

## Draft Programme

### Equinet Annual General Meeting (AGM)

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2017

**Venue:** The Square, Mont des Arts, Brussels, Belgium

<b>09.00 – 09.30</b>	<b>Registration</b>		
<b>09.30 – 09.45</b>	<b>Welcome and introduction</b> Evelyn Collins, Chair, Equinet Executive Board 2015-2017 and Chief Executive, Equality Commission for Northern Ireland		
<b>9.45 – 10.30</b>	<b>2017 Board Elections: Introduction and presentation of candidates</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Steps and procedure for the closed ballot vote</li> <li>• Personal introduction of candidates (2 min)</li> </ul>		
<b>10.30 – 11.45</b>	<b>Session 1 – Equinet governance, 2017 review and plans forward</b>		
<b>10.30 – 11:10</b>	<b>Report on Equinet activities</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Report on 2017 Work Plan</li> <li>• Presentation of proposed 2018 Work Plan</li> <li>• Q &amp; A – Members’ discussion</li> </ul>		
<b>11:10 – 11:25</b>	<b>New Equinet membership</b> Short introduction of candidate member equality bodies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Potential eligible membership application (TBC)</i></li> </ul>		
	<b>VOTE ON RATIFICATION OF CANDIDATE FOR MEMBERSHIP</b>		
	<b>MEMBERS VOTE ON</b>		
	Equinet 2018 Work Plan and Budget	Accounts 2016	Minutes AGM 2016
<b>11:25 – 11:45</b>	<b>Equality bodies under pressure in a challenging environment</b> Discussion on network’s and members’ support		
<b>11.45 – 12.05</b>	<b>Coffee Break</b> <i>(OPENING OF CLOSED BALLOT VOTE – EQUINET BOARD ELECTIONS)</i>		
<b>12.05 – 13.00</b>	<b>Session 2 – Learning and future prospects for the work of national equality bodies across Europe</b>		
<b>12.05 – 12.30</b>	Contribution from a legal perspective (TBC)		

12.30 – 13.00	<p><b>‘Investing in Equality: a decade of change for equality bodies’ – Preliminary findings of the Equinet research paper</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presentation of preliminary findings by the contracted experts</li> <li>• Q&amp;A</li> </ul>			
13.00 – 13.45	<p><b>Networking Lunch</b> <i>(END OF CLOSED BALLOT VOTE – EQUINET BOARD ELECTIONS)</i></p>			
13.45 – 15.15	<p><b>Session 3 – Parallel discussion groups focused on ‘Investing in Equality: a decade of change for equality bodies’</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discussion and feedback on preliminary findings of research paper</li> <li>• Facilitated discussion in 3 groups</li> </ul>			
15.15 – 15.45	<p><b>Session 4 – Closing AGM Session</b></p> <p>Sharing views emerging from group discussions – ways forward</p> <p><b>Announcement of Results of Equinet Board Elections</b></p> <table border="1" data-bbox="384 1055 1476 1128"> <tr> <td data-bbox="384 1055 930 1128">Conclusion and closing remarks</td> <td data-bbox="933 1055 1476 1128"><b>Anne Gaspard</b>, Equinet Executive Director</td> </tr> </table>		Conclusion and closing remarks	<b>Anne Gaspard</b> , Equinet Executive Director
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15.45 – 16.00	<p><b>Networking and farewell drinks</b></p>			
16:00 – 17:00	<p><b>Board Meeting with newly elected Board Members</b> <i>Election of the Chair of the Executive Board 2017-2019</i></p>			

