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Deadline for nominations: 8 September 2015

Member Organisation / Equality Body:	Ombud for Equal Treatment
Country:	Austria
Name of Candidate: <i>(Firstname SURNAME)</i>	Sandra Konstatzky
Position in the Member organisation:	Deputy
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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:

8.9.2015

Signature:

Konstatzky Sandra

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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)*

When I started working for the Ombud for Equal Treatment in 2003 I was involved in the project: "Towards the uniform and dynamic implementation of EU anti-discrimination legislation: the Role of Specialised Bodies". This project was, in effect, the starting point of a development towards a platform called EQUINET. From the outset, both the Austrian Ombud for Equal Treatment and I, have strongly committed to the pro-active fostering of EQUINET. For the Austrian Ombud and me the benefits of EQUINET have always been clear. EQUINET, with its overarching function, enables Equality Bodies to speak with a common voice especially at the European level. With the Network as a backup it is also possible to get more power and acceptance at national level. EQUINET also accelerates the process of experience and the exchange of knowledge between the Equality Bodies. It is therefore that the Austrian Ombud as a rather small body has chosen to involve its staff in every Working Group, appreciate the possibility to attend trainings and members of the Ombud have already been elected as board members in the past. In 2009 I attended the "Strategy Development" Working Group on behalf of the Austrian Ombud. The exchanges about the topics in this group such as "the Role of the Equality Body" and "Working with Duty Bearers" proved to be very beneficial for my daily work as the deputy within the Austrian Ombud. Additionally, I was given the chance to take on the role of the moderator in this Working Group which was an enriching experience. Within the Group we dedicated ourselves to the development of essential internal and external standards for Equality Bodies and my interest in these issues increased. After the completion of the aforementioned Working Group I attended this year's "Cluster on Standards for Equality Bodies". I am of the opinion that this matter is, and should be a key element for the future uniform function of EQUINET. And I would be thrilled to continue contributing to this, not only at an operational, but also at a strategic level.

After this long history, and my experience with the network I am confident that it is time for me to apply for a strategic role that is positioned to progressing the strength of EQUINET, and of Equality Bodies. I want to emphasize my strong wish to bring the Network forward, and feel I can offer practical and strategic skills on both a national and European level. I am sincerely hopeful that I will be elected to the board.

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

Due to my involvement with the Gender Equality Network, which was established in 2006 by the European Commission I have managed to obtain contacts in the Gender Equality Unit for Equality between Women and Men in the Directorate-General Justice. In addition, I supported the incorporation of this network into EQUINET - a mutual benefit for both.

Furthermore, in her function as one of the Vice-Presidents of the European Parliament, Austrian Ulrike Lunacek gives a continuous support which indicates a good and beneficial relationship between herself and the Austrian Ombud for Equal Treatment and of course EQUINET.

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