:00- 13:00)

LOCATION : Thon Hotel EU (Rue de la Loi 75, Brussels, Belgium)

PART 1 – Thursday 29th September (14:00 – 18:00)

12:30 – 13:15	Welcome Lunch	
13:15 – 13:45	AGM Registration	
13:45 – 14:15	Opening & Welcome	Evelyn Collins , Chair of Equinet Executive Board
	Presentation of the Equinet Working Paper on standards	Petr Polak , Equinet Board Member and Head of the Division of Equal Treatment, Public Defender of Rights, Czech Republic
14:15 – 15:45	SESSION 1 – Strengthening equality bodies within the institutional architecture: panel discussion	
14:15– 15:15	Chair: Evelyn Collins , Chair, Equinet Executive Board	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keynote Speaker: Michael O’Flaherty, Director, European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA) • MEP Ulrike Lunacek, Vice-President of the European Parliament, Greens/EFA, Austria • Lora Vidović, Chair of ENNHRI (European Network of Human Rights Institutions) and Ombudswoman, Croatia • Stefano Valenti, External Relations Officer, ECRI (European Commission against Racism and Intolerance), Council of Europe 	
15:15– 15:45	Questions & Answers	
15:45– 16:00	Launch of the European Directory of Equality Bodies	Sarah Cooke O’Dowd , Equinet Communication Officer
16:00 – 16:30	Coffee break	
16:30 – 18:00	SESSION 2 - Thematic discussion groups: how to strengthen the capacity of equality bodies and progress on the development of standards at European level?	

Participants will split into three groups and discuss how the Equinet working paper on developing standards for equality bodies could be progressed at European and national levels.

18:00: End of first day

18:45 – 20:30	EQUINET NETWORKING RECEPTION / DINNER Norway House, rue Archimède 17, 1000 Brussels
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PART 2 - Friday 30th September (09:00- 13:00)

08:30 – 09:00	Registration second day and welcome	
09:00 – 09:30	Feedback from discussion groups next steps towards developing standards for equality bodies	
09:30– 10:45	SESSION 3– Review of Equinet’s work and plans for next years	
	BOARD REPORT – EQUINET ACTIVITIES	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Report of Equinet 2016 Work Plan Presentation of Work Plan 2017 Proposal of Board Elections procedure 	Evelyn Collins , Chair of Equinet Board
09:30 – 10:15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Report on Equinet Finances 	Patrick Charlier , Equinet treasurer – Board Member
	Q&A – Members’ discussion	
	VOTE ON	
	ACCOUNTS 2015	DRAFT MINUTES AGM 2015
10:15 – 10:30	NEW EQUINET MEMBERSHIP	
	Membership application by the Institution of Human Rights Ombudsman of Bosnia and Herzegovina – Short introduction by Jasminka Džumhur, Ombudsperson of Bosnia and Herzegovina	
	VOTE ON RATIFICATION OF NEW EQUINET MEMBERSHIP	
10:30 – 10:45	VOTE ON NEXT EQUINET ACTIVITIES	
	DRAFT WORKPLAN 2017	BOARD ELECTIONS PROCEDURES
10:45- 11:15	Coffee break	
11:15 – 12:15	SESSION 4 – EU equality agenda: developments and ways forward	
11:15 – 12:00	Keynote speaker: Tiina Astola , Director General, DG Justice & Consumers, European Commission	
	Panel discussion including contributions by:	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Equinet introduction: Tena Šimonović Einwalter, Deputy Ombudswoman, Office of the Ombudswoman in Croatia and moderator of the Equinet Working Group on Policy Formation • Raquel Cortes Herrera, Deputy Head of Unit, Disability & Inclusion, DG Employment, European Commission, Brussels • Antonella Gatt, Employment and Social Policy Attaché, Permanent Representation of Malta to the EU 	
12:00 – 12:15	Questions & answers	
12:15– 12:30	Conclusion and closing remarks	Anne Gaspard , Executive Director
12:30 – 13:30	Networking lunch	

