

Draft Programme

Equinet Annual General Meeting (AGM)

Wednesday 11th October 2017

Venue: SQUARE (Brussels Meeting Centre), Brussels, Belgium

Entrance : Rue Ravenstein 2, 1000 Brussels, Belgium

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| 09.00 – 09.30 | Registration | | |
| 09.30 – 09.40 | Welcome and introduction Evelyn Collins , Chair of Equinet Executive Board 2015-2017 and Chief Executive, Equality Commission for Northern Ireland | | |
| Session 1 – Equinet governance, 2017 review and plans forward | | | |
| 09.40 – 10:15 | Report on Equinet activities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report on 2017 Work Plan • Report and update on Equinet Finances • Presentation of proposed 2018 Work Plan • Q & A – Members’ discussion | | |
| 10:15 – 11:00 | 2017 Board Elections: Introduction and presentation of candidates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Steps and procedure for the closed ballot vote • Personal introduction of candidates (2 min) | | |
| 11:00 – 11:15 | MEMBERS VOTE ON | | |
| | AMENDMENT OF THE EQUINET STATUTES | EQUINET WORK PLAN AND BUDGET 2018 | MINUTES AGM 2016 ACCOUNTS 2016 |
| 11:15 – 11:40 | Coffee Break <i>(Opening Of Closed Ballot Vote – Equinet Board Elections)</i> | | |
| Session 2 – Learning and future prospects for the work of national equality bodies across Europe | | | |
| 11.40 – 12.00 | ‘Investing in Equality: a decade of change for equality bodies’ - Preliminary findings of the Equinet research paper <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation of preliminary findings by the contracted experts | | |
| 12:00 – 13:00 | Parallel discussion groups focused on ‘Investing in Equality: a decade of change for equality bodies’ <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exchange and feedback on preliminary findings of research paper • Discussion in 3 groups | | |

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| 13:00 – 14:00 | Networking Lunch <i>(End Of Closed Ballot Vote – Equinet Board Elections)</i> |
| Session 3 – From 10 to 20 year old: Future opportunities and challenges for Equinet and equality bodies | |
| 14:00 – 15:20 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction by Evelyn Collins, Equinet Chair • Equality bodies under pressure in a challenging environment: Discussion and case studies on network’s and members’ support |
| | Parallel discussions – Towards preparing Equinet future Strategic Plan 2019 - 2023 Preliminary discussion in 3 groups |
| Session 4 – Closing AGM Session | |
| 15.20 – 15.45 | Sharing views and conclusions emerging from group discussions on research “Investing in Equality” by the contracted expert |
| | Announcement of Elections results for Equinet Board mandate 2017-2019 |
| | Conclusion and closing remarks Anne Gaspard, Equinet Executive Director |
| 15.45 | Farewell drinks |
| 16:00 – 17:00 | Board Meeting with newly elected Board Members <i>Election of the Chair of the Executive Board 2017-2019</i> |



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