

Equinet Network Updates - February 2015

Dear Members,

This first Members' Bulletin gathers the **main Equinet internal updates, with the objective of giving you a clearer overview of Equinet activities**. We very much hope this Members' Bulletin will be useful in your day-to-day work and we would be grateful if you could disseminate it among your colleagues. Your feedback is also greatly appreciated. Should you have comments or further questions, please do not hesitate to contact Jessica Machacova, Equinet Project Officer (Jessica.machacova@equineteurope.org).

1. European Directory of Equality Bodies (final deadline: 22/02/2015)



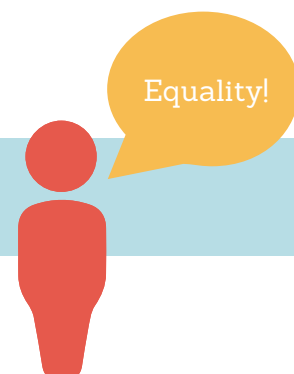
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In the next couple of weeks, Equinet aims to launch its interactive online Directory which will highlight and compare the work of equality bodies across Europe. This Directory will act as an information tool for a broad variety of actors, as well as provide a comparative snapshot of the state of equality bodies across Europe.

Half of our members have already had the chance to fill out the online form (<http://www.equineteurope.org/spip.php?page=membersdata>) and will therefore be included when we launch the Directory at the beginning of March. We warmly encourage anyone who has not yet done so to fill out the form by the end of this week in order to be included in the Directory from the outset.

For any questions or comments, please contact sarah.cookeodowd@equineteurope.org

2. Last days to register to Equinet Gender Equality Conference (final deadline: 20/02/2015)



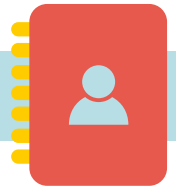
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As you might be aware, Equinet is organising the conference “**Taking Action for Gender Equality**” on Monday 23rd March 2015 in Brussels, to present the main findings of the Equinet Perspective on the work of equality bodies on gender equality and future strategic priorities, as well as to highlight equality bodies' experiences in the implementation of gender equality legislation and policies. We are very proud to announce that the EU Commissioner for Justice, Consumers and Gender Equality Vera Jourová will deliver a keynote address.

More information and draft agenda are available on our website (<http://www.equineteurope.org/Equinet-Conference-Taking-Action-623>)

Do not miss this opportunity by registering to the Conference (<https://adobeformscentral.com/?f=GzN2fy0MrHaqf1MgyXJWAQ>). **The deadline for online registration is Friday 20th February!**

3. Equinet Calendar of 2015 Activities



2015 promises to be an exciting year for Equinet! Our new Strategic Plan 2015-2018 and our Work Plan foresee a set of new activities. Find more in our 2015 Calendar of Activities (attached in email).

Next events and meetings:

- **Monday 23rd March:** Equinet Gender Equality Conference (Brussels, Belgium)
- **Tuesday 24th March:** Meeting of the Working Group Policy Formation (Brussels, Belgium)
- **Wednesday 29th April:** First meeting of the Cluster on Standards (Madrid, Spain)
- **Thursday 30th April:** Equinet Board Meeting (Madrid, Spain)

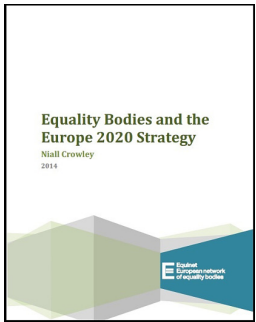
Links to key Equinet documents:

- [Equinet Strategic Plan 2015 -2018](#)
- [Equinet Work Plan 2015](#)

4. Latest Equinet publications



Download, read and share our newest publications! (click on the picture to download the publication)



Equality Bodies and the EU 2020 Strategy - Discussion Paper



Positive Action Measures - The Experience of Equality Bodies



The Bigger Picture: Equality Bodies as part of the national institutional architecture for equality



Realising Rights: Equality Bodies and people with disabilities, supporting the review of the EU Disability Strategy 2010-2020

5. European Commission – Call for Tender on Equality Data Collection (Deadline: 15/04/2015)



The European Commission sent us a Call for Tender on “**Analysis and comparative review of equality data collection practices in the EU**”. The call is available on the European e-tender platform (<https://etendering.ted.europa.eu/cft/cft-display.html?cftId=698>) and the European Commission website (http://ec.europa.eu/justice/newsroom/contracts/index_en.htm). Should you decide to apply for this call for tender, please do not hesitate to let us know!

For further questions regarding the Call for Tender, please contact just-a4-cft@ec.europa.eu.

Thank you very much for your attention!

The next Equinet Members' Bulletin (on EU developments) will be sent during the first week of March 2015

