

EQUINET EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING III Thursday 24 & Friday 25 May 2012 Vilnius, Lithuania

Venue & Contacts:

Meeting room at EIGE, Vilnius (Thursday 24 May pm)
Holiday Inn Vilnius – Seimyniskiu str. 1, 09312 Vilnius
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Attendance:

Board Members: Jozef De Witte (Chair), Evelyn Collins, Domenica Ghidei, Elke Lujansky-Lammer, Julija Šartuch, Therese Spiteri, Néphéli Yatropoulos

Equinet Secretariat: Anne Gaspard (executive director) – *teleconference participation*, Tamás Kádár (policy officer), Yannick Godin (administration & finance officer), Cosmin Popa (communications officer), Catharina Sahl (trainee – policy assistant)

Apologies: Tena Šimonovic Einwalter, Csaba Ferenc Asztalos, Domenica Ghidei (only Friday morning)
Board Advisor: Niall Crowley (*teleconference participation for parts of Board meeting*)

AGENDA

BOARD MEETING – 24 May (15:30-18:30) & 25 May 2012 (09:00-12:30)

14:30- 15:30: Cooperation and linkages with European Gender Institute (EIGE)

Board exchange with Virginija Langbakk – EIGE Director

- Equinet background on gender equality work
- EIGE's approach on linking to gender equality bodies
- Possibilities for strengthening structured cooperation between EIGE and Equinet / Gender Equality Bodies

1. Opening of the Equinet Board Meeting

2. Announcements

3. Minutes of last Equinet Meetings

- Draft Minutes of Board Meeting 27 March 2012 (**Annex 3.1**)
- Questions/remarks (on issues not on the agenda)

4. Strategic issues

- CRPD and possible link with an Equinet ad-hoc Initiative
- EC Network of Gender Equality Bodies
- Financial sustainability -
Including approach MAFF *EC Rights and Citizenship programme Proposal (2014-2020)* (**Annex 4.1**)

5. Priority issues – Work Programme 2012

- Moderator of Equinet Working Group *Equality Law in Practice* (**Annex 5.1**)
- Preparation of *Equinet Perspective* on difficulties experienced by equality bodies - and possible link to impact of austerity measures
- Equinet Training on Under Reporting – Sept 2012
- Dates and venue (Malta, 26/27 Sept 2012)

- Draft Training outline programme ([Annex 5.2](#))
 - o Planning Equinet AGM Nov 2012
 - Planning date & location (21 Nov 2012, Cyprus)
 - AGM draft programme outline ([Annex 5.3](#))
 - Review – future Board election procedures ([Annex 5.4](#))
- 6. Planning issues - Equinet Work Programme 2012 ([Annex 6.1](#))**
- o Follow up of the work/perspective on Equality and Human Rights
 - o Update & planning Equinet Working Groups 2012 activities and meetings
 - o Equinet Good Practice Case Study/guide (supporting good practice in goods & services)
 - o Update on website, newsletter and other communications issues
 - o Publication and dissemination of Equinet Annual Report 2011
- 7. Relevant EU and European stakeholders initiatives ([Annex 7.1](#))**
- o Equality Summit, Cyprus (22-23 November 2012)
 - o Cooperation EC/DG Justice
 - o Cooperation with Council of Europe (Human Rights Commissioner and ECRI)
 - o Cooperation with FRA – Annual Meeting with Equinet / NEBs (Vienna, 16 October 2012)
 - o European Group of NHRIs
- For information*
- o European Year 2012 for Active Ageing and Solidarity between Generations
 - o EC For Diversity Against Discrimination Campaign
 - o Overview of Equinet participation in meetings and events 2012
- 8. Equinet Membership**
- o Membership update
 - o Membership Application – Commission for Protection against Discrimination, Republic of Macedonia ([Annex 8.1](#))
- 9. Finances and Administration**
- o Note relating to financial management roles / Treasurer ([Annex 9.1](#))
 - o Management financial report 2012 with variances ([Annex 9.2](#))
 - o Equinet Membership Fees 2012 – update
 - o Update submission Equinet 2011 Final Report to EC
 - o Update – cover planning and implementation during AG maternity leave (from 18 June 2012)
- 10. Any Other Business** (AOB / miscellaneous)
- 11. Next meetings ([Annex 11.1](#))**
- o Update Equinet Calendar 2012 – key meetings and events
 - 26-27 September 2012: Equinet Training on under-reporting (Malta)
 - **27 Sept (pm) & 28 Sept (am) 2012: Equinet Board Meeting (Malta)**
 - **21 November 2012: Equinet AGM (Cyprus)**

Annexes to this agenda:

- o **Annex 3.1** - Draft Minutes of Equinet Board meeting (27 March 2012)
- o **Annex 4.1** - Update and Equinet Strategy in relation to EC proposal *Rights and Citizenship Programme - Multi-Annual Financial Framework (2014-2020)*
- o **Annex 5.1** - Nomination Moderator Equinet Working Group *Equality Law in Practice*
- o **Annex 5.2** - Draft outline programme Equinet Training on Under-Reporting (26/27 Sept 2012)
- o **Annex 5.3** - Draft programme outline Equinet AGM (21 November 2012)
- o **Annex 5.4** - Draft revised proposal Equinet Board Elections procedures
- o **Annex 6.1** - Update Note implementation Work Programme 2012
- o **Annex 7.1** - Note on links to relevant stakeholders initiatives, and overview of Equinet participation in relevant recent events/seminars 2012
- o **Annex 8.1** - Equinet Membership application, Republic of Macedonia
- o **Annex 9.1** - Note on Financial Management roles / treasurer
- o **Annex 9.2** - Management Financial Report 2012 to the Board with variances
- o **Annex 11.1** - Suggested key items for future Board Meetings

Additional Annex for reference and information (issue not on the agenda)

- o Annex 12 - Evaluation Report of Equinet High-Level Legal Seminar March 2012