

EQUINET EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING I
Monday 19-20 March 2013
Berlin, Germany

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DAY 1 (19 March): Bundesministerium für
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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), Vasiliki Gkesouli (Assistant Trainee)

Apologies: Elke Lujansky-Lammer, Néphèli Yatropoulos

AGENDA

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

1. Opening of the Equinet Board Meeting

2. Announcements

3. Minutes of last Equinet Meeting

- Approved Minutes of Board Meeting 4 December 2012 ([Annex 3.1](#))
- Questions/remarks (on issues not on the agenda)

4. Strategic issues

- Equinet input into EC review of implementation of anti-discrimination Directives ([Annex 4.1](#))
- Standards for Equality Bodies and related issues
 - Equinet Note to European Commission / Follow-up meeting 30 January ([Annex 4.2](#))
 - Equinet WP2013 Study on indicators for measuring the impact of NEBs ([Annex 4.3](#))
 - Feedback from AGM (discussion group) ([Annex 4.4](#))
 - ECRI Seminar with National Specialised Bodies (30-31 May 2013)
 - Cooperation with FRA ([Annex 4.5](#))

5. Priority issues – Activities and Work Programme 2013

- Follow-up nomination of Moderator of Equinet new Working Group on gender issues ([Annex 5.1](#))
- Follow-up nomination of Moderator of Equinet Communication Working Group ([Annex 5.2](#))

- Common cause project on values ([Annex 5.3](#))
 - Equinet high-level Seminar on gender-related issues (27 June 2013, Brussels) ([Annex 5.4](#))
 - Good practice guide on reasonable accommodation
 - Outcomes and recommendations of Equinet External Evaluation 2012 ([Annex 5.5](#))
- 6. Planning issues - Equinet Work Programme 2013**
- Legal Seminar (16 May 2013, Brussels) ([Annex 6.1](#))
 - Feedback from AGM group discussions ([Annex 6.2](#)) & update /planning Equinet Working Groups ([Annex 6.3](#))
 - Equinet publications and follow-up
 - Planning Equinet Board Elections & AGM 2013 ([Annex 6.4](#))
 - Outline approach proposal for preparation of Equinet Strategic Plan 2015-2018 ([Annex 6.5](#))
- 7. Equinet Membership**
- Equinet Board Elections Procedures – Group allocation of FYROM /new member ([Annex 7.1](#))
 - Membership update
 - Italy *Consigliera Nazionale di Parità* / National Advisor for Equality ([Annex 7.2](#))
 - Slovenia Equality Body ([Annex 7.3](#))
- 8. Relevant EU and European stakeholders initiatives (for information)**
- Links and cooperation EBs-NHRIs
 - Secretariat of European Group of NHRIs
 - Conference on links between NEBs and NHRIs (15 March 2013, London)
 - CRPD working group of European Group
 - Equinet participation in meetings and events 2013 ([Annex 8.1](#))
- 9. Finances and Administration**
- Accounts 2012 - Management financial report 2012 with variances ([Annex 9.1](#))
 - Equinet EC Grant budget 2013 + Membership Fees 2012/2013 – update
- 10. Any Other Business (AOB / miscellaneous)**
- 11. Next meetings**
- Update Equinet Calendar 2013 meetings and events
 - **15 May: Board meeting (Brussels)**
 - **16 May:** Legal Seminar (Brussels)
 - **27 June:** Gender seminar (Brussels)
 - **18-19 September:** Training on Gender related issues (Lisbon)
 - **19-20 September: Board meeting (Lisbon)**
 - **24-25 October:** Training on supporting duty bearers (Zagreb)
 - **28 November: Equinet AGM (Brussels)**

Annexes to this agenda:

- **Annex 3.1** Minutes of Equinet Board meeting (4 December 2012)
- **Annex 4.1** Equinet input to EC implementation report on equality Directives
- **Annex 4.2** Equinet note to European Commission on standards
- **Annex 4.3** Draft project specifications - Equinet 2013 Study on impact indicators for NEBs
- **Annex 4.4** Notes from AGM group discussion - standards
- **Annex 4.5** Note – 2013 Annual FRA meeting with NEBs jointly with ombuds and NHRIs
- **Annex 5.1** Proposal Moderator Working Group on *gender-related issues*
- **Annex 5.2** Proposal Moderator Working Group *Communications Strategies & Practices*
- **Annex 5.3** Common Cause project on values
- **Annex 5.4** Proposed concept and programme – Equinet Seminar on gender-related issues
- **Annex 5.5** Equinet external Evaluation Report 2012
- **Annex 6.1** Equinet high-level Legal Seminar draft agenda (16 May 2013)
- **Annex 6.2** Summary notes – AGM discussion groups
- **Annex 6.3** Update Note implementation Work Programme / Working Groups 2012-2013
- **Annex 6.4** Planning steps towards Equinet Board Elections – AGM 2013
- **Annex 6.5** Outline approach for preparation of Equinet Strategic Plan 2015-2018
- **Annex 7.1** Equinet Board Elections Procedures – proposal group allocation FYROM
- **Annex 7.2** Equinet Membership Application - Italy *Consigliera Nazionale di Parità*
- **Annex 7.3** Equinet letter and related exchange re: Slovenia
- **Annex 8.1** Overview of Equinet participation in relevant events/meetings 2013
- **Annex 9.1** Equinet accounts / management financial report 2012