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on behalf of the European Commission
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Directive (EU) 2024/1500 on standards for equality bodies does not apply yet. It is being transposed by EU Member States which have to bring into force the laws, regulations and administrative provisions necessary to comply with the Directive by 19 June 2026.

The Commission is supporting Member States in this process through an expert group composed of representatives of Member States in which the European Network of equality bodies (Equinet), the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights and the European Institute for Gender Equality participate as observers. The expert group had its first meeting right after the adoption of the Directive. A total of five meetings have taken place so far.

Once the transposition date of 19 June 2026 is reached, the Commission will verify the compliance of the transposition measures notified by the Member States with the Directive. It will take swift action in the absence of compliant transposition, including, where relevant, by starting infringement procedures in accordance with Article 258 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union.