

# Equinet Cluster on Research & Data Collection (2017-2018)

The **Equinet Cluster on Research and Data Collection** aims to provide a **platform** for expert staff members of equality bodies engaged or willing to engage with **research and data collection**.

## Objectives

The main **objectives** of the cluster are to:

- Identify **criteria for successful research** and data collection,
- Discuss **key challenges** when working with research and data collection,
- **Share good examples** of research and data collection across Europe.

## Method & Themes

The Cluster will be **members-led** and rely on the **active participation** of its members. The Equinet Secretariat will facilitate the organisation of the meetings and support the engagement of the Cluster.

The **first meeting** will be mostly dedicated to defining the scope of the Cluster and its next steps, as well as identifying the main challenges encountered by the members in this area.

**Potential themes** for the next meetings include:

- Overcoming limited resources,
- Cooperation with national statistical offices, non-governmental organisations and other relevant stakeholders,
- Research for advocacy purpose,
- In house and commissioning research.

## Who

The cluster will be made up of 10 to 15 equality bodies' staff members working with research and data collection. Staff members interested in engaging in such work are also welcome to join the cluster. To ensure the long-term success of the project, **a two-year commitment from participants is essential**.

## Calendar

The Cluster will meet **twice in 2017** and **once in 2018**.  
The first meeting will take place on **Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> June in Brussels**.

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