

**Equinet Annual General Meeting**

**Draft Agenda**

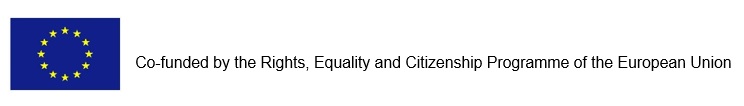
**23 October 2019**

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) | |
| 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) | | | |
| **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** | | | |
| * **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)