

Equinet e-newsletter - The new EQUINET website has been launched!

Dear subscriber,

It is with great pleasure that we write you to let you know that the new Equinet website was launched recently at www.equineteurope.org - richer in information, more user-friendly and more interactive.

It features an important [section on European equality bodies](#) where visitors can find comprehensive and up-to-date profiles of Equinet members. These profiles allow you to read more about the grounds and fields of discrimination covered by each equality body, as well as their powers, activities, structure and contact details.

The website also provides up-to-date information about [European policy/legal developments](#) in the field of equality and non-discrimination, and publicises [events and activities](#) initiated by the network and its members.

On the occasion of launching its new website, Equinet discussed with Mr. Jozef de Witte (Chair of the Equinet Board and Director of the Belgian Centre for Equal Opportunities and Opposition to Racism), about the establishment, challenges and opportunities of Equinet. We think it is a frank, interesting and at times amusing interview that we encourage you to read in the [Member in the Spotlight](#) section.

Finally, we encourage you to get acquainted with this new website in the best way possible: explore as many sections as you can, open the links, play with the menus and options, and maybe most importantly, **let us know what you think** at info@equineteurope.org.



We thank you for your sustained interest in Equinet - the European Network of Equality Bodies.

The [Equinet Secretariat](#) team

Until the next full edition of the Equinet newsletter in late September/early October, we include below a selection of news-items and events that may be of interest to you.

News

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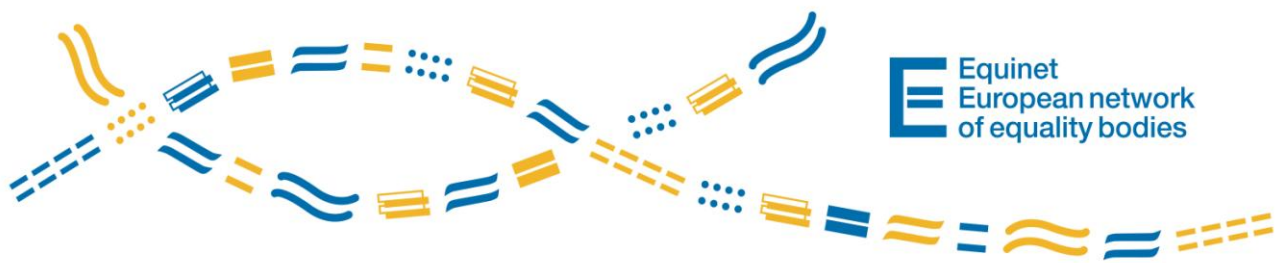
- ▶ [Equinet launches its Annual Report for 2011](#)
- ▶ [Equinet has published its Good Practice Guide on Promoting Equality in the Workplace](#)
- ▶ [The summary of the Equinet Training in May on Alternative Dispute Resolution is now available on the website](#)

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Equality Bodies

- ▶ [Hungarian equality body criticizes legal barriers to the employment of persons with disabilities](#)
- ▶ [Estonian Gender Equality and Equal Treatment Commissioner Speaks Out for LGBT Families](#)
- ▶ [Danish Institute for Human Rights and the Swedish Institute for Public Administration join forces to support the Albanian Ombudsman](#)
- ▶ [The Irish Equality Authority launches its 2011 Annual Report](#)

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Europe

- ▶ [Call for submission for the European Year 2012 Awards](#)
- ▶ [Transgender Europe and ILGA-Europe jointly launch the Human Rights and Gender Identity Best Practice Catalogue](#)
- ▶ [Call for authors: ENAR European Shadow Report 2011-12](#)

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Upcoming events

Equinet

- ▶ **SAVE THE DATE: 5 December** - Equinet Annual General Meeting (Brussels, Belgium)
- ▶ **21 September** - Meeting of the [Equinet Working Group on Strategy Development](#) on the issue of *equality bodies' role in relation to the duty-bearers in the field of non-discrimination* (hosted in Lisbon by the [Portuguese Commission for Equality in Labour and Employment](#))
- ▶ **26-27 September** - [Equinet Training for Members on "Using Communications to Tackle Under-Reporting"](#) (Valletta, Malta).
- ▶ **28 September** - Meeting of the [Equinet Working Group on Communication Strategies and Practices](#) on the issue of *using communications to tackle under-reporting* (hosted in Malta by the [National Commission for the Promotion of Equality \(NCPE\)](#))
- ▶ **16 October** - Annual Cooperation and Coordination Meeting between Equinet and the Fundamental Rights Agency (Vienna, Austria)

External

- ▶ **7-9 September** - Transgender Europe's [4th European Transgender Council](#) (Dublin Ireland)
- ▶ **13 September** - EIGE's [Expert meeting on Female Genital Mutilation \(FGM\)](#) (London, UK)
- ▶ **19 September** - 5th meeting of the EU Stakeholders of the [European Platform Against Poverty and Social Exclusion](#) (Brussels, Belgium)
- ▶ **18-21 October** - [16th ILGA-Europe Annual Conference](#) on *Advancing LGBTI equality in challenging economic times* (Dublin, Ireland)
- ▶ **20-21 September** - EIGE's [4th meeting of the thematic network on Gender Mainstreaming](#)
- ▶ **1 October** - [International Day of Older Persons](#)
- ▶ **16 October** - [Dynamo International – Street Workers Network conference-debate on "Roma People, Street Work and EU Policies"](#) (Brussels, Belgium)
- ▶ **24-26 October** - [Eurochild's Annual Conference 2012](#) on *Promoting the rights of children in alternative care across Europe* (Sofia, Bulgaria)
- ▶ **5-16 November** - [ITC-ILO Workshop on "Mainstreaming gender equality: concepts and instruments"](#) (Turin, Italy)
- ▶ **22-23 November** - [6th European Equality Summit](#) (Nicosia, Cyprus)
- ▶ **26 November** - EC Legal Seminar on the implementation of EU law on equal opportunities and anti-discrimination entitled *Equality Law for Everyone: Challenges Ahead* (Brussels, Belgium). **Please note that formal invitations have been sent out to national equality bodies via Member States Permanent Representations.**
- ▶ **29-30 November** - European Science Foundation's [European Gender Summit](#) (Brussels, Belgium)
- ▶ **6-7 December** - [Fundamental Rights Conference 2012](#) entitled *Ensuring access to justice in times of economic crisis* (Brussels, Belgium)

We hope you have found the Equinet e-newsletter informative. If you have any information you would like us to include in the next editions of the newsletter, or if you would like to subscribe, update your contact details, request a plain text version or unsubscribe, please contact us at info@equineteurope.org.