

# Equinet Annual General Meeting

## Draft Agenda

**23 October 2019**

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

<i>Open to Equinet Members and observer Equality Bodies only</i>			
8:45-9:15	Registration		
9:15	<b>Welcome</b> by Equinet Chair		
<b>Session 1 – Equinet 2019 review and introduction Board Elections</b>			
<i>Chair: Anne Gaspard, Equinet Executive Director</i>			
09:25-10:10	<b>Report on Equinet Activities</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Report on 2019 Work Plan</b> - Tena Šimonović Einwalter, Chair of Equinet Board</li> <li><b>Report and update on Equinet Funding &amp; Finance</b> – Patrick Charlier, Treasurer (Equinet Board Member)</li> </ul> <b>Q &amp; A – Members’ discussion</b>		
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10:10-10:30	<b>Equinet Communication</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Website &amp; Communication Strategy</b> - Sarah Cooke O’Dowd, Communication Officer</li> </ul> <b>Q &amp; A – Members’ discussion</b>		
10:30-11:10	<b>2019 Board Elections</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Introduction: Steps and procedure for the closed ballot vote</li> <li>Personal introduction of candidates (2 min each)</li> </ul>		
11:10-11:30	<b>Coffee Break</b> (Opening of Closed Ballot Vote for Equinet Board Elections)		
<b>Session 2 – Looking forward: 2020 plans and Equinet governance</b>			
<i>Chair: Tena Šimonović Einwalter, Chair of Equinet Board</i>			
11.30 – 12.00	<b>Equinet 2020 Work Plan</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Proposed 2020 Equinet Work Plan &amp; budget</b> – Anne Gaspard, Executive Director</li> </ul> <b>Q &amp; A – Members discussion</b>		
12.00-12.15	<b>Equinet Membership Application</b>		

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ombudsperson Institution, Kosovo*</li> </ul>		
<b>MEMBERS VOTE ON</b>	<b>RATIFICATION OF CANDIDATE FOR MEMBERSHIP</b>	<b>EQUINET WORK PLAN AND BUDGET 2020</b>	
12:30-13:45	<b>Networking Lunch</b> (End of Closed Ballot Vote – Equinet Board Elections)		
<i>Open to Equinet Members and external stakeholders</i>			
<b>Session 3 – Good Leadership driving Equality in Europe</b>			
<i>Moderator: Liisa Pakosta, Gender Equality and Equal Treatment Commissioner, Estonia</i>			
13:45-15:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Tena Šimonović Einwalter</b>, Equinet Chair &amp; Deputy Ombudswoman, Croatia</li> <li>• <b>Tiina Astola</b>, Director-General, DG Justice and Consumers, European Commission</li> <li>• <b>Michael O’Flaherty</b>, Director, Fundamental Rights Agency</li> <li>• Franziska Giffey, Federal Minister for Family Affairs, Senior Citizens, Women and Youth, Germany (TBC)</li> <li>• Emily Logan, ENNHRI Chair &amp; Chief Commissioner, Irish Human Rights and Equality Commission (TBC)</li> <li>• Evelyn Regner, MEP S&amp;D, Chair of FEMM Committee (TBC)</li> </ul> <b>Q &amp; A</b>		
<b>Session 4 – Equality implications of digitalisation and artificial intelligence</b>			
15.00 – 15.30	<b>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</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Presentation of preliminary findings</b> - Robin Allen and Dee Masters, Cloisters</li> </ul> <b>Q &amp; A</b>		
15.40 – 16.40	Discussion group I: <b>Artificial Intelligence &amp; Equality Bodies</b>	Discussion Group II: <b>Standards for Equality Bodies</b>	Discussion Group III: <b>Complaints Data Collection</b>
<b>Session 5 – Closing Session</b>			
16:40-17:00	Plenary gathering <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Announcement of Elections results for Equinet Board mandate 2019-2021</b></li> <li>• <b>Conclusion and closing of AGM</b> – Anne Gaspard, Equinet Executive Director</li> </ul>		
<b>17:00 – 18:00</b>	<b>Board Meeting with newly elected Board Members</b> <b><i>Nomination of the Chair of the Executive Board 2019-2021</i></b>		



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