

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

MANDATE 2019 – 2021

CANDIDATE NOMINATION FORM

Please return this form to:

Anne Gaspard
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Equinet Secretariat

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or regular mail: Rue Royale 138, 1000 Brussels, Belgium

Deadline for nominations: 18th September 2019

Name of the Equality Body and country	Irish Human Rights and Equality Commission, Ireland
Name of Candidate: <i>(First name Family Name)</i>	Laurence Bond
Position in the Member organisation:	Director
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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:

I was honoured to be elected to the Board in 2017.

As a Board member I have worked with Board colleagues with the Secretariat to effectively support the development of the network and to enhance the role and reputation of Equinet and its member organisations with stakeholders at national and European levels.

I have contributed to strategic planning and annual work planning and to the Board's ongoing role in guiding the work of the network and in providing governance oversight to the body as a whole. I have also helped in relation to Equinet research and other projects and participated in the Standards working group.



I have enjoyed working with an impressive group of colleagues on the Board and in the Secretariat and have learned much from their wide and diverse experience on the challenges and opportunities for promoting equality and equality bodies.

I believe that Equinet - though all aspects of its work - makes a significant contribution to the promotion of equality and the development of the equality infrastructure in Europe, and I would be most grateful for the opportunity to continue to contribute as a member of the Board for a second term.

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

I have worked in the Irish equality body for the last 17 years, initially as Head of Research and also in a range of other roles including periods as Head of Development and Head of Public Engagement. I became Acting Director of the Irish Human Rights and Equality Commission in November 2016 and was appointed Director in May 2017. Prior to joining the then Equality Authority in 2002 I had worked for many years in research, policy analysis and campaigning in the public sector and in civil society, mainly on issues of poverty, unemployment, equality and social rights.

Feel free to expand text boxes as you see fit.

Date: 18 September 2019	Signature of the candidate:  Signature of the Head of the Organisation (if different) 
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Please note that your candidacy information will be communicated to all Equinet Members prior to the AGM