



Online Roundtable: Future of Equality Legislation in Europe

14 October 2020, 14.00-16.00 CET

Agenda

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

14.00-14.15 **Opening**

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

14.15-14.40 **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.

Mr **Silvan Agius**, Cabinet expert for Commissioner of Equality Helena Dalli, European Commission
MEP **Alice Bah Kuhnke**, Group of the Greens/EFA, Sweden
Ms **Sandra Konstatzky**, Director of the Ombud for Equal Treatment at the Federal Chancellery, Austria
MEP **Maria Walsh**, Group of the European People's Party (Christian Democrats), Ireland
Mr **Bernhard Franke**, acting Head of the Federal Anti-Discrimination Agency, Germany
MEP **Robert Biedroń**, Group of the Progressive Alliance of Socialists and Democrats in the European Parliament, Poland
MEP **Malin Björk**, Group of the European United Left - Nordic Green Left, Sweden

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.

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Mr **Csaba Ferenc Asztalos**, president of the National Council for Combating Discrimination, Romania
MEP **Malin Björk**, Group of the European United Left - Nordic Green Left, Sweden
Ms **Sophie Latraverse**, Director of Legal Expertise to the General Secretariat for the Defender of Rights, Defender of Rights, France
MEP **Radka Maxová**, Renew Europe Group, Czechia
Mr **Patrick Charlier**, co-director of UNIA (Interfederal Centre for Equal Opportunities), Belgium
Mr **Martin Mörk**, Deputy Ombudsman and Head of Litigation, The Equality Ombudsman, Sweden

15.20-15.50 **Closing Comments by Panellists**

15.50-16.00 **Closing Remarks**

Tena Šimonovic Einwalter, Chair of Equinet Executive Board

