

**Equinet Annual General Meeting**

**Draft Agenda**

**23 October 2019**

Bedford Hotel & Congress Center, Rue du Midi 135, 1000 Brussels

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| *Open to Equinet Members and observer Equality Bodies only* |
| 8:45-9:15 | Registration |
|  9:15 | **Welcome** by Equinet Chair |
| **Session 1 – Equinet 2019 review and introduction Board Elections***Chair: Anne Gaspard, Equinet Executive Director*  |
| 09:25-10:10 | **Report on Equinet Activities*** **Report on 2019 Work Plan** - Tena Šimonović Einwalter, Chair of Equinet Board
* **Report and update on Equinet Funding & Finance** – Patrick Charlier, Treasurer (Equinet Board Member)

**Q & A – Members’ discussion** |
| **MEMBERS VOTE ON** | **ACCOUNTS 2018** | **DRAFT MINUTES AGM 2018** |
| 10:10-10:30 | **Equinet Communication** * **Website & Communication Strategy** - Sarah Cooke O’Dowd, Communication Officer

**Q & A – Members’ discussion** |
| 10:30-11:10 | **2019 Board Elections*** Introduction: Steps and procedure for the closed ballot vote
* Personal introduction of candidates (2 min each)
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| 11:10-11:30 | **Coffee Break**(Opening of Closed Ballot Vote for Equinet Board Elections) |
| **Session 2 – Looking forward: 2020 plans and Equinet governance***Chair: Tena Šimonović Einwalter, Chair of Equinet Board* |
| 11.30 – 12.00 | **Equinet 2020 Work Plan*** **Proposed 2020 Equinet Work Plan & budget** – Anne Gaspard, Executive Director

**Q & A – Members discussion** |

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| 12.00-12.15 | **Equinet Membership Application** * Ombudsperson Institution, Kosovo[[1]](#footnote-1)
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| **MEMBERS VOTE ON** | **RATIFICATION OF CANDIDATE FOR MEMBERSHIP**  | **EQUINET WORK PLAN AND BUDGET 2020** |
| 12:30-13:45 | **Networking Lunch**(End Of Closed Ballot Vote – Equinet Board Elections) |
| *Open to Equinet Members and external stakeholders* |
| **Session 3 – Good Leadership driving Equality in Europe***Chair: Liisa Pakosta, Gender Equality and Equal Treatment Commissioner, Estonia* |
| 13:45-15:00 | * Tena Šimonović Einwalter, Equinet Chair
* Tiina Astola, Director General, Equality and Union Citizenship, DG Justice and Consumers, European Commission (TBC)
* Franziska Giffey, Federal Minister for Family Affairs, Senior Citizens, Women and Youth, Germany (TBC)
* Evelyn Regner, MEP S&D, Chair of FEMM Committee (TBC)
* Michael O’Flaherty, Director, Fundamental Rights Agency (TBC)
* Emily O’Reilly, European Ombudswoman (TBC)

**Q & A**  |
| **Session 4 – Equality implications of digitalisation and artificial intelligence** |
| 15.00 – 15.30 | **A new space for equality in Europe? A study on the equality implications of artificial intelligence and the role of equality bodies in the public discourse on AI and algorithmic discrimination*** **Presentation of preliminary findings** - Robin Allen and Dee Masters, Cloisters

**Q & A** |
| 15.40 – 16.40 | Discussion group I: **Artificial Intelligence & Equality Bodies** | Discussion Group II: **Standards for Equality Bodies** | Discussion Group III:**Complaints Data Collection** |
| **Session 5 – Closing Session** |
| 16:40-17:00 | Plenary gathering |
| * **Announcement of Elections results for Equinet Board mandate 2019-2021**
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| * **Conclusion and closing of AGM** – Anne Gaspard, Equinet Executive Director
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| **17:00 – 18:00** | **Board Meeting with newly elected Board Members*Nomination of the Chair of the Executive Board 2019-2021*** |



1. This designation is without prejudice to positions on status, and is in line with UNSCR 1244/1999 and the ICJ Opinion on the Kosovo declaration of independence. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)