

# End of a fruitful Dialogue?

## Impact of Brexit on Equality & Anti-Discrimination in the EU & UK

**9th October, Monday, 15.30-17.30h, A3h-1, EP**  
Hosted by **MEP Claude Moraes & Equinet – European Network of Equality Bodies**

Join our discussion on the challenges and ways forward for anti-discrimination and equality in the EU and the UK

### Official Pre-event to Equinet's 10th Anniversary

The conference is the pre-event to Equinet's 10th anniversary celebrations. Equinet and its members will hold their main event ***Together for an equal Europe*** the following day, **Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2017, 10:30 – 17:00**. During this conference, Equinet aims to take stock of the progress made and the contribution of equality bodies in addressing the developments over the past decade, particularly on non-discrimination in Europe. It will be followed by an **evening reception** (18:30 -22:00). More information as well as registration link are available [here](#).

### Conference

The UK and the EU efforts to establish efficient non-discrimination law that allows all individuals an equal and fair prospect to access opportunities in our societies are deeply intertwined. The recent decision of the UK to leave the EU will challenge the fruitful dialogue between the UK, the EU, national courts, the CJEU and governments of Member States.

The UK has traditionally played a forerunner role in shaping anti-discrimination policies in Europe. The absence of the UK in the EU institutions will impact the development of new anti-discrimination laws and efficient implementation of current legislation.

On the other hand, the Brexit referendum campaign was marked by racist hate speech and xenophobic political discourse. And Brexit is likely to mean that the Charter of Fundamental Rights and the jurisdictions of the CJEU will no longer apply to the UK.

Time to highlight challenges, raise awareness, discuss ways forward and identify partnerships among civil society and institutions!

### Agenda

We are very pleased to welcome our distinguished speakers:

Keynote by **Michael O'Flaherty**, Director of the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights

#### Panel 1: Impact of Brexit on anti-discrimination in the EU and its Member States

- **Evelyn Collins**, Equinet Chair & Chief Executive of the Equality Commission for Northern Ireland
- **Michaël Privot**, ENAR Director
- **Jean Lambert**, Member of European Parliament, the Greens

#### Panel 2: Impact of Brexit on anti-discrimination in the UK

- **Omar Khan**, Director of Runnymede
- **Scott Crosby**, Legal Expert, Human Rights Officer of European Criminal Bar Association; Editor in Chief of New Journal of European Criminal Law; Board Member Journalismfund.eu
- **Rebecca Hilsenrath**, Chief Executive of the Equality and Human Rights Commission (Great Britain)

Moderation by **Claude Moraes MEP**, Chair of Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs

