



## European network of legal experts in gender equality and non-discrimination

### FLASH REPORT

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<b>Title:</b>	The 'Online Network' of Equality Advisers
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<b>Context</b>	
<b>Issue at stake:</b>	The network of national and local equality advisers
<b>Grounds of discrimination:</b>	Gender
<b>Field of application:</b>	Employment
<b>Source:</b>	National equality body

### **Content**

As of 15 January 2020, Equality Advisers have a new tool at their disposal in fighting discrimination and promoting equal opportunities. They are all connected on a digital platform on the Minister of Labour official site.

The aim of this instrument, which can be accessed only by authorised users, is to increase the efficacy of the Equality Advisers' intervention by means of technology. In fact, this platform is an easy way to share information, personal experiences, good practices and to widespread the planning of different events. Moreover, a messenger system has been provided for, which overpasses traditional (and less smart) forms of communication.

**Key points of analysis:** The new tool provides useful support to the Network of Equality Advisers provided for by Decree No. 198/2006. Additionally, it is an important sign that attention is given to gender equality bodies.

Nevertheless, a serious problem is the financing of their activity (which is not allocated by the State anymore due to Decree No. 151/2015 but by local bodies which are often suffering with shortage in economic resources). This problem would need to be faced to assure their real and homogeneous functioning in all regions, metropolitan cities and other local governmental bodies.

Moreover, parallel restyling and updating of the official site of the National Equality Adviser, including the references to the Network and the activities of local advisers, would help to spread news and information about gender equality issues to a broader public.

**Internet link source:** The platform for the Community of Equality Advisers, <https://www.lavoro.gov.it/ministro-e-ministero/Organi-garanzia-e-osservatori/ConsiglieraNazionale/Accedi-alla-piattaforma/Pagine/default.aspx>; The official site of the National Equality Adviser, <https://www.lavoro.gov.it/ministro-e-ministero/Organi-garanzia-e-osservatori/ConsiglieraNazionale/Consigliera-nazionale-di-parita/Pagine/default.aspx>.