

EQUINET EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING II

30 April 2015 (09.00-15.00)

Madrid, Spain

Venue & Contacts:

Ministry of Health, Social Services and Equality
18-20 Paseo del Prado, Madrid, Spain

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Attendance:

Board Members: Evelyn Collins (Chair), Anna Błaszczak, Michiel Bonte, Mari-Liis Sepper, Néphèli Yatropoulos, Tena Šimonović-Einwalter (*teleconference*)

Board Advisor: Niall Crowley

Equinet Secretariat: Anne Gaspard (executive director), Tamás Kádár (senior policy officer), Ilaria Volpe (policy officer), Yannick Godin (administration & finance officer), Sarah Cooke O'Dowd (communications officer), Jessica Machacova (project officer)

Apologies: Kosana Beker, István Haller (*Board Members*), Therese Spiteri (*Treasurer*)

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 22 January 2015 (Annex 2.1) ○ Draft Minutes of Equinet AGM 4 Dec 2014 (Annex 2.2) ○ Gender Equality Conference 23 March 2015 - Summary + Evaluation feedback (Annex 2.3) 	•		• •
3. Equinet Evaluation 2014 Review final external Evaluation Report of Equinet 2014 (Annex 3.1)		•	
4. Equinet Communications <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Presentation proposal Equinet Communications Strategy (Annex 4.1) ○ Q&A, feedback and comments/inputs, discussion 		•	
5. Strategic issues <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ EC Horizontal Directive – Internal Note & Proposal (Annex 5.1) ○ Equinet Cluster on Standards 2015 (Annex 5.2) 		• •	
6. Equinet Governance and Membership <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Board membership update ○ Working Group Moderators and activities (Annex 6.1) 	• •	•	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Equinet AGM, Brussels 9 October (Annex 6.2) ○ AGM Board Elections 2015 – Process & call for candidates (Annex 6.3) ○ Equinet board elections procedures post-2016 – initial exchange ○ Membership update 	•	• •	• •
<p>7. Equinet Finance & Administration</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Final accounts 2014 (Annex 7.1) & EC Final Reporting Action Grant 2014 ○ External EC Audit Equinet Accounts 2012 and Current state of Equinet finances & issues raised (Annex 7.2) 	• •	•	
<p>8. Equinet 2015 Work Programme Implementation</p> <p><i>Priority issues</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Seminar Charter Fundamental Rights, Brussels 16-17 June (Annex 8.1) ○ Evaluation Lab, Brussels 1 June (Annex 8.2) ○ Seminar Work-life Balance, Tallinn 1-2 July (Annex 8.3) <p><i>Other Equinet work programme planning issues</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Equinet Research on Sanctions (Annex 8.4) ○ Training Access to EU Funds (Annex 8.5) ○ Update on Equinet Working Groups 2015 activities (Annex 6.1) ○ Seminar Religion & Belief, London Oct (Annex 8.6) ○ Other relevant planning issues – <i>Strategic Litigation cluster, Paris Conference on Freedom of Movement Directive 8 Dec</i> 	• • • •	• • • • • •	
<p>9. Equinet Work Programme 2016</p> <p>Preparations process (May-Aug) & initial brainstorming suggestions 2016</p>		•	
<p>10. Relevant EU and European stakeholders initiatives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Developments in the field of Disability & CRPD (Annex 10.1a & b) ○ ECRI Seminar with NEBs on underreporting, 28-29 May (Annex 10.2) ○ Cooperation platforms FRA-CoE-Equinet-ENNHRI (Annex 10.3) ○ FRA meeting with national stakeholders, 18-20 November (Annex 10.4) ○ EC Annual Colloquium on Fundamental Rights, 1-2 Oct (Annex 10.5) ○ ERIO annual meeting with NEBs, Brussels ○ Equinet participation in meetings and events 2015 (Annex 10.6) 	•		
<p>11. Any Other Business (AOB)</p>			
<p>12. Next meetings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Update Equinet Calendar 2015 meetings and events <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 16-17 June: Charter Seminar (Brussels) - 1-2 July: Work-Life balance Seminar (Tallinn) - 16 September: Cluster meeting Standards NEBs (Brussels) - 17 September: Board meeting (Brussels) - 9 October: Equinet AGM (Brussels) + Board Meeting - 29-30 Oct (tbc): Seminar on Religion & Belief (London) - 8 Dec: Conference on the freedom of movement Directive (Paris) - 9 Dec: Board meeting (Paris) 			

Annexes to this agenda:

- **Annex 2.1** *Draft Minutes of Board Meeting 22 Jan 2015*
- **Annex 2.2** *Draft Minutes of Equinet AGM 4 Dec 2014*
- **Annex 2.3 a&b** *Conference summary and evaluation report of Equinet Gender Equality Conference, Brussels, 23 March 2015*
- **Annex 3.1** *Final external Evaluation Report of Equinet 2014, by Transform Ltd*
- **Annex 4.1** *Proposal Equinet Communications Strategy*
- **Annex 5.1** *EC Horizontal Directive – Internal note & strategy*
- **Annex 5.2 a&b** *Equinet note on Cluster on Standards 2015*
- **Annex 6.1** *Update on Working Group Moderators + WG activities 2015*
- **Annex 6.2** *Draft Concept – Equinet AGM, Brussels 9 October*
- **Annex 6.3** *AGM Equinet Board Elections 2015 – Process & call for candidates*
- **Annex 7.1** *Final Equinet accounts 2014 (audited and part of final EC reporting)*
- **Annex 7.2** *Note on EC External Audit of Equinet Accounts 2012 and Current state of Equinet finances & issues raised*
- **Annex 8.1** *Draft Programme Seminar Charter Fundamental Rights, Brussels 16-17 June*
- **Annex 8.2 a&b** *Concept Note – Evaluation Lab, meeting Brussels 1 June*
- **Annex 8.3** *Draft Concept – Seminar Work-life Balance, Tallinn 1-2 July*
- **Annex 8.4** *Equinet Research on Sanctions – TOR + update on proposals/selection*
- **Annex 8.5 a&b** *Training Access to EU Funds – update on process and approach/preparations*
- **Annex 8.6** *Concept outline proposal – Seminar on Religion & Belief*
- **Annex 10.1 a&b** *Developments in field of disability & CRPD (Internal Note + UN list of issues)*
- **Annex 10.2** *Draft Programme ECRI Seminar with NEBs on underreporting, 28-29 May*
- **Annex 10.3** *Update on Cooperation platforms FRA-CoE-Equinet-ENNHRI*
- **Annex 10.4** *Draft Concept FRA Meeting with National Stakeholders, 18-20 Nov*
- **Annex 10.5** *EC Consultation – Colloquium on Fundamental Rights*
- **Annex 10.6** *Overview of Equinet participation in meetings and events 2015*