Standards Lab Journal:

From Legal Digest to Impact

# Introduction

We have published the Legal digest of the Standards directives, further summarised the key principles and even produced a CSO Handbook for our partners – now it is time to reflect on how we best put this into practice and transpose the directives in our different national contexts.

The aim of this journal is to guide you through the Standards Directives in Action Lab. It follows the structure of the agenda and gives you space to prepare for sessions, reflect on questions individually and take notes during the group work.

We hope that you find the journal helpful and it allows you to make the most of the Standards Directives in Action Lab!

# Short overview of the Agenda

### DAY 1

**09:30 – 15:30 Day 1 Lab**

Featuring: Setting the scene, Purpose of Directives; institutional infrastructure and mandate, Accessibility

**19:30**  **Day 1 dinner**

Optional Equinet-organised dinner

### DAY 2

**09:30 – 16:50** **Day 2 Lab**

Featuring: Independence and resources; Powers: Promotion; Access to Justice

**19:30**  **Day 2 dinner**

Optional Equinet-organised dinner

### DAY 3

**9:30 – 12:30** **Day 3 closing of Lab**

Featuring: Strategic reflections towards an institutional plan; Steps ahead

# Homework before the Lab

We have designed this Lab Journal as a diary in which you can reflect beforehand on some key questions in order to prepare well and make the most of this opportunity.

The two main questions we would like you to prepare in advance of coming to Krakow are:

1. **When it comes to transposing the Directives in your national context, what is your main challenge related to:** 
   1. Institutional infrastructure and mandate?

Please put your answer on page 6 to support your involvement in that session.

* 1. Accessibility?

Please put your answer on page 8 to support your involvement in that session.

* 1. Independence and resources?

Please put your answer on page 10 to support your involvement in that session.

* 1. Powers?

Please put your answer on page 12 to support your involvement in that session.

1. **What is the main opportunity that you think the transposition period may offer you, and how can the provisions in the directives help you reach that?**
2. Institutional infrastructure and mandate?

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1. Accessibility?

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1. Independence and resources?

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1. Powers?

Please put your answer on page 12 to support your involvement in that session.

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# Setting the scene

## Materials

* Standards Directives:  ([Directive 2024/1500](https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX%3A32024L1500&qid=1725974462001) and [Directive 2024/1499](https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX%3A32024L1499&qid=1725974489116)).
* Legal Digest: [Legal Digest on Standards for Equality Bodies](https://equineteurope.org/publications/understanding-the-new-eu-directives-on-standards-for-equality-bodies-legal-digest-on-standards-for-equality-bodies/)
* Key Principles: [Key Principles derived from the Legal Digest on Standards for Equality Bodies](https://equineteurope.org/publications/understanding-the-new-eu-directives-on-standards-for-equality-bodies-key-principles-derived-from-the-legal-digest-on-standards-for-equality-bodies/)
* SWOT Analysis

## Notes

# Purpose of Directives; institutional infrastructure and mandate of EBs

## Materials

**Standards Directives article(s):** Article 1(1)

**Legal Digest pages**: 16-23

**Key principles page:** 6

## Homework

The two main questions we would like you to prepare in advance are:

1. When it comes to transposing the Directives in your national context, what is your main challenge related to this thematic block?

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## Notes from the presentation

## Strategic reflections towards an institutional plan (to be completed in Day 3 of the Lab)

Have the key challenges you prepared regarding Purpose of Directives; institutional infrastructure and mandate of EBs changed, evolved or become nuanced in any way during these days?

# Accessibility

## Materials

**Standards Directives article(s):** Articles 12 &13

**Legal Digest pages**: 99-107

**Key principles pages: 19**

## Homework

The two main questions we would like you to prepare in advance are:

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## Notes from the presentation

## Strategic reflections towards an institutional plan (to be completed in Day 3 of the Lab)

Have the key challenges you prepared regarding Accessibility changed, evolved or become nuanced in any way during these days?

# Independence and Resources

## Materials

**Standards Directives article(s):** Article 3 & 4

**Legal Digest pages**: 34-48

**Key principles pages:** 9-10

## Homework

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1. When it comes to transposing the Directives in your national context, what is your main challenge related to this thematic block?

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## Notes from the presentation

## Strategic reflections towards an institutional plan (to be completed in Day 3 of the Lab)

Have the key challenges you prepared regarding Indpendence and Resources changed, evolved or become nuanced in any way during these days?

# Powers

## Materials

**Standards Directives article(s):** Articles 5, 15, 16, 17 c, 8, 9,10

**Legal Digest pages**: 49-98

**Key principles pages:** 11-18

## Homework

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1. What is the main opportunity that you think the transposition period may offer you, and how can the provisions in the directives help you reach that?

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## Notes from the presentation

## Strategic reflections towards an institutional plan (to be completed in Day 3 of the Lab)

Have the key challenges you prepared regarding Powers changed, evolved or become nuanced in any way during these days?

# Strategic reflections towards an institutional plan (to be completed in Day 3 of the Lab)

What are the main building blocks for your institutional plan to support transposition in your national context?

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Steps ahead

## Notes

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