

Equinet Board Elections 2021

Call for Candidates

Deadline for candidate nomination: 22 October 2021

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 (2021 - 2023)** by the General Assembly of Equinet Members at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) which will take place **online on 9 November 2021**. We hereby invite you to note and save the date to ensure your attendance at this important event gathering the heads of member Equality Bodies.

The **full elections procedures** and **eligibility requirements** are detailed and explained in the **Equinet Board Elections Guide** ([Click here](#))



Main responsibilities of the Board Members

- **Continued and proactive involvement** in the development and implementation of Equinet strategies and activities, overseeing of the Equinet budget and the work of the Secretariat.
- **Attend Board meetings and the Annual General Meetings (AGM)**. There will be a minimum of 4 Board Meetings that take place in Brussels and/or other European cities (if circumstances allow for in-person meetings)
- **Actively participate in selected Equinet conferences, seminars, trainings, and/or working group(s)**.
- **Provide feedback on regular requests and consultations** circulated by the Chair or Equinet Secretariat between Board meetings throughout the year.
- **Represent and speak on behalf of EQUINET in certain events**, where required and/or applicable.



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 Monday 20 September 2021)

Member organisations are now invited to communicate their **intention to nominate a candidate** by using the **Online Declaration of Interest** ([click here](#)) or by **sending an email** to Anne Gaspard, Equinet Executive Director (anne.gaspard@equineteurope.org) by Monday **20 September 2021**.

Candidate Nomination Form (By Friday 22 October 2021)

- Formal candidate nominations will be exclusively communicated via the dedicated **Candidate Nomination Form** ([click here](#)).
- 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 **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 the **Online Annual General Meeting on Tuesday 9 November, 09:30 - 12:00 CET Brussels time**.
- The **final deadline** for submissions of candidate nomination forms is **Friday 22 October 2021**.

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

For more information

All information related to the Equinet 2021 Board Elections is also available on a dedicated section of the Equinet website ([Click Here](#)). (Please use the password: **Equinet_Governance21** to access the section).

Current Board Members are also available to share their experiences. They remain at your disposal should you have any questions or need more information.

- **Tena Simonovic Einwalter** (Chair of Equinet; Ombudswoman, Croatia) - tena.simonovic.einwalter@ombudsman.hr
- **Valerie Fontaine** (Equinet Board Member; Advisor for partnerships and public relations, Defender of Rights, France) - valerie.fontaine@defenseurdesdroits.fr
- **Patrick Charlier** (Equinet Board Member & Treasurer; Co-Director, Unia - Interfederal Centre for Equal Opportunities, Belgium) - Patrick.Charlier@unia.be

Save the date!

Monday 20 September: Deadline for registration of Members' indicative interest

Friday 22 October: Deadline for candidate nominations

Tuesday 9 November: Board Elections & Annual General Meeting



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Tuesday 9 November 2021 - Equinet Board Elections