

AGENDA - Equinet Annual General Meeting (AGM)

Thursday, 28 November 2013

Venue: HUSA President Park Hotel, 44 Boulevard du Roi Albert II, 1000 Brussels, Belgium

08:30 - 09.00	Registration	
09.00 - 11.00	Session 1 – Review and way forward Equinet – European Network of Equality Bodies Chair: Jozef De Witte, Chair - Equinet Executive Board	
09.00 - 10.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Welcome and introduction Report on Equinet by Jozef De Witte, Chair - Equinet Executive Board 	
	Report on 2013 Work Plan Presentation of Work Plan & Budget 2014 ¹ Funding & financial issues	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Q&A – Members’ discussion 	
	VOTE ON	Minutes Equinet AGM 2012 Accounts 2012
10.00 - 10.15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Update on Equinet Membership Introduction of candidate member equality bodies	
	VOTE ON RATIFICATION OF CANDIDATES FOR MEMBERSHIP	
	National Equality Councillor, Italy	
	National Commission for Persons with Disability, Malta	
10.15 - 11.00	Ombudsperson for Gender Equality, Croatia	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Introduction of Equinet Board Elections (for a mandate 2013-2015) Steps & procedures for the closed ballot vote (afternoon) Personal introduction of candidates (2 min each)	
11.00 - 11.30	Coffee Break	
11.30 - 12.45	Session 2 – Pre-consultation with Members on Preparing for next Equinet Strategic Plan (parallel discussion groups)	
1. Changing context of work for NEBs	What are the key external changes, challenges and opportunities in the political, institutional and legal environment affecting the work and priorities of NEBs and Equinet?	<i>facilitated by Eva Biaudet (Finnish Ombudsman for Minorities)</i>

¹ Adopted by the Equinet Executive Board on 20 September following consultation with the membership, as the basis for Equinet's application for 2014 EC Action Grant

2. Evolving needs of NEBs	What would NEBs like to see as Equinet's key objectives in the future to be relevant to all members? What are the key internal challenges for Equinet?	<i>facilitated by Mandana Zarreparvar (Danish Institute for Human Rights)</i>
3. Equinet structures and working groups	Are the current structures, working methods and events satisfactory in order to meet the needs of NEBs? How could they be evolved effectively in the future?	<i>facilitated by Jayne Hardwick (Great Britain Equality and Human Rights Commission)</i>
4. Messages	What are the key messages that NEBs need to communicate about themselves? What are the messages that Equinet needs to communicate about NEBs? What are the most effective means to communicate them?	<i>facilitated by Nadine Brauns (Belgian Centre for Equal Opportunities and Opposition to Racism)</i>
12.45 - 14.00	Networking Lunch	
14.00	CLOSED BALLOT VOTE	EQUINET BOARD MEMBERS ELECTIONS
14.00 - 16.00	Session 3 – EU priorities on equality and non-discrimination Chair: Anne Gaspard, Equinet Executive Director	
14.00 - 14.10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Equinet Introduction, Evelyn Collins, Moderator Working Group Policy Formation 	
14.10 - 14.30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Aurel Ciobanu-Dordea, Director for Equality, DG Justice, European Commission 	
14.30 - 14.50	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Raül Romeva I Rueda MEP, Member of the European Parliament 	
14.50 - 15.30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Q&A – Members' discussion 	
15.30 - 16.00	Launching of the Equinet paper on <i>Processes and Indicators for measuring the impact of equality bodies and their work</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presentation of paper by Niall Crowley (independent expert) 	
16.00 - 16.30	Coffee Break	
16.30 - 17.00	Closing Session	<i>Jozef De Witte, Chair of Equinet</i> <i>Anne Gaspard, Equinet Executive Director</i>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Results of Equinet Board Elections Conclusion and closing remarks 	

NOTE for Equinet Board Elections Candidates

AGENDA - FIRST EQUINET EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING (restricted to elected Board Members only)

17.15 - 18.15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opening and Board Members introduction Nomination of Chair of Equinet Board Forthcoming decisions
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