



Online Roundtable: Future of Equality Legislation in Europe

14 October 2020, 14.00-16.00 CET online Draft Agenda

Moderator: Mr Tamás Kádár, Deputy Director and Head of Legal and Policy, Equinet

<u>14.00-14.15</u> **Opening**

- Ms Tena Šimonovic Einwalter, Chair of Equinet Executive Board
- MEP Alice Bah Kuhnke, Vice-President, Greens/EFA in the European Parliament

<u>14.15-14.40</u> Panel I: Horizontal Directive

Panellists will share one idea that could help to get the Horizontal Directive and its provisions across the line, including how equality bodies could assist in implementing this idea.

14.40-15.20 Panel II: Equality legislation beyond the Horizontal Directive

Following the events in 2020 and, in particular, the Action Plan against Racism, the EU has a strategic opportunity to reshape and improve its equality legislation. Panellists will:

- identify shortcomings and areas for improvement in current EU equality legislation, and
- discuss concrete proposals for improving EU equality legislation and how these will lead to a more equal Europe.

15.20-15.50 Closing Comments by Panellists

Panellists:

- Mr Silvan Agius, Cabinet expert for Commissioner of Equality Helena Dalli, European Commission
- German permanent representation (TBC)
- MEP Alice Bah Kuhnke, Group of the Greens/EFA, Sweden
- MEP Juan Fernando López Aguilar, Group of the Progressive Alliance of Socialists and Democrats in the European Parliament, Spain (TBC)
- MEP Samira Rafaela, Renew, the Netherlands (TBC)
- Mr Bernhard Franke, acting Head of the Federal Anti-Discrimination Agency, Germany
- Mr Patrick Charlier, co-director of UNIA (Interfederal Centre for Equal Opportunities), Belgium
- Mr Csaba Ferenc Asztalos, president of the National Council for Combating Discrimination, Romania
- Mr Martin Mörk, Deputy Ombudsman and Head of Litigation, The Equality Ombudsman, Sweden
- Ms Claire Hédon, Defender of Rights, France (TBC)

<u>15.50-16.00</u> Closing Remarks

Tena Šimonovic Einwalter, Chair of Equinet Executive Board