Equinet Cluster on Research & Data Collection
First meeting

Tuesday 20th June 2017 (09:30 – 15:30)

Unia/Equinet Offices (Salle Ligne)
Rue Royale 138, 1000 Brussels, Belgium

Background & Objectives

The Equinet Cluster on Research & Data Collection is a two year project aiming to provide a platform for **15 staff members of equality bodies responsible for research and data collection**. The Cluster will meet **twice in 2017 and once in 2018**.

The **first meeting of the Cluster** aims to:
- Identify the scope and work plan of the Cluster
- Discuss experience and main challenges related to research and data collection

Preparatory work

For each session of the meeting, please identify relevant practices from your work and think about ways the Cluster could engage on these issues.

AGENDA

09:15 – 09:30	Welcome & Registration	
Opening Address		
09:30 – 09:45	Welcome & Background of the Cluster	Jessica Machacova Membership and Policy Officer at Equinet

Session 1
Setting the scene: defining research and data collection

Facilitator: Anna Chabiera, Office of the Commissioner for Human Rights, Poland

This sessions aims to:
- identify the **different ways** in which participants engage with research and data collection,
- clarify the **focus of the Cluster** by agreeing on a common definition of research and data collection.

09:45 – 10:15	**Tour de table**: Equality bodies engaging with research and data collection: experiences & purposes	All participants
10:15 – 11:30	**Discussion**: Defining research and data collection & the focus of the cluster	
11:30 – 11:45	Coffee Break	

Session 2
Main challenges related to research and data collection

Facilitator: Rainer Stocker, Federal Anti-Discrimination Agency (FADA), Germany

This session aims to:
- Discuss **key challenges** participants experience when engaging with research and data collection,
- Identify challenges which can be **addressed by the Cluster.**

11:15 – 12:00	**Tour de table**: Challenges related to research and data collection	All participants
12:00 – 12:30	**Discussion:** Which challenges can be addressed by the Cluster?	
12:30 – 13:30	Lunch Break	

Session 3
Identifying and overcoming research and data gaps

Andrew Harding, Equality and Human Rights Commission, Great Britain

This session will focus on:
- **Identifying existing data gaps**,
- Discussing **innovative ways** to overcome them.

13:30 – 14:00	**Presentation and discussion:** In which areas do research and data gaps exist?	Andrew Harding, The Equality and Human Rights Commission, UK + All participants
14:00– 14:30	**Discussion:** How to overcome research and data gaps?	

Concluding session
Ways forward and next meetings of the Cluster

Jessica Machacova, Equinet Secretariat

This session aims to discuss and set an indicative timeline for the implementation of the Cluster's proposed work plan.

14:30 – 15:00	**Discussion:** Proposal of Equinet research report *"The state of equality in Europe - Equality bodies' perspective"*	All participants
Background material: Concept note - *The state of equality in Europe - Equality bodies' perspective*		
15:00 – 15:30	**Discussion:** Focus and timing of the next meetings	
15:30 – 15:45	AOB and conclusion of the meeting	