

EQUINET EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING III

19-20 September 2013

Lisbon, Portugal

Venue & Contacts:

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Attendance:

Board Members: Jozef De Witte (Chair), Csaba Ferenc Asztalos, Evelyn Collins - *attendance Board day 2 only*, Elke Lujansky-Lammer, Julija Šartuch, Tena Šimonovic Einwalter, Therese Spiteri

Board Advisor: Niall Crowley

Equinet Secretariat: Anne Gaspard (executive director), Tamás Kádár (senior policy officer), Yannick Godin (administration & finance officer), Cosmin Popa (communications officer), Ilaria Volpe (policy officer - gender focus) – *attendance Board day 1 only*, Charalambos Stergiou (Trainee – Assistant)

Apologies: Domenica Ghidei; Néphéli Yatropoulos

AGENDA

BOARD MEETING – 19 Sept (2-6pm) & 20 Sept (9am-12.30pm) 2013

	INFORMATION	DISCUSSION	DECISION
1. Opening of the Equinet Board Meeting			
2. Announcements	•		
3. Minutes of last Equinet Meeting			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Draft Minutes of Board Meeting 15 May 2013 (Annex 3.1) ○ Follow-up remarks (on issues not on the agenda) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Standards for equality bodies (Annex 3.2) - Review 2013 of Equinet gender-related activities (Annex 3.3) 	•	•	•
4. Strategic issues			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Equinet EC Funding – Financial issues and sustainability (Annex 4.1) ○ Towards next Equinet Strategic Plan 2015-2018 / Board discussion on its vision ○ Equinet Draft Work Programme 2014 (Annex 4.2) & EC call for Action Grants 2014 ○ Equinet paper on indicators for measuring the impact of NEBs (Annex 4.3) 		• •	•

<p>5. Planning issues – Equinet activities and Work Programme 2013</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Equinet AGM 2013 & Executive Board Elections <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Draft AGM Programme (Annex 5.1) - Call / ongoing process for Nominations of Candidates for the Board Elections (Annex 5.2) ○ Good practice guide on reasonable accommodation ○ Equinet Training Duty-Bearers (24-25 Oct 2013, Brussels) (Annex 5.3) ○ Update /planning Equinet Working Groups (Annex 5.4) ○ Draft internal report on current operating procedures and processes within the Equinet Network (Annex 5.5) ○ Common cause project on values (Annex 5.6) ○ Equinet publications 			
<p>6. Equinet Membership</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Membership update ○ Membership applications <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ombudsman Gender Equality, Croatia (Annex 6.1) - National Commission Persons with Disability, Malta (Annex 6.2) 			
<p>7. Relevant EU and European stakeholders initiatives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ FRA joint meeting with NEBs-NHRIs-Ombudsmen, 7-8 Oct 2013 Vienna (Annex 7.1) ○ Directive proposal Freedom of Movement EU Migrant Workers (Annex 7.2) ○ Links and cooperation Stakeholders <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - ERIO Meeting with Equality Bodies 27 Sept (Annex 7.3) - Annual meeting civil society networks 24 Sept + social partners - Meeting with EC / Equality Directorate 23 Sept (Annex 7.4) ○ Equinet participation in meetings and events 2013 (Annex 7.5) 			
<p>8. Finances and Administration</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Management financial report 2013 with variances (Annex 8.1) ○ Report – Equinet 2011 external Audit (Annex 8.2) 			
<p>9. Any Other Business (AOB / miscellaneous)</p>			
<p>10. Next meetings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Update Equinet Calendar 2013 meetings and events <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 24-25 October: Training on supporting duty bearers (Zagreb) - 28 November: Equinet AGM (Brussels) + meeting elected Board 			

Annexes to this agenda:

- **Annex 3.1** *Draft Minutes Board Meeting Brussels 15 May 2013*
- **Annex 3.2** *EP written Question and EC response on Equality Bodies*
- **Annex 3.3** *Internal note - Review of Equinet gender-related work and activities 2013*
- **Annex 4.1** *Note on Equinet Meeting with EC Financial Unit DG JUST – 10 Sept 2013*
- **Annex 4.2** *Equinet Draft Work Programme & Budget 2014 (with proposed calendar)*
- **Annex 4.3** *Equinet draft paper on processes & indicators for measuring the impact of NEBs*
- **Annex 5.1** *Draft Programme Equinet AGM - 28 November 2013*
- **Annex 5.2** *Board Elections procedures – geographical groupings*
- **Annex 5.3** *Programme Equinet Training on supporting Duty Bearers, 24-25 October 2013*
- **Annex 5.4** *Equinet Working Groups update*
- **Annex 5.5** *Draft Internal Report on current operating procedures and processes with Equinet*
- **Annex 5.6** *Update Common Cause project on values*
- **Annex 6.1** *Membership Application Submission – Ombudsman Gender Equality, Croatia*

- **Annex 6.2** *Membership Application Submission – National Commission Persons with Disability, Malta*
- **Annex 7.1** *Programme FRA joint meeting with NEBs-NHRIS-Ombudsmen, 7-8 Oct 2013*
- **Annex 7.2** *Update and proposed Strategy concerning EC Directive proposal on freedom of movement EU Migrant Workers*
- **Annex 7.3** *Draft programme ERIO meeting with Equality Bodies, 27 Sept 2013*
- **Annex 7.4** *Main presentation highlights/ key messages to EC Equality Directorate meeting*
- **Annex 7.5** *Equinet participation in meetings and events*
- **Annex 8.1** *Equinet Management Financial Report 2013*
- **Annex 8.2** *Draft Report – Equinet External Audit 2011*
- **Annex 10.1** *Draft Agenda – Board Meeting 28 November 2013*