

**RENEWAL OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD OF EQUINET – THE EUROPEAN NETWORK OF  
EQUALITY BODIES**

**MANDATE 2019 – 2021**

**CANDIDATE NOMINATION FORM**

Please return this form to:

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**Deadline for nominations: 18th September 2019**

<b>Name of the Equality Body and country</b>	<b>Non-Discrimination Ombudsman</b>
<b>Name of Candidate:</b> <i>(First name Family Name)</i>	<b>Kirsi Pimiä</b>
<b>Position in the Member organisation:</b>	<b>Ombudsperson</b>
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Please note that a nomination form will only be considered valid if it includes pages 1 and 2 fully completed and accompanied by a Resume/profile of the candidate in English.

The form also needs to be hand-sign and dated by the nominated candidate and the Head of the Member Organisation (if different).

The Secretariat will also need to receive a picture of the candidate (see page 4 of Elections guide).

**1. My motivation for becoming a member of the Equinet Executive Board:**

We are living in the challenging times in Europe. Fundamental and human rights and the rule of law have been questioned; politics have changed towards closing borders and hardened attitudes. This shows as prejudice, discrimination and hate speech. Fundamental and human rights and equality are not matters of opinion, nor are they meant only for the good days. The significance of these values is highlighted in socially challenging situations.

As President-elect Ursula von der Leyen said, we need equality for all and equality in all of its senses. That will be one of the major priorities of her Commission and of the implementation of the European Pillar of Social Rights. The new Commission will propose new anti-discrimination legislation, she promised. Equinet will have an important and special role as contributing to the European equality agenda and influencing the work of the future Commission towards more inclusive and resilient societies for us all.

I value very highly the European cooperation between different equality bodies and Equinet's work done so far. Discard of our somewhat different mandates; we all face similar challenges in our daily work. We all can benefit of sharing experiences and best practices of our work against discrimination and promoting equality. Equinet can and should give added value to all different type of equality bodies also in the future.

That is why; I would like to be able to take part and to influence the work of Equinet and its policy making, as it being the most important network and coordinator between the European equality bodies.

Equality is a key fundamental right and value of democracy and the rule of law. In these times, more than ever I want to defend fundamental and human rights, equality and non-discrimination. And I believe that the Membership of the Executive Board of Equinet would give me new assets in this battle.

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

*(any information about yourself and your achievement that you think is important for people who will have to consider the quality of your candidacy)*

**Date:**

**18.9.2019**

**Signature of the candidate:**



**Signature of the Head of the Organisation  
(if different)**

**Please note that your candidacy information will be communicated to all Equinet  
Members prior to the AGM**