Minutes

0. Introduction
Petra gives an introduction, welcomes the new EC and presents the agenda.

1. Personal update
ECs present themselves, what other obligations in life they have, their background and interests.

2. GTKEO / Group building activity
Kaca explains the model. Everyone draw a flower for themselves - petals being our roles, qualities, skills; leaves being what we want to develop; and clouds what prevents us in achieving it. Ground that feeds the flowers are 30 words that give us energy.

3. Green idea
A round in which EC members share what is Green idea for them.

4. What not do to each other?
Round of discussion about how we function in a team. What we like and dislike, on what to pay attention, etc.

5. What is CDN and how it works?
Network for cooperation in EE, bringing people together to understand certain issue, how to work together, culture, different perspectives. Strengthening different organizations. Works on raising capacities of local organizations. Explores Green idea. Union of EE Greens. Capacity builder that promotes Green ideology.

Question: What CDN does?

Green Idea
EC: - Political platform
- Monitoring political documents
- Creating/Initiating actions
- Preparation of MOs for Green Politics
Together: - Self-education; Role models, Promotion of Green idea

Projects
Together: - writing, implementation, reporting, follow-up, fundraising, dissemination of project results
EC: - planning (+ office support)
- selection and monitoring of prep team
- gathering planning and implementation materials (+ office)
- promotion
Office: - Administration,
- facilitation of the PT (+EC)

**Administration**
Office: - Documentation: bills, legal documentation (registration), lists of participants, evaluation forms, photos.
- Bank and managing the account

**Finances:**
*EC:*
- Decision making
*Office:*
- Bookkeeping, financial reporting, narrative reporting + EC
*Both:*
- Application writing
- Finding funders

**Networking**
*Both:*
- Promotion and facilitation of communication between MOs and POs; between other direct (Green) partners (EYF, EGP, FYEG, GEF) and partners out of greens.

**Eastern Europe:**
*both:*
- Exploring and learning, being informed
*EC*
- Connecting people of similar geographical and political background

**Structural events:**
*Both:*
Ensuring they happen
Organisation, implementation, follow-up

**Communication:**
*Both:*
MOs and POs
PR + office
*Office:*
- Official communication
- Funders

6. CDN documents (Statutes, IRPs, Strategy Statement) and EC decision making

Discussion on CDN documents: their purpose in CDN and clarity.

EC and decision making: First discussion and trying to make the best decision in consensus way. If we are stuck, we proceed with voting. Agree with procedures described in IRPs.

7. CDN Finances

Kaca explains three main sources of funding:

1. EYF
   Without conditions. 13 600 EUR. Structural Grant for two years 2016 - 2017.

2. Green Forum of Sweden
   GF makes projects for Eastern Europe with CDN, Georgian YG, Serbian YG, Belarus YG and Albanian YG. We just started 3 year project with Green Forum. They give us money for capacity building + admin
3. FYEG
5 000 EUR given to CDN --> E+ money. Regional cooperation. Programme countries only covered.

8. MOs and Regional cooperation

18 MOs, 6 POs + 1 OO Kazakh young Greens. MOs and POs definition is quite flexible. POs are organisations from eastern block, from the EU. POs task is to help us to strengthen MOs.

We have 3 Regions: Caucasus: 6 Organizations, 2 per each country Azerbaijan - Azerbaijan Young Greens - youth wing of political party. GreenAz - NGO, Janenbey, Parviz are the people we know there. Georgia - SAEM - old organization, one of the founders of CDN, are renewing the organization. Georgian Young Greens - EX - youth wing of Green Party of Georgia.

In Armenia we have 2 orgas. ASHD and PGD was started by Hamo and his friends.

Turkey - included both in Caucasus and Balkas. Young Greens of Turkey, associated with Green party.

Balkans - biggest region with more members. Macedonia - MODOM joined in 2012, joined FYEG and DOM the mother party is member of EGP. DEM, another MO is ecological NGO network of organizations in Macedonia. Bulgaria - Bulgarian young greens, not associated with the party, but they support it, mostly work upon environmental topics. Albania - Young greens of Albania, associated with the green party. They have also Green Forum project. were very active in last years, have representatives in municipalities. Bosnia and Herzegovina - Revolt, Kosovo - earth savers, but they barely exist, we make study visit there. Serbia - ZOS long time ago connected to party, but not any more, they host FYEG summer camp this year. Croatia - Green Window, Romania - no member, since 2013, in next few years it would be nice to have someone. Montenegro - we had study session last year but not so much of green background, we met young people.

RUMB - Ukraine - Green youth of Ukraine, works in several cities, youth wing of political party, hosting spring seminar.

Moldova - Gutta Club.

Belarus - Only organization that is registered, are super cool and influence party a lot. It is difficult for them to function because of the political situation in Belarus.

Russia - no member organization. We have some contacts, but they are not so responsive, we need to have more participants and activists from there.

POs

German young greens - they are 6 000 there are many people who don't know what CDN is, but also really good international approach to EE

Polish young greens - they are quite related to EE.

Hungarian YG - Green party's new youth wing might come to our next events and join us more. when we has StS in budapest we need to use this opportunity to establish contacts.

Proposal: To divide responsibilities towards organizations regionally.

9. Working Groups:

4 working groups with the idea to start the 5th one on Migration. Mobilizing more people to join WGs. Cooperation with FYEG WGs.

ECs can have different roles in different WGs, only the non-functioning WGs should be kind of
moderated by the EC. EC member should be responsible for WG, but also be updated what others are doing.
ECs should decide themselves how they want to lead a WG.

10. Partners, Networking and External Communication

FYEG
5000 EUR from FYEG every year for support. Mutual EC meetings, mutual activities, usually one event per year. Gender WG applied as partner of Sex education study session in Budapest. Minutes and notes from previous meetings. Contact person from FYEG. Not so intense work. CDN always goes to FYEG GA and other structural events.

EGP
Network of green parties of Europe. They have their own council meetings. Regional approach to Eastern Europe. Directly for CDN don't have specific role. Council meetings are important for networking because there are a lot of foundations, MEP's and organizations. Next EGP council is on May, in Netherlands, next is Scotland, then maybe England.

GEF
Network of Green foundations of Europe. CDN is not a member of GEF, but working on projects with them. Kaca is invited a lot on their structural events (hooray).

HBS
They have offices in Europe. Some are supportive some not. They are selective.

GYG
Next year Global greens have congress in UK, huge gathering of all international people. GF wants to be part of this. Maybe we will be there.

11. Activity Plan

Activity plan is to check what's on the agenda and what is happening during the year. [description of what is in it -> check it ;)] During the summer there is also EGP summer camp in Bulgaria. We need to see (ask HBS South Caucasus and Georgian Young Greens) whether/how we can found Caucasus regional meeting in November. Second half of the year is still pretty empty. Future projects are the stuff we've applied for. When applying for Erasmus+ we need to consider that we have few members from their programme countries. For Erasmus+ you need to do the project only a short while (half a year) later. For EYF you can do the project within a year later. There will be training for Erasmus+ applications given by GEF. Training with 6 partner organisations (7 incl CDN), we can send all in all 6 people.
1. April deadline we have two things (aside from this Erasmus+ ). digital [x] project and we can apply for a study session. We could do something on theory of non-formal education. What do participants get, how do we make them more efficient, etc. We can also apply for international activities, but that's more demanding.
1. October deadline. We have lots of options but we won't talk about this now. We will decide at the online meeting.

12. Devisions of tasks:

President - Milan
Secretary - Kateryna
Treasurer - has obligations on finances, financial reports - Julian
Vice-Presidents eventually - Masha, Vahid

Contact persons for WGs:
RUMB - Kateryna
Alter Urb - Masha
Gender - Vahid
Digital [x] - Jullian

MOs, POs and the Regions:

Caucasus: 6 orgas - Masha
RUMB: 3 orgas - Vahid
Balkans: 9 - Milan, Kateryna
Partners: 6 - Julian

FYEG: Masha, Milan

Next live meeting: Ukraine seminar. Vahid, Milan and Julian are there anyways. Katya 1-3 may at EC meeting. Masha - can come as participant till 3rd of may.

ToDo: send all documents, guidelines and so on.
to send doodle to set up time for regular meetings.
Masha makes first agenda for the EC meeting.