

# Equinet High-Level Legal Seminar

*Discussions on the application of the Race Equality Directive and the General Framework Directive*

Thursday - 16 May 2013

## VENUE

Hotel Crowne Plaza Le Palace, Rue Gineste 3, B-1210 Brussels, Belgium

## TARGET AUDIENCE

The seminar is aimed at legal experts and practitioners involved in anti-discrimination law, including senior legal staff from national equality bodies, the European institutions, agencies and other international organisations, from national and European NGOs, the academic world and social partners active in the field of non-discrimination and equal treatment law.

## OBJECTIVES

This one-day Seminar represents one of Equinet's contributions to the discussions and consultations leading up to the adoption of the European Commission's joint report on the application of the Race Directive (2000/43/EC) and the General Framework Directive (2000/78/EC). The Seminar strives in particular to:

- **Present equality bodies' experiences with the application of the Directives;**
- **Provide a platform for a wide range of legal experts to discuss and compare their experiences with the application of the Directives;**
- **Discuss potential areas and directions of future development.**

## FOLLOW-UP

Equinet will publish a summary report of the seminar and will upload the speakers' presentations on its website at:

[www.equineteurope.org/activities/events](http://www.equineteurope.org/activities/events)

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# DRAFT AGENDA

08.30 - 09.00	<b>Registration and Welcome</b>	
	<b>Opening Address</b>	
09.00 - 09.30	<p><i>Jozef de Witte</i> – Centre for Equal Opportunity and Opposition to Racism (Belgium) and Chair of the Equinet Executive Board</p> <p><i>Aurel Ciobanu-Dordea</i> – Director for Equality, DG Justice, European Commission</p>	
<b>09.30 - 11.00</b>	<b>SESSION 1 – Reporting on the application of the non-discrimination directives</b>	
09.30 – 10.00	<b>The work of the European Commission to prepare a report on the application of the non-discrimination directives</b>	<i>Andreas Stein</i> – Head of Unit, European Commission DG JUST Equal Treatment Legislation D.1
10.00 – 10.30	<b>The work and report of the Equinet Working Group Equality Law in practice on equality bodies' experience with the non-discrimination directives</b>	<i>Jayne Hardwick</i> – Equality and Human Rights Commission (UK)
<b>Questions &amp; Answers – Discussion (30 minutes)</b>		
<b>Coffee break (30 minutes)</b>		
<b>11.30 - 13.00</b>	<b>SESSION 2 – Interactive panel debate on relevant aspects of the directives and the experiences of stakeholders</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Jean-Pierre Gauci</b> – European Network Against Racism</li> <li>• <b>Erica Howard</b> – Middlesex University</li> <li>• <b>Claudia Menne</b> – European Trade Union Confederation</li> <li>• <b>National Equality Body representative</b> (TBC)</li> <li>• <b>Pia Lindholm</b> – European Commission</li> </ul>	
	Moderator: Tena Šimonović Einwalter, Office of the Ombudsman, Croatia	
<b>Lunch (90 minutes)</b>		
<b>14.30 - 16.15</b>	<b>SESSION 3 – Putting the Directives in context and potential developments</b>	
14.30 – 15.00	<b>Contributing to the report on the application of the non-discrimination directives from the perspective of the FRA</b>	<i>Gabriel Toggenburg</i> – European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights
15.00 – 15.45	<b>Next steps and potential areas of developments</b>	<i>Professor Olivier De Schutter</i> – Université Catholique de Louvain
<b>Questions &amp; Answers – Discussion (30 minutes)</b>		
16.15 - 16.30	<b>Closing of the seminar</b>	
	<i>Anne Gaspard</i> – Executive Director, Equinet Secretariat	