

DRAFT AGENDA

Women in Poverty: Breaking the Cycle An Equinet Online Roundtable

22 October 2020

LOCATION:
Online

OPENING SESSION

10:00 – 10:05

Opening address & technical reminder
Host of the online roundtable (Equinet)

10:05 – 10:20

Keynote showing the interconnection between gender inequalities and poverty, underlining that poverty and inequalities are part of a cycle

Cristina Rovira, co-author of the report “Raising their voices against precariousness: women’s experiences of in-work poverty in Europe – **Oxfam**

Launching session

Chair: Equinet

Women coming from various organisations will present how poverty and gender inequalities are linked from their specific perspective, and what are the challenges they face. They will do so by presenting an example and basing their presentation on an image they will show to the audience. Equality bodies will also present their work and how it could be relevant for assisting and supporting women in poverty

10:20 – 11:05

Perspectives from:

- Roma Women: **Beatriz Carillo – Vice President Spanish State Council from Roma People (7 min)**
- Women with disabilities: **Pirkko Mahlamäki – European Disability Forum Women’s Committee (7 min)**
- Muslim women: **Nahed Samour - Aktionsbündnis Muslimischer Frauen (7 min)**
- Older women: **Anne-Sophie Parent - Older Women’s Network (7 min)**
- Undocumented migrant women: **Lucy Polo - Por Ti Mujer (7 min)**
- **European Women’s Lobby – Jessica Nguyen (7 min)**

11:05 – 11:15

Reaction and summary from Marija Babovic, the coordinator of the European Anti-Poverty Network Working Group on Gender Equality

11:15 – 11:25

Work and mandate of equality bodies: what they are and why they can help women in poverty:

- **Spanish institute of Women and Equal Opportunities**

11:25 - 11:30

Wrap-up and concluding comments – Equinet

Building bridges: group discussions

In groups composed of equality bodies, Equinet Secretariat and women self-advocates, discussions will engage on how to build bridges between equality bodies and women in poverty. Discussions in the groups will be open and informal.

The two themes of the discussion groups will be:

- **How can EBs be more accessible/reachable to women in poverty?**
- **What are the specific and common needs of women in poverty and how can EBs meet them?**

15:00-16:30

2 group discussions