

**BOARD CANDIDATE NOMINATION FORM - EQUINET AGM ELECTIONS 2017**

Please return this form to:

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**Deadline for nominations: 13th September 2017**

Name of the Equality Body	Ombudswoman
Country:	Croatia
Name of Candidate: (First name SURNAME)	Tena ŠIMONVIĆ EINWALTER
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Year of joining Member Organisation in your country:	2008.

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:

13/9/2007

Signature of the candidate:



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




**My motivation for becoming a member of the Equinet Executive Board:** *(please explain why you would like to sit on the Equinet Executive Board)*

My motivation for becoming an Equinet Executive Board member is that I believe in the importance of the work Equinet does and its potential and would like to continue contributing to it.

While I enjoy working at the national level, where I have been involved in drafting the national anti-discrimination legislation and later setting up the equality body (and have been coordinating its work in the field of non-discrimination since 2008), I have always found special value and meaning in working for equality at the European level. Therefore, I am currently as an independent expert, a member of the Council of Europe’s European Commission against Racism and Intolerance (ECRI), where I am also the Chair of the Working Group on the new GPR on Equality Bodies, as well as Deputy Management Board member of EU’s Fundamental Rights Agency (FRA). However, it is my work in Equinet that has shaped me the most. I have been active in Equinet since 2008, when I attended my first AGM. I have watched the network grow and would like to think that as a past and current Board Member and as Policy Formation Working Group Coordinator I have also contributed to its work and development into the network it is today. At the same time, I feel I have a lot more to contribute in the next stages of the network’s development, especially with the passion I feel for fighting for standards for equality bodies.

In my view, bodies of different stages of development and with different mandates and internal structures, as well as viewpoints, have different needs, which should all be represented in the work of the network. We need to be mindful of this diversity, but also be aware of how much we all have in common and work together, for the benefit of us all and for the benefit of equality across Europe.

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

*The text boxes are expandable*