

# Equinet Board Elections 2017

## Call for Candidates

### Deadline for candidate nominations: Thursday 7 September 2017

The Chair of the Equinet Executive Board and the Equinet Executive Director hereby call upon all Equinet member organisations to consider **nominating a candidate for the election of the new Executive Board** (maximum one per member organisation).

The nine members of the next Equinet Board will be elected by secret ballot for a two-year mandate (October 2017–October 2019) **by the General Assembly of Equinet Members at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) on Wednesday 11 October 2017 in Brussels**. We hereby invite you to note and save the date to ensure your attendance at this important event gathering all Equality bodies.

The **full elections procedures** and **eligibility requirements** are detailed and explained in the **Equinet Board Elections Guide** (<http://www.equineteurope.org/-EQUINET-2017-BOARD-ELECTIONS->).

### Main responsibilities of the Board Members

- **Continued and pro-active involvement** in the development and implementation of Equinet strategies and activities, overseeing of the Equinet budget and the work of the Secretariat.
- **To attend Board meetings**. Four Board meetings take place in Brussels or other European cities each year.
- **To attend and actively participate in Equinet Annual General Meetings (AGM)**.
- **To actively participate in selected Equinet conferences, seminars, trainings and/or working group(s)**.
- **To provide feedback on regular requests and consultations** circulated by the Chair or Equinet Secretariat between Board meetings throughout the year.

### Next Steps - What is expected from Equinet member organisations?

- Member organisations are all invited to informally communicate their intention regarding the possible nomination of a candidate by using the **Online Declaration of Interest form** (see "Registration of interest" below).
- Member organisations that have already selected a candidate can submit the **full candidacy information** (see "Equinet Board Member Candidate Nominations" below) at their earliest convenience.

## Registration of Interest (By Tuesday 18th July 2017)

Member organisations are now invited to communicate their **intention to nominate a candidate** by using the **Online Declaration of Interest** or by **sending an email** to Anne Gaspard, Equinet Executive Director (anne.gaspard@equineteurope.org) by **Tuesday 18th July 2018**.

## Candidate Nomination Form (By Thursday 7th September 2017)

- Formal candidate nominations will be exclusively communicated via the dedicated **Candidate Nomination Form**.
- A candidate nomination form will be valid only if it is **duly completed and signed**, and **accompanied by the compulsory information** (CV in English).
- The form can be **mailed or emailed to the Equinet Secretariat**, to the attention of Anne Gaspard, Equinet Executive Director (anne.gaspard@equineteurope.org).
- Nominated candidates must be able to attend in person the **Annual General Meeting on Wednesday 11th October in Brussels**.
- **The final deadline for submissions of candidate nomination forms is Thursday 7th September.**

Equinet members are encouraged to nominate candidates with a view to ensuring the diversity and gender balance of the Board.

## For more information

Please do not hesitate to contact the **Equinet Secretariat** (Jessica Machacova, Membership & Policy Officer - jessica.machacova@equineteurope.org - 0032 2 212 31 82).

**Current Board Members** also remain available to share their experience. In particular, **Evelyn Collins** (Equinet Chair - ecollins@equalityni.org) remains at your disposal should you have any questions or need more information.

All information related to 2017 Board Elections are also available in the **Members' Area of Equinet Website**: <http://www.equineteurope.org/-EQUINET-2017-BOARD-ELECTIONS->

### Save the date!

**Tuesday 18th July:** Deadline for registration of Members' indicative interest

**Thursday 7th September:** Deadline for candidate nominations

**Tuesday 10th October:** Equinet 10th anniversary celebrations & conference (invitation to follow soon)

**Wednesday 11th October:** Board Elections & Annual General Meeting (invitation to follow soon)



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