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**Deadline for nominations: 8 September 2015**

<b>Member Organisation / Equality Body:</b>	Commissioner for Fundamental Rights of Hungary
<b>Country:</b>	Hungary
<b>Name of Candidate:</b> <i>(Firstname SURNAME)</i>	Elisabeth Sandor-Szalay
<b>Position in the Member organisation:</b>	Deputy Commissioner
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<b>Year of joining Member Organisation in your country:</b>	2005

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: 07/09/2015

Signature:



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

I have personal and professional motivations to run for the membership of the Equinet Executive Board. Throughout my 30 years of academic carrier the focus was always on human rights protection in national, European and international fora - combined with human rights defender positions and practical work.

I truly believe that the principle of equality, diversity and non-discrimination should play an important role in the field of economic policy and be considered as a prerequisite of economic progress. This kind of approach is gradually spreading within the EU acquis, however, it does not reduce the importance of institutions working for the promotion and protection of human rights, even put more responsibility upon them. The Equinet is a network which contributes to this work since it serves as a platform for the collection and exchange of best practices, experiences and knowledge but at the same time gives space for comparative analyses, common initiatives and policy recommendations. The European lobby and advocacy activity of the Equinet is in the hands of its members, therefore it is important to strengthen the potential within the equality bodies, ombudsman and other institutions and make them understand how their work on national and European level is interrelated.

As the Deputy Commissioner of the Fundamental Rights of Hungary promoting and protecting the rights of national minorities living in Hungary I am deeply involved in the fight against discrimination and for equality and diversity. As a member of the Equinet Executive Board I would like to represent similar approach and put emphasize on one of the priorities of Europe 2020 Strategy, namely the inclusive growth; we all know that marginalized social groups are more vulnerable and more likely to fell victim of human rights violations. Based upon the strategy document published by the network we definitely have to elaborate on the opportunities of equality bodies to contribute and engage with the Strategy which will eventually reflect on the work we do in our countries. At last but not at least we have to keep in mind that we have to improve the implementation and develop the law in force as well, especially the Racial and the Framework Directive.

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

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