

EQUINET EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING II

15 June 2016 (09.00-16.00)

Brussels, Belgium

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Attendance:

Board Members: Evelyn Collins (Chair), Kosana Beker, Anna Błaszczak, Patrick Charlier, Sandra Konstatzky, Elisabeth Lier Haugseth, Kalliopi Lykovardi, Petr Polak

Equinet Secretariat: Anne Gaspard (executive director), Sarah Cooke O'Dowd (communication officer), Yannick Godin (administration & finance officer), Tamás Kádár (head of legal and policy), Jessica Machacova (project officer), Katrine Steinfeld (policy officer), Nicolas Oliveri Ibaldi (trainee, events and administration assistant)

Apologies: Sarah Benichou, Board Member

Note: Items highlighted below are priority issues that will require particular attention and input from the Board for discussion and decision.

AGENDA

	INFORMATION	DISCUSSION	DECISION
1. Opening and announcements	•		
2. Follow-up last Equinet Meetings <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Draft Minutes of Board Meeting 3 March 2016 (Annex 2.1) ○ Equinet Seminar "Accessibility and Reasonable Accommodation", Vienna 4-5 April 2016 (Annex 2.2) ○ Equinet-EHRC European Parliament Roundtable "Equality Bodies and Work-Life Balance: contributing to new EU Initiatives", Brussels 20 April (Annex 2.3) ○ Seminar Gender in Education, Prague 19-20 May 2016 (Annex 2.4) 	• • •		•
3. Strategic issues <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Equinet Reception & Conference: Strengthening implementation and effectiveness of equal treatment legislation, Brussels June 2016 (Annex 3.1) ○ Supporting development of Standards for NEBs: next steps (Annex 3.2) 	•	• •	• •

<p>4. Equinet Work Programme 2016 – Implementation progress:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Equinet Calendar 2016 (Annex 4.1) <p><i>Priority planning items under Equinet Work Plan 2016</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Equinet AGM (Annual General Meeting) 2016 (Annex 4.2) ○ Working Groups update (Annex 4.3) ○ Preparation of Study paper on the use of positive duties in promoting equality (Annex 4.4) ○ Equinet Training <i>Equality Bodies and Social Media</i> <p><i>Other relevant Work Plan items</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Update online Directory of NEBs ○ Equinet ECtHR monitoring ○ Strategic Litigation Cluster ○ Cooperation platforms FRA-CoE-Equinet-ENNHRI (Annex 4.5) ○ Members survey questionnaire on inclusion of migrants 	<p>•</p> <p>•</p> <p>•</p> <p>•</p> <p>•</p> <p>•</p> <p>•</p>	<p>•</p> <p>•</p> <p>•</p> <p>•</p> <p>•</p> <p>•</p> <p>•</p>	<p>•</p>
<p>5. Brainstorming & Discussion Session - Equinet Draft Programme 2017 Developing key highlights and themes Draft Work Programme 2017</p> <p><i>Contexts for consideration:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ EU & International Priorities 2017 (Annex 5.1) ○ Equinet past work on Grounds of Discrimination (Annex 5.2) ○ Link and Communication Equinet 10 years Anniversary (Annex 5.3) 		<p>•</p>	
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<p>6. Equinet Membership</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Membership update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Croatian Ombudswoman - National Equality Councillor, Italy - Potential membership application: Human Rights Ombudsman, Bosnia and Herzegovina - Any other relevant update / development 	<p>•</p> <p>•</p> <p>•</p>	<p>•</p>	<p>•</p>
<p>7. Equinet Governance, management & Finance / Administration</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Equinet AGM (Annual General Meeting) 2016 (Annex 4.2 above) ○ Considerations - review Equinet Board Elections Procedures (Annex 7.1) ○ Management report - situation Equinet Accounts 2016 (Annex 7.2) 	<p>•</p> <p>•</p>	<p>•</p> <p>•</p> <p>•</p>	<p>•</p>
<p>8. Relevant EU and European stakeholders initiatives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ EU High-Level Group on Non-Discrimination, Equality and Diversity (7-8 June 2016) (Annex 8.1) ○ EU High-Level Group on Combating Racism and Xenophobia (14 June 2016) (Annex 8.2) ○ EC Journalism Award 2016 (Annex 8.3) ○ EC Colloquium on Fundamental Rights 2017 (Annex 8.3) ○ EC LGBTI Campaign 2016 (Annex 8.3) & IDAHOT Forum 2016/2017 ○ European Accessibility Act & EC Public Consultation on Disability ○ FRA Fundamental Rights Forum 20-23 June 2016 ○ Equinet participation in meetings and events 2016 (Annex 8.5) 	<p>•</p>		
9. Any other Business (AOB)			
<p>10. Next meetings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Equinet Calendar 2016 – proposed dates for Board meetings: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 8 September 2016 (Helsinki, Finland) ○ 8 December 2016 (Brussels, Belgium) ○ Equinet AGM: 29-30 Sept or first week October (4-6-7 Oct) 	<p>•</p>		<p>•</p>