

BOARD CANDIDATE NOMINATION FORM - EQUINET AGM ELECTIONS 2017

Please return this form to:

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Deadline for nominations: 7th September 2017

Name of the Equality Body	Ombud for Equal Treatment
Country:	Austria
Name of Candidate: <i>(First name SURNAME)</i>	Konstatzky Sandra
Position in the Member organisation:	Deputy Director
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Year of joining Member Organisation in your country:	2003

Please note that a candidacy form will only be valid with page 2 (overleaf) fully completed and accompanied by a CV/profile in English. Please hand-sign and date the form below.

The Secretariat will also need to receive a picture of the candidate (see page 4 of Elections guide).

Your CV/profile may contain only information that you deem relevant to the position of Board Member (e.g. professional experience) and is **NOT** required to include personal data (e.g. date of birth, personal address)

Date: 12.9.2017

Signature of the candidate:

Konstatzky Sandra

Anne Gaspard

Signature of the Head of the Organisation in case different from the candidate:

My motivation for becoming a member of the Equinet Executive Board: *(please explain why you would like to sit on the Equinet Executive Board)*

EQUINET is about to celebrate its 10th anniversary! As deputy director of the Austrian Ombud for Equal Treatment, a founding member of EQUINET, it is great to see the network growing in strength and power. The Austrian Ombud and I have always had a strong commitment to EQUINET. The network enables equality bodies to speak with a common voice, particularly at the European level. It is also an important institution helping us to gain influence and acceptance at the national level for equality issues. Furthermore, it is of decisive importance that EQUINET also facilitates the exchange of experience and knowledge between national equality bodies.

It has been a privilege to serve as EQUINET board member during the last two years. I have had the opportunity to put my energy, e.g. in developing work plans, focussing on strategic issues such as standards for equality bodies and exchanging experiences among each other. It has been a great time and I sincerely hope to have been able to contribute to the progress of the network.

I would greatly appreciate to continue my work as a board member of EQUINET. I would like to emphasise my regarding motivation: National equality bodies and EQUINET will face several challenges. According to my opinion, it will be of utmost importance to foster our common values in a society that is becoming increasingly vulnerable regarding issues of equality and anti-discrimination. It is crucial to learn from each other, how to communicate our values of fighting discrimination and promoting equality and how to address the media, with a special focus on social media. In particular, equality bodies can promote values of social cohesion in cooperation with all stakeholders involved, especially duty bearers.

During the last years, the major challenge of EQUINET has been to develop and lobby for standards for equality bodies to achieve their full potential. As a board member, I would have the opportunity to lobby for this important goal on the national and European level. As deputy director of the Austrian Ombud, I have a long-standing experience in networking on the political level. Moreover, coordination and dialogue will be essential to increase the influence of equality bodies.

In 2018, we will have to develop a new strategic plan for EQUINET for the next five years. It will be an exciting process to discuss the regarding needs and focus areas with our member organisations. I would be very honoured to work on implementing the new strategic plan.

I want to express my sincere wish to be re-elected to the executive board of EQUINET, in order to be able to continue my ongoing efforts in promoting the network.

Additional note or other relevant information relating to your application (if any):

During the Austrian Council presidency in 2018, I will do my very best to promote equality issues with a special focus on the necessity of implementing standards for equality bodies.

The text boxes are expandable

Please note that your candidacy information will be made available to Members prior to the AGM and access to this information will be restricted to Equinet Members only.