

Equinet Annual General Meeting (AGM) 2022

Wednesday 5 October 2022 | 09:00 – 15:45

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Networking Dinner on 4 October

19.00 Dinner at **Le Cercle des Voyageurs**, Rue des Grands Carmes 18 / Lievevroubroersstraat 18

AGENDA (CET, Brussels time)

Registration

08.40 – 09.00 **Registration**

Opening and Introduction

09.00 – 09.10 **Welcome by Tena Šimonović Einwalter, Chair of Equinet Board**

Session 1: Equinet 2022 review

Chair: Tena Šimonović Einwalter, Chair of Equinet Board

09.10 – 09.50 **Report on Equinet Activities**

- **Report on 2022 Work Plan implementation** – Anne Gaspard, Co-Director & Tamás Kádár, Co-Director, Equinet Secretariat
- **Report and update on Equinet Funding & Finance** – Rhoda Garland, Treasurer (Equinet Board Member)
- Q&A – Members' discussion

09.50 – 10.00 **Voting Part 1**

Members Vote on:
DRAFT MINUTES AGM 2021
DRAFT MINUTES EAM 2021
ACCOUNTS 2021

10.00 – 10.20 **Coffee Break**

Session 2: Looking forward - 2023 plans and Equinet governance

Chair: Anne Gaspard, Equinet Co-Director

10.20 – 10.50 **Equinet Strategic Plan 2023-26**

- **Proposed new Equinet Strategic Plan** – Tena Šimonović Einwalter, Chair of Equinet Board & Valérie Fontaine, Equinet Board Member
- Q&A – Members' discussion

10.50 – 11.15 **Equinet 2023 Work Plan**



- **Proposed 2023 Equinet Work Plan & budget** – Tena Šimonović Einwalter, Chair of Equinet Board & Valérie Fontaine, Equinet Board Member
- Q&A – Members' discussion

11.15 – 11.25

Voting Part 2

Members Vote on: AMENDMENT TO STRATEGIC PLAN
STRATEGIC PLAN 2023-26
WORK PLAN 2023i

11.25 – 11.45

Equinet Board Elections Procedure

- **Proposed new Equinet Board Elections Procedure** – Tamás Kádár, Co-Director, Equinet Secretariat & Rainer Hiltunen, Equinet Board Member
- Q&A – Members' discussion

11.45 – 12:00

Voting Part 3

Members Vote on: BOARD ELECTIONS PROCEDURE

12.00 – 13.00

Networking Lunch

Session 3: Equality in Europe - New developments and opportunities

Chair: Tamás Kádár, Equinet Co-Director

13.00 – 14.00

EU Standards for Equality Bodies & Shared Priorities

- Video address: Helena Dalli, Commissioner for Equality
- Silvan Agius, Member of Commissioner Helena Dalli's Cabinet
- Jakub Machačka, Czech Presidency of the Council of the EU
- Erik Adell Hellström, Swedish Presidency of the Council of the EU
- Tena Šimonović Einwalter, Equinet Chair & Ombudswoman, Croatia
- Q&A – Members' discussion

14.00 – 14.20

Coffee Break

Session 4: Promoting Standards for Equality Bodies

Chair: Tena Šimonović Einwalter, Chair of Equinet Board

14.20 – 14.55

Promoting the Standards at national level

- **Proposed Equinet approach to advocating for the Standards** – Anne Gaspard, Co-Director & Tamás Kádár, Co-Director, Equinet Secretariat
- **Member's example of national level advocacy**
 - Ferda Ataman, Federal Commissioner for Anti-discrimination, Federal Anti-discrimination Agency, Germany
 - Jean O'Mahony, Head of Strategic Engagement, Irish Human Rights and Equality Commission, Ireland
- Q&A – Members' discussion

14.55 – 15.40

Members' Small Group Discussions

- Three group discussions led by : Lars Arrhenius (Sweden), Robert Gajda (Albania), Rainer Hiltunen (Finland)

- **Which the part of the standards legislation do you need/look forward to the most?**
 - **Why do we need standards for equality bodies, or what's your elevator pitch to convince a decision-maker in your country?**
 - **Thinking of national level promotion, who are the most important actors for you to contact or work with to advocate for the swift adoption of strong EU Directives?**
 - **How could the Equinet Board & Secretariat help you in this national level promotion/advocacy work?**
- Feedback to plenary
 - Next steps

Closing

15.40 – 15.45

Conclusion and closing of AGM

- **Closing remarks** - Tena Šimonović Einwalter, Chair of Equinet Board