

To the members of the European Forum for Restorative Justice,

The selection committee, appointed in the course of the previous General Meeting which took place on June 15th 2011 in Brussels, consisting of Virginia Domingo (Spain), Inge Vanfraechem (Belgium) and Martin Wright (UK), herewith invites the members of the European Forum to nominate candidates to the Board.

These candidates are to replace the following Board members who **are stepping down**:

Niall Kearney, UK (Chair)

Head of applicant support, Criminal Injuries Compensation Authority
Glasgow

Michael Kilchling, Germany (Secretary)

Researcher at the Max-Planck-Institut für Ausländisches und Internationales Strafrecht
Freiburg

The members **staying at the Board** are:

Bruno Caldeira, Portugal

Associação de Mediadores de Conflitos
Lisbon

Beata Czarnecka-Dzialuk, Poland

Institute of Justice
Warsaw

Marta Ferrer, Spain

Centre for legalised study and training
Barcelona

Aarne Kinnunen, Finland

Ministry of Justice, Department of Criminal Policy
Helsinki

Katrien Lauwaert, Belgium (Treasurer)

Professor at Université de Liège
Liège

Eleonore Lind, Sweden (Vice-chair)

Mediator and trainer in Mediation and Restorative justice
Uddevalla

Annemieke Wolthuis, the Netherlands

Researcher at Verwey-Jonker Instituut
Utrecht

The profile of the candidates

Candidates should conform to the following profile that derives from the characteristics and the qualifications of the Board members stepping down, as well as from the requirements for the composition of the Board, namely an even representation of the regions of Europe as well as the target groups of the European Forum:

- All regions in Europe should be represented. There can be a maximum of two Board members of the same country.
- As for representation of the different target groups: we welcome (legal) practitioners, administrators, policy makers and researchers. People with skills such as development, marketing, planning, strategizing, and communication would be helpful to have on the Board.
- An even representation as to gender should also be born in mind.

Procedure

General requirements:

Each nomination needs a proposer and a 'seconded'. The proposer, the seconded and the proposed candidate have to be a full member of the European Forum.

Important: if an organisation is nominated for election to the Board, it must name its prospective representative before the election (according to EF's Internal Regulations)

Information to be included in the nomination:

- the name, email and postal address of the proposer;
- the name, email and postal address of the seconded;
- the name, email and postal address of the candidate;
- the written consent of the candidate;
- the date on which the nomination is made;
- a 50-word summary of the candidate's restorative justice background, responsibilities, and her/his contribution to the European Forum.

Deadlines:

Nominations are to be sent to Inge Vanfraechem (inge.vanfraechem@law.kuleuven.be) as the chair of the selection committee before **February 13th 2012!**

Within one month of receipt of a nomination, the members of the selection committee shall acknowledge receipt of the nomination and inform the candidate and the persons proposing the candidate whether the nomination fulfils the formal criteria. These criteria are, as said, the following:

- The candidate being proposed is a full member of the European Forum;
- The persons acting as proposer and seconder are full members of the European Forum;
- If an organisation is nominated, it must name its prospective representative before the election;
- The proposer must send the nomination to the chair of the selection committee before expiry of the deadline to make nominations;
- The proposal contains all information mentioned above.

In March 2012 the members of the European Forum will be informed together with the draft agenda of the General Meeting of

- The names of the candidates to the Board who have been nominated;
- The names of the 2 full members of the Forum who support the nomination;
- A 50-word summary of the candidates' restorative justice background and contribution to the Forum;
- A detailed explanation of the voting procedure, including how to vote by proxy.

We look forward to receiving your nominations!

Do not hesitate to contact us, should have any further questions.

With kind regards,

The selection committee