

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	Commissioner for Human Rights
Country:	Poland
Name of Candidate: (First name SURNAME)	Sylwia SPUREK
Position in the Member organisation:	Deputy Human Rights Commissioner of Poland (responsible for equal treatment issues)
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Year of joining Member Organisation in your country:	2015

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:

10/08/2017

Signature of the candidate:

Sylwia Spurek

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

Rzecznik Praw Obywatelskich
Adam Bodnar
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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)*

Dear Madame, Dear Sir

I've been involved in human rights activities since the beginning of my professional career. After graduating the Faculty of Law and Administration at University of Lodz I was a legal councillor at NGOs assisting victims of discrimination and human rights violations. Then, as a lawyer at the Secretariat of Government Plenipotentiary for Equal Status of Women and Men I coordinated the legislation activities of the Secretariat, drafting legal acts and monitoring the law changes in terms of equal treatment, discrimination and human rights, including drafting the first Polish law on combating domestic violence. I am an author of various publications and articles on gender equality, especially gender based violence and discrimination (e.g. first book for lawyers concerning the Polish law on domestic violence "The Act on Counteracting Domestic Violence. Commentary" published in 2008) and women's participation in politics (the book concerning the research on parties' selection of lists of candidates to the Parliament "Women, Parties, Elections", Lodz 2002). Since 2008 I've been a lecturer at different universities – on domestic violence and antidiscrimination issues. It's worth mentioning in 2012 I defended my PhD dissertation on isolation the perpetrator of domestic violence from the victim. In 2015 I conducted in-depth analysis of EU Victim's Directive from a gender perspective for European Institute for Gender Equality.

I am thus confident that both my knowledge and professional experience with a focus on drafting legal acts and various reports as well as implementing national and international antidiscrimination law would be useful in performing the Board Member's responsibilities. It would be crucial particularly in terms of development and implementation of the Equinet's strategies and activities in the area of violence against women and domestic violence including new Equinet Project on Combating Violence against Women and Gender Based Violence.

Hence I trust that I am a well-suited candidate for the post of the member of the Equinet Executive Board.

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

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.

CURRICULUM VITAE OF SYLWIA SPUREK

Education

2013	registered legal counsel (Circuit Chamber of Legal Counsels in Warsaw)
2012	PhD in law, Faculty of Law and Administration, University of Warsaw, PhD thesis "The isolation of the perpetrators in domestic violence cases"
2003 - 2004	Postgraduate training for legislators organized by the Government Center of Legislation
2000	Legal Fellowship Program organized by the Network of East-West Women – lectures at Law's International Women's Human Rights Clinic, City University of New York (CUNY) and internship in Equality Now in New York
1995 - 2000	MA in law, Faculty of Law and Administration, University of Lodz, MA thesis "The participation of women's NGOs in civil proceedings"

Professional experience

2015 – now	Deputy Human Rights Commissioner of Poland, responsible for equal treatment issues
2014 - 2015	Deputy President of Governance Clinic Foundation, which focused on human rights and animal rights in terms of the quality of law and the quality of governance
2014 - VI 2015	Office of the Government Plenipotentiary for Equal Treatment – Deputy Director responsible for Plenipotentiary's activities on law and legislation in the areas of: <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ pursuing the increase of equality of men and women in public life in respect of so called zip system act▪ combating violence, including violence against women and domestic violence▪ increasing equality in participation in power – decision-making bodies diverse in terms of gender▪ cooperation with non-governmental organizations within the civil society in the field of equality and non-discrimination
2013-2014	Helena Chodkowska University of Technology and Economics (formerly Helena Chodkowska University of Management and Law in Warsaw), Faculty

- of Law and Administration, lectures “Lobbying in the lawmaking process” and “Legislation in Public Administration”
- 2009-2014** **Polish Academy of Science**, Gender Mainstreaming postgraduate studies, lectures “Counteracting domestic violence under Polish national law and in international law”
- 2008-2014** **University of Warsaw**, Gender Studies postgraduate program, lectures “Counteracting domestic violence – national and international legal instruments” and “Gender in employment and in private life – legal perspective”
- 2005-2014** **Legal Department, Chancellery of the Prime Minister**, position: councilor of the Prime Minister:
- drafting normative acts and government positions on the bills
 - preparing law analyses and opinions
 - participation in interministerial and social consultations on bills
 - participation in plenary sessions of the Sejm and Senate, and in Sejm and Senate committee sessions
- 2002 - 2005** **Secretariat of the Government Plenipotentiary for Equal Status of Women and Men**, position: senior expert:
- drafting normative acts regarding the implementation of the principle of equal status of women and men
 - preparing opinions on draft laws regarding their compliance with the principle of gender equality, running interministerial and social consultations, participation in plenary sessions of the Sejm and Senate, and in Sejm and Senate committee sessions
 - preparing reports and other documents on women’s rights and discrimination based on gender, including 4th, 5th and 6th periodic reports of Republic of Poland on the application of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women
 - deputy member of the Advisory Committee on Gender Equality and deputy member of the Committee for the Implementation of the Program relating to the Community Framework Strategy on Gender Equality (European Commission, DG for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion)
 - participation in sessions of United Nations commissions and drafting final reports: 49th session of the Commission on the Status of Women (2005), 37th session of the Commission on Population and Development (2004)
 - Polish national expert in project *CEDAW Implementation and Monitoring: A Pilot for Central and Eastern Europe* organized by United Nations

Development Fund for Women (2003).

1999 - 2002

Women's Rights Center Foundation, branch office in Lodz – legal counseling, representing the clients of the Foundation before the court, analyses and reports on women's rights issues, coordinating the project "Women, Parties, Elections"

Other

- lecturer in the conferences and seminars organized by women's and human rights NGOs
- member of jury of the competition on the MA thesis on gender issues organized by Gender Studies at Polish Academy of Science
- member of Polish Society of Anti-Discrimination Law and Polish Association of Legislation
- cooperation with the European Institute for Gender Equality (EIGE) on the analysis of the Directive 2012/29/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 October 2012 establishing minimum standards on the rights, support and protection of victims of crime, and replacing Council Framework Decision 2001/220/JHA. The result of the study was a publication 'An analysis of the Victims' Rights Directive from a gender perspective', EIGE 2016
- supervision of the work of the Equal Treatment Department in the Commissioner's office also in the area of cooperation with the European Network of Equality Bodies (Equinet)

LIST OF PUBLICATIONS

Books:

- 1) *An analysis of the Victims' Rights Directive from a gender perspective*, European Institute for Gender Equality, Vilnius, Lithuania 2016
- 2) *Lobbying in the legislation process. Commentary*, Wolters Kluwer Publishing House, LEX, Warsaw 2015
- 3) *Isolation of the perpetrator of domestic violence from the victim*, Wolters Kluwer Publishing House, Warsaw 2013
- 4) *Counteracting Domestic Violence. The Commentary*, Wolters Kluwer Publishing House, Warsaw 2012 (3rd edition)
- 5) *The Act on Counteracting Domestic Violence. Practical Commentary*, Wolters Kluwer Publishing House, Warsaw 2011 (2nd edition)
- 6) *The Law in Your Life. All you need to know about the law to protect your future*, Zacharek Publishing House, Warsaw 2010
- 7) *The Act on Counteracting Domestic Violence. The Commentary*, Wolters Kluwer Publishing House, Warsaw 2008
- 8) *Women, Parties, Elections*, Women's Rights Center, Lodz 2002

Articles:

- 9) „Convention on preventing and combating violence against women and domestic violence. The Commentary”, E. Bieńkowska, L. Mazowiecka (scientific editors), K. Dudka, C. Kulesza, S. Spurek, P. Starzyński, W. Zalewski, E. Zielińska, Warsaw 2016
- 10) ”Social assistance. Social support”, I. Sierpowska (scientific editor), R. Babińska-Górecka, M. Lewandowicz-Machnikowska, S. Nitecki, A. Nowicka-Skóra, S. Spurek, M. Wilczek-Karczewska, Warsaw 2016
- 11) “Victims of rape and the Convention on preventing and combating violence against women and domestic violence”, (in:) “Rape. Definition, actions and support for victims”, scientific editor L. Mazowiecka, Warsaw 2016
- 12) “Counteracting domestic violence. 10 years of (r)evolution in the area of isolation of the perpetrator of domestic violence from the victim”, (in:) “Legislation of the transformation time, change in legislation. Jubilee book on the 20th anniversary of the Polish Society of Legislation”, scientific editors M. Kłodawski, A. Witorska, M. Lachowski, Warsaw 2016
- 13) “Isolation of the perpetrator of domestic violence from the victim. Standard of the Convention on preventing and combating violence against women and domestic violence and the Polish law“, (in:) “Law against social problems. Jubilee book for Professor

CV AND A LIST OF PUBLICATIONS OF SYLWIA SPUREK

- Eleonora Zielińska”, ed. B. Namysłowska-Gabrysiak, K. Syroka-Marczewska, A. Walczak-Żochowska, Warsaw 2016
- 14) “The principle of equal treatment in the uniformed services”, Polish Society of Anti-Discrimination Law website, 2015
 - 15) “Domestic Violence and torture”, *Niebieska Linia* (Blue Line) quarterly No 3/2014
 - 16) “The access to the files of preparatory proceedings under the regulations of the Act on the Access to Public Information in the judgments of administration courts”, *Palestra* monthly No 7-8/2014
 - 17) “CEDAW Convention – the instrument against domestic violence”, *Niebieska Linia* (Blue Line) quarterly No 6/2012
 - 18) “European Court of Human Rights on domestic violence”, *Palestra* monthly No 7-8/2010
 - 19) “Corporal punishment after amendments to the act on counteracting domestic violence”, *Niebieska Linia* (Blue Line) quarterly No 5/2010
 - 20) “Human rights in preamble”, *Niebieska Linia* (Blue Line) quarterly No 4/2010
 - 21) “The Convention on the elimination of all forms of discrimination against women”, *Prawo i Płeć* (Law and Gender) magazine, special edition No 2009/2010
 - 22) “The discrimination in job advertisements. The ban and the obligations of administration authorities”, (in:) *Equal treatment in employment. The law and the practice*, eds. K. Kędziora, K. Śmiszek, M. Zima, Polish Society of Anti-Discrimination Law, Warsaw 2009
 - 23) “The isolation of the perpetrator and the Code of Criminal Procedure”, *Niebieska Linia* (Blue Line) quarterly No 6/2009
 - 24) “European Court of Human Rights’ ruling in domestic violence case”, *Niebieska Linia* (Blue Line) quarterly No 4/2009
 - 25) “Austria – a model to improve?”, *Niebieska Linia* (Blue Line) quarterly No 2/2008
 - 26) “The Act of July 29th 2005 on Counteracting Domestic Violence”, (in:) *Different views on violence*, ed. R. Szczepanik, J. Wawrzyniak, College of Humanities and Economics, Lodz 2008
 - 27) “Governance and participation” (M. Fuszara, S. Spurek), (in:) *Gender Mainstreaming Poland 2007*, UNDP
 - 28) “Counteracting domestic violence”, *Przegląd Więziennictwa Polskiego* (Polish Penitentiary Review) magazine No 54/2007
 - 29) “National Program on Counteracting Domestic Violence. Public prosecutors’ obligations”, *Prokuratura i Prawo* (Public Prosecutions and Law) monthly No 1/2007
 - 30) “The participation of NGOs in civil proceedings”, *Trzeci Sektor* (The Third Sector) quarterly No XIII/2008
 - 31) “Stay away!”, *Niebieska Linia* (Blue Line) quarterly No 6/2007
 - 32) “The participation of NGO’s representatives in criminal proceedings”, *Niebieska Linia* (Blue Line) quarterly No 4/2007

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- 33) "The isolation of the perpetrator from the victim", *Rzeczpospolita* daily No 181(7778)/2007, section C
- 34) "National Program on Counteracting Domestic Violence", *Jurysta. Magazyn Prawniczy* (Jurist. Law magazine) monthly No 11/2006
- 35) "The participation of NGOs in civil, criminal and administrative proceedings", (in:) *Preventing discrimination in Polish law and European standards*, ed. K. Śmiszek, Campaign against Homophobia, Warsaw 2006
- 36) "Stalking: new crime in Austrian law", *Rzeczpospolita* daily No 10(7607)/2006, section C