

**BOARD CANDIDATE NOMINATION FORM
EQUINET AGM ELECTIONS 2015**

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Deadline for nominations: 8 September 2015

Member Organisation / Equality Body:	COMMISSIONER FOR PROTECTION OF EQUALITY
Country:	REPUBLIC OF SERBIA
Name of Candidate: (Firstname SURNAME)	KOSANA BEKER
Position in the Member organisation:	Assistant to the Commissioner for Protection of Equality
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Year of joining Member Organisation in your country:	2010

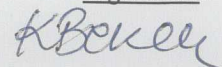
Please note that a candidacy form will only be valid with page 2 (overleaf) fully completed and accompanied by a CV/profile in English. Please hand-sign and date the form below.

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: 7th September 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)*

Having the opportunity to be the member of the Equinet Board in another term would be a great privilege and exceptional opportunity, both for me personally and for the Commissioner for Protection of Equality of the Republic of Serbia. Not only it will provide me with the chance to further extend my knowledge in the specialised area of equality and non-discrimination and to be the active member of the exceptional strategic leadership team, but it will also continue to be the Commissioners' privilege to actively take part in the developing and extending Equinet strategies for support of the National Equality Bodies in achieving and exercising their full potential.

I strongly believe that it will be very beneficial to the Equinet Board too to elect me for the second time, since I am very well aware of the Eastern European views and specific perspectives on the discrimination issues. Moreover, I have more than a decade of experience in the field of human rights, especially in the protection of rights of persons from vulnerable and marginalized groups. I share Equinet's mission and vision and am eager to continue to actively contribute to the development and implementation of all Equinet strategies and activities. Furthermore, I am ready and willing to dedicate my time and actively participate in all Board meetings, contribute to organization and realization of Equinet activities, and to fully engage in all other essential events and activities of the Board.

It is worth of noting that the Republic of Serbia is now the candidate for a membership in the European Union, and we are expecting opening of the negotiation process (especially the Chapter 23) later this year. This status requires further alignment of the national legislation with the European Union standards and legislation, as well as their full implementation. Within its mandate, the Commissioner for Protection of Equality is strongly involved in the area of harmonizing national antidiscrimination legislation with the EU standards, hence our membership with the Equinet is of crucial importance to the negotiations, as is our presence in the Equinet Board.

As you are very well aware, and similar to other neighbouring countries, despite of all our efforts and hard work in the prevention of discrimination and the promotion of equality, discrimination is still widespread in Serbia. However, since our institution was accepted in the Equinet membership, our experience in the last five years has shown that the Equinet provides a great place for exchanging diverse experiences from the National Equality Bodies, and helps us to improve our practices, as well to find the most suitable ways to combat discrimination and exclusion. In addition, the continuation of our membership in the Equinet Board would be an immense asset for our, relatively young institution, since it will continue to strengthen our position as an independent body, and provide us with the much needed additional tools for the effective enforcement of antidiscrimination provisions.

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

No

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