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List of Members

- Ombud for Equal Treatment Austria
- Centre for Equal Opportunities and Opposition to Racism Belgium
- Institute of Equality between Belgium
- Commission for Protection against Discrimination Bulgaria
- Office of the Ombudsman (Observer) Croatia
- Office of the Commissioner for Administration (Ombudsman) Cyprus
- Office of the Public Defender of Rights (Observer) Czech Republic
- Danish Institute for Human Rights (DIHR) Denmark
- Gender Equality Commissioner Estonia
- Office of the Ombudsman for Minorities Finland
- High Authority against Discrimination and for Equality (HALDE) France
- Federal Anti-Discrimination Agency Germany
- Equality and Human Rights Commission Great Britain
- Office of the Ombudsman Greece
- Equal Treatment Authority Hungary
- Ombudsman for National and Ethnic Minorities Hungary
- Equality Authority Ireland
- National Office against Racial Discrimination Italy
- The Ombudsmen Office of Latvia Latvia
- Equal Opportunities Ombudsman Lithuania
- Centre for Equal Treatment Luxembourg
- National Commission for the Promotion of Equality Malta
- Dutch Equal Treatment Commission Netherlands
- Equality Commission for Northern Ireland Northern Ireland
- Equality and Anti-Discrimination Ombud Norway
- Commission for Citizenship and Gender Equality Portugal
- High Commission for Immigration and Intercultural Dialogue – ACIDI (Observer) Portugal
- National Council for Combating Discrimination Romania
- National Centre for Human Rights Slovakia
- Council for the Promotion of Equal Treatment and Non- Discrimination on the grounds of Racial or Ethnic Origin Spain
- Ombudsman against Ethnic Discrimination Sweden

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Who we are?

- **EQUINET – European Network of Equality Bodies** is a platform for exchange and cooperation amongst and with specialised equality bodies across the European Union and beyond. The national equality bodies are independent organisations established on the basis of EU equal treatment directives – Racial Equality Directive 43/2000/EC and Gender Equality Directive 2002/73/EC - with a mandate to provide an independent assistance to victims of discrimination, conduct independent surveys concerning discrimination and publish independent reports and make recommendations on any issue relating to discrimination in their country.
- Equinet brings together diverse organisations empowered to counteract discrimination as a national equality body across the range of grounds including age, disability, gender, race or ethnic origin, religion or belief, and sexual orientation.
- EQUINET – European Network of Equality Bodies is an international not-for-profit association (Aisbl) with an operational secretariat based in Brussels since end 2007.



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Our vision

- Equinet aims to enhance and contribute to the implementation of EU anti-discrimination law at the highest possible level. Equinet seeks to engage in advancing equality in practice by facilitating the contributions and a stronger voice of national equality bodies to the wider European debate.

Our mission

- Equinet supports equality bodies in fulfilling their unique mandate at national level by creating a sustainable European network for exchange and cooperation relating to the implementation and promotion of non-discrimination and equal treatment.
- **Equinet facilitates:**
 - Exchange and sharing of practical experience, expertise and good practices in the implementation of EU anti-discrimination law
 - Peer support among national equality bodies
 - Capacity-building and training
 - A platform for dialogue with European institutions and stakeholders

Our activities

- Ongoing information exchange and sharing of data and expertise from and among national equality bodies
- Regular training seminars for staff members and experts within national equality bodies
- Ongoing collaboration, exchange and research within Working Groups structured around thematic work areas of relevance to national equality bodies, namely:
 - Dynamic Interpretation of anti-discrimination legislation
 - Strategic Enforcement
 - Policy Formation
 - Promotion of Equality
- Publications and opinions on relevant themes and policy developments relating to equality and non-discrimination at European level
- Studies on selected themes relating to the work of national equality bodies

Our structure

- The Annual General Meeting (AGM) consisting of all national members is the highest decision-making body within Equinet. An elected Executive Board led by the Chairperson of Equinet is responsible for the overall management and the strategic leadership of the network.
- The operational structure consists of Working Groups of staff of national equality bodies (Equinet members) and a Secretariat headed by an executive director (Anne Gaspard) based in Brussels.

EQUINET MEMBERS – Annual General Meeting

EQUINET – Executive Board

EQUINET – Secretariat

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