

Standards Project Meeting II

Agenda

Thursday, 15 December 2022, 9:00 to 16:00 (CET), Brussels

Opening session

09:00 – 09:45 **Introduction**
Welcome and tour de table

EU legislative process on standards for equality bodies

09:45 – 10:25 **Update from the Equinet Secretariat**

- Brief analysis of key points, strengths and challenges of the Commission proposal
- Discussion

10:25 – 10:45 **Coffee Break**

10:45 – 11:30 **Discussion**

- Discussion with DG Justice and Consumers and/or the upcoming Swedish Presidency of the Council of the EU

Discussing Equinet's Advocacy Strategy

11:30 – 12:30 **Equinet's Advocacy Strategy**

- Short presentation of the advocacy strategy developed by the Equinet Secretariat together with the Board
- Discussion on Equinet's Strategy on advocating for the adoption of strong EU legislation on standards for equality bodies

12:30 – 13:30 **Lunch**

Future plans for the Project Group

13:30 – 15:30 **Future Plans**

Beyond the monitoring of and contribution to the legislative process and the two annual meetings of the project group, Equinet's Work Plan 2023 foresees three concrete activities. In this session, participants will be invited to discuss and propose the most effective and favoured approach for these activities.

1. **Meeting with MEPs** to inform them about Equality Bodies and their needs and to advocate for the swift adoption of the legislation.



- This is foreseen as an in-person meeting in Brussels, on the fringes of the first project meeting in 2023, tentatively in February.
 - *In preparation of our project meeting on 15 December, please think about MEPs that you could help us invite or even host the meeting.*
2. **Workshop organized for Equality Bodies from non-EU countries** to discuss strengthening the position of Equality Bodies beyond the EU and how EU standards can contribute to this. This workshop will only be organized if TAIEX funding from DG NEAR is available.
- This is foreseen as an in-person meeting in one of the beneficiary countries of TAIEX, tentatively in September.
 - *In preparation of our project meeting on 15 December, please think of the best ways to organize this workshop and whether your equality body, in a TAIEX-eligible country, could be interested in hosting.*
3. **One additional set of indicators** developed to assist the monitoring of the implementation of standards for Equality Bodies.
- Members will be invited to discuss what this additional set of indicators should focus on and the best approach for its preparation.

15:30 – 15:45

Closing

Any other business, closing of the meeting

