

First meeting of Equinet Evaluation Lab

Monday 1st June 2015 – 09:00 – 16:00

Location: Equinet Offices / Belgian Interfederal Centre for Equal Opportunities
Rue Royale, 138 - B-1000 Brussels

OBJECTIVES OF THE FIRST MEETING

The first meeting of the Evaluation Lab aims to:

- Introduce participants to the Evaluation Lab and assess and discuss their experiences in evaluating the work of their equality body
- Discuss the implementation of the evaluation methods proposed in the 2013 paper and if possible, propose other evaluation methods
- Share participants' expectations regarding the project
- Discuss specific aspects of evaluation work through workshops
- Define next steps and common actions of the Evaluation Lab

PREPARATORY MATERIALS

- Equinet Paper "*Processes and indicators for measuring the impact of equality bodies*", Niall Crowley (2013) – available here: <http://www.equineteurope.org/Measuring-the-impact-of-equality>
- Evaluation projects done or planned and methods used or planned to be used within your own equality body

AGENDA

Welcome and Introduction of the project

09:00 - 09:10

Welcome and introduction of the Evaluation Lab Project

Anne Gaspard, Equinet Executive Director

09:10 – 09:40

Introduction of participants

Tour de table - participants will introduce themselves and explain their expectations towards the Evaluation Lab (3 minutes per participants)

SESSION 1: Building from the 2013 report "*Processes and indicators for measuring the impact of equality bodies*"

09:40 – 09:50

Reminder of the main conclusions of the 2013 report

*Niall Crowley, Independent Expert, Equinet Board Adviser and author of the paper "*Processes and indicators for measuring the impact of equality bodies*"*

09:50 – 11:00

Discussion on the implementation of the conclusions of the 2013 report

Why is evaluation important for equality bodies?
What are the barriers to evaluation work?



	<p>What factors make it possible? What approaches make it effective? - <i>Tour de table</i></p>
11:00 – 11:15 - COFFEE BREAK	
SESSION 1 (continuation): Building from the 2013 report “Processes and indicators for measuring the impact of equality bodies”	
11:15 – 12:00	<p>Continuation of the discussion How could the Evaluation Lab help participants to deepen their approach to evaluation or to engage in new approaches to evaluation? How could the Evaluation Lab promote a practice/culture of evaluation across Equinet members?</p>
12:00 – 13:00 – LUNCH BREAK	
SESSION 2: Workshops	
13:00 – 13:45	<p>Workshop 1 – Measuring the Impact of Equality Bodies: Ideas and Approaches Establishing the Benchmarks or Baselines Use of research and surveys to set equality goals and to measure the gains <i>Facilitated by Eileen Lavery, Equality Commission for Northern Ireland</i></p>
13:45 – 14:30	<p>Workshop 2 – The theory of change approach What changes can equality bodies seek to achieve? How can evaluation help to stay on target? <i>Facilitated by Niall Crowley</i></p>
14:30 – 14:45 - COFFEE BREAK	
Conclusions and ways forward	
14:45 – 15:15	<p>Brainstorming on the project of handbook (to be published at the end of the project) Brainstorming session on the objectives, key ideas and timeframe <i>Jessica Machacova, Equinet Secretariat</i></p>
15:15 – 15:45	<p>Next meeting of the Evaluation Lab – key topics and priorities Participants will be asked to share ideas to start designing the agenda of the next meeting of the Evaluation Lab (second half of 2015) <i>Jessica Machacova, Equinet Secretariat</i></p>
15:45 – 16:00	<p>Conclusions of the meeting and ways forward <i>Niall Crowley and Equinet Secretariat</i></p>
16:00: CLOSING OF THE MEETING	