General Assembly 2016, 25th February – 26th February

MINUTES

Friday, 26th of February

9:30 – 10:15 Opening of the GA

- Opening of the GA by vice-presidents Anastasija Pejovic and Yauhen Herasimenka
- Identification of the presence of the delegates from Member and Partner organisations, quorum check and distribution of votes and validation of General Assembly (Office)

Present: GUTTA, Bulgarian, YGOT, GreenAz, Green Generation, Green Youth of Ukraine, Albanian YG, Serbian Green Youth, Georgian YG, Green window, Revolt, German YG, DEM, MODOM.

For opening General Assembly we need 50%+1 organization present out of all Member and Partner organizations – meaning 13 organizations need to be present.

- Checking the IRPs Chapter – unanimously approved by General Assembly that all procedures have been respected.
- Choosing the Presidency, Electoral Committee and adoption of General Assembly

Lisa in the name of Executive Committee proposes Presidency – Predrag Momčilović and Kristina Grujičić. Presidency is unanimously accepted by General Assembly.

Electoral committee – Theresa from Austrian YG and Djalel from Red Equo. Approved by GA unanimously.

Kristina from Presidency presents the Agenda for the General Assembly.

Yes - 26
No -
Abstention -

Agenda is adopted unanimously.

- Predrag from presidency explains the rules of the GA (voting and election)

26 votes in the room
Simple majority - 14
2/3 majority - 18

Highest number of votes

- Predrag explains the sign language.
• Kristina reads French Young Greens resignation letter. (simple majority to accept)

Yes - 21
No - 5
Abstention – 0

French YG resignation was accepted with majority of votes.

10:15-12:00 Workshop MO Evaluation of CDN
Lisa and Anastasija are holding an Evaluation session of CDN.

12:00-12:15 Break

Presidency checks the quorum – 26 votes is in the room.

Plans and reports are presented in this order by Executive Committee members:

• (1) CDN Activity REPORT 2015 – presented by Yauhen Herasimenka
• (2) CDN Activity Plan 2016 – presented by Anastasija Pejovic
• (3) CDN Financial REPORT 2015 – presented by Elisaveta Gutu
• (4) CDN Financial Plan (Budget) 2016 – presented by Elisaveta Gutu
• (5) Working group REPORTS
  Gender – presented by Vahid Aliyev
  RUMB WG – presented by Yauhen Herasimenka
  digitalX – presented by Julian Hauser
  Alter-Urbanisation – presented by Predrag Momčilović

13:30-15:00 Lunch

15:00-16:15 Presentation of candidates for Member, Partner or Observer Organisations, Presentation of candidates for Executive Committee

• Predrag reassembles GA after the lunch by checking quorum. ASHD joined the GA.

Votes present in the room: 28
Simple majority: 15
2/3 majority: 19

• Lisa from EC proposes number of next EC to be 5.

Yes: 24
Abstention: 2

Proposal is adopted with majority of votes.
Candidate organizations in order of presentation

Environment Center for Democracy, Education and Networking
Partnership for Green Development

Both candidate organizations weren't in possibility to send representatives on General Assembly, but send video presentations that were shown to GA.

Yauhen Herasimenka presented the EC recommendation for PfGD, and Anastasija Pejović for EDEN.

Presentation of EC members in alphabetical order:

Vahid Aliyev
Masha Dzneladze
Julian Hauser
Kiryl Kudravets
Dino Martinić
Milan Nikolovski
Katerina Shklyoda – video (presented by Lisa from EC)

16:15-16:30 Break

16:30-19:00 Panel debate (MODOM session)

Saturday, 27th of February

9:30 – 10:45 CDN visibility / media strategy

10:45 – 11:00 Questions to candidate MOs / Pos

Kristina starts the session by confirming quorum. We have 28 votes in the room.

Actual start of the session

Kristina presents the session, establishing connection via Skype.

EDEN:

- What is the age limit in your organization, as it is not specified in the statutes?

- Is the organization only ecological or you tackle some other green topics as well?

- Is there any CDN member organization in your country? How is your relation with this organization?

- What is the situation regarding gender balance in your organization?
- Why you want to be in CDN and what opportunities will you bring if you join?

PGD:

- What is the situation regarding gender balance in your organization?

- Is there any CDN member organization in your country? How is your relation with this organization?

- Why do you want to be inside CDN?

- Which opportunities will you bring to CDN, if you're selected as MO?

End of the session 11:15.

- Presidency proposes a change to the agenda to move the program for 15 minutes and shorten the lunch break for 15 minutes. (2/3 majority needed)

Yes: 24
Abstention: 2

Change in agenda confirmed.

11:30 – 12:30 Questions to EC candidates

Representative of SAEM joined so now we have delegates of 15 MOs present.

30 votes in the room
Simple majority - 16
2/3 majority – 20

Predrag presents the procedure for asking questions. There will be two types of questions – those directed to all candidates and those that are for a concrete candidate. Candidates have app. 1 minute to answer.

Questions for all candidates:

1. How do you think you can improve communication between MOs and POs in CDN?

Candidates answer.

2. What would you like to improve in CDN during your mandate?

Candidates answer.

3. How much time you can dedicate to CDN?

Candidates answer.
4. What responsibilities are you ready to take?
Candidates answer.

5. Which responsibility would you like to avoid?
Candidate answer.

6. How old are you?
Candidates answer.

7. What languages you speak?
Candidates answer.

8. Are you vegetarian/Vegan?
Candidates answer.

9. Why did you join your organization?
Candidates answer.

10. Few words that present your values?
Candidates answer.

Direct questions:

Vahid – how do you plan to include more members in the working groups and how to improve the work of Gender WG?

Milan – How have you until now in MODOM and how will you in the future contribute to issues related to Migration?

Dino – On how many CDN events have you been and how do you mean to use your experience as co-spokesperson of Serbian Green Youth in CDN?

Questions for all candidates:

11. What can you do for making this world better?
Candidates answer.
12. If you have anything else to add that you didn't have time before?
Candidates answer.

12:30 – 13:15 Discussion and voting: Amendments to Statutes, IRPs and Strategy Statement

Presidency confirms the quorum.

30 votes in the room
Simple majority - 16
2/3 majority – 20

Procedure, majorities and voting are explained by Predrag.

Proposal: Amendments will be followed directly in the document.

3rd Chapter of IRPs – Executive Committee procedures

#1 Amendment by Georgian Young Greens on 3.1.1 amendment that proposes new Gender quota to the election of Executive Committee.

GeYG delegate (Panina) presents the proposal that new quota is needed to obtain values of support to LGBT+ community – to add additional perspectives.

Lisa in the name of EC presents their position – in Statutes already there is gender quota: 1/3 need to be of female gender. This proposal would only restrict number of male candidates, but doesn't bring additional values.

Teo (GeYG) gives pro speech.

Yauhen gives against speech.

Yes: 13

No: 6

Abstention: 10

Amendment didn't pass.
#2 Amendment on 3.1.3 has two amendment proposals. One is by GeYG and other from EC.

Teo (GeYG) proposes to add a deadline to IRPs to approve minutes from last EC meeting in the following 3 days after the meeting.

Max (EC) proposes to delete this point so EC can define their own principles of work.

First is a voting to see which one will be voted for the IRPs.

GeYG: 9  
EC: 14  

Amendment proposed by EC goes to second round.

Yes: 5  
No: 5  
Abstention: 18

Amendment didn't pass.

#3 Amendment on 3.1.13 has two amendment proposals by GeYG and EC.

EC agrees that treasurer should keep EC up to date with financial situation. However, they do not believe it is efficient to have detailed reports after each meeting.

GeYG we believe for transparency reasons MOs should be more informed about what the money is spent on.

GeYG holds one more pro speech, and Lidia from Gutta Club against speech.

EC amendment: 8  
GeYG: 17

GeYG amendment goes into voting.

Yes: 18  
No: 5  
Abstain: 7

Amendment is adopted.

#4 Amendment on 3.1.15 proposed by GeYG.

Teo (GeYG) due to efficiency people who represent CDN on events should submit report within 10 days.

Yes: 20
Amendment is adopted.

5th Chapter of IRPs – Working Groups

#5 Amendment to add 5.1. to add a coordinator of a Working Group

Teo (GeYG) presents the amendment.

Lisa (EC) gives against speech.

Yes: 13
No: 4
Abstention: 13

Amendment didn’t pass.

- Teresa proposes to have a lunch break and finish after.

Yes: 24

- Teo proposes to have 45 minutes only for lunch break.

Yes: 25

We returned after the break and Presidency checks the quorum. 28 votes in the room.

Simple: 15
2/3 majority: 19

#6 Amendment to replace 5.1 has two amendment proposals by GeYG and EC.

EC explains their proposal and GeYG withdraws their amendment.

Yes: 26
No: 0
Abstention: 0

Amendment passed.
6th Chapter of IRPs – Secretariat Rules and procedures

#7 Block of amendments by Revolt to delete 6.2 and add 6.3 amendment on Secretariat being chosen by General Assembly

Revolt withdraw their amendments.

GeYG presents their proposal.

Yes: 3
No: 11
Abstention: 16

Amendment didn't pass.

#8 Amendment to add 6.4 by Revolt on the length of the mandate of Secretariat.

Yes: 10
No: 1
Abstention: 17

Amendment didn't pass.

#9 To add 7th Chapter – relocation of CDN office

Yes: 13
No: 8
Abstention: 9

Chapter is not adopted.

Voting on adoption of 3rd chapter.

Yes: 24
Abstention: 2
No: 2

Chapter is adopted.

Voting on the adoption of 5th Chapter.

Yes: 22
No: 0
Abstention: 4

Adopted.
Adoption of 6th chapter.

Yes: 16
No: 0
Abstention: 11

Chapter is not adopted.

Adoption of entire document.

Yes: 19
No: 4
Abstention: 5

Document is adopted.

Amendment on Strategy Statement 2015 - 2018

#1 Amendment on 4th chapter

At the end of 2018 the General Assembly should choose a place where the physical office of CDN will move. Due to the fact that the Office was located on Balkans since it's foundation and participated a lot in developing the organizations registered on Balkans, we consider it necessary to move it to another region for next 10 years, so all the regions benefit equally.

GeYG withdrawing their amendment.

15:45 Discussion and voting: Political Platform

Presidency checks quorum. 29 votes.

EC has a proposal presented by Anastasija: Political Platform is outdated. Should be changed to respond to current political context. That's why EC proposed that GA gives a mandate to the next EC to work on a new Political Platform that would be presented and voted next year.

Yes: 25
No: 0
Abstention: 4

Proposal is adopted. Next EC should ensure new Political Platform.

#1 Amendment to replace 1.3 by GeYG

GeYG explains proposal.
Yes: 26
No: 0
Abstention: 2

**Amendment is adopted.**

#2 Amendment to replace 1.5 by GeYG

GeYG explains.

Yes: 21
No: 2
Abstention: 5

**Amendment is adopted.**

#3 Amendment to add 1.9 by GeYG

GeYG explains.

Yes: 11
No: 11
Abstention: 7

**Amendment is not adopted.**

#4 Amendment to replace 2.3 by GeYG

GeYG explains.

Yes: 21
No: 0
Abstention: 8

**Amendment is adopted.**

#5 Amendment to replace 3.5 by GeYG

GeYG explains.

Yes: 24
No: 0
Abstention: 3

**Amendment is adopted.**
#6 Amendment to replace 3.7 by GeYG
GeYG explains.
Yes: 17
No: 0
Abstention: 12
Amendment is adopted.

#7 Amendment to add 3.14 by Young Greens of Turkey
Erdost (YGoT) explains.
Yes: 26
No: 0
Abstention: 3
Amendment is adopted.

#8 Amendment to add 3.15 by Young Greens of Turkey
YGoT presents.
Yes: 23
No: 0
Abstention: 6
Amendment is adopted.

#9 Amendment to add 4.9 by Young Greens of Turkey
YGoT presents.
Yes: 26
No: 0
Abstention: 4
Amendment is adopted.

#10 Amendment to replace 5.1 by GeYG
GeYG presents.
Yes: 9
No: 2
Abstention: 17
Amendment didn't pass.

#11 Amendment to add 5.11 by GeYG

GeYG presents.

Yes: 15
No: 3
Abstention: 11

Amendment is adopted.

#11 Amendment to replace 6.6 by GeYG

GeYG presents.

Yes: 20
No: 0
Abstention: 6

Amendment is adopted.

Adoption of Chapters.

Chapter 1 voting.

Yes: 25
No: 0
Abstention: 3

Chapter is adopted.

Chapter 2 voting.

Yes: 28
No: 0
Abstention: 0

Chapter is adopted.

Chapter 3 voting.

Yes: 28
No: 0
Abstention: 0

Chapter is adopted.
Chapter 4 voting
Yes: 28
No: 0
Abstention: 0
Chapter is adopted.

Chapter 5 voting
Yes: 24
No: 0
Abstention: 6
Chapter is adopted.

Chapter 6 voting
Yes: 26
No: 0
Abstention: 2
Chapter is adopted.

Whole Political Platform
Yes: 30
No: 0
Abstention: 0

17:00 - 17:30 Pre-voting discussion
Candidates are asked to leave the room. Delegates have time to discuss about candidate organizations and EC members.

17:30 – 18:30 Voting for candidate organizations and candidate EC membership, Activity and Financial Plans and Reports
Quorum check: 30 votes (everybody present)

Activity Report 2015
Yes: 30
No: 0
Abstention: 0
Adopted.
Activity Plan 2016

Yes: 28  
No: 0  
Abstention: 2  

Adopted.

Financial Report 2015

Yes: 30  
No: 0  
Abstention: 0  

Adopted.

Financial Plan 2016

Yes: 28  
No: 0  
Abstention: 2  

Presidency explains again how the procedure goes.

Electoral committee and Kristina from Presidency are counting the votes. Meantime Cengiz is presenting FYEG.

2/3 majority is needed for the Candidate organizations and EC members in the 1st round of voting.

Results for voting for candidates for member organizations:

PGD – 25 votes  
EDEN – 21 votes  

Partnership for Green Development is a new member organization of CDN.

Results of the 1st round of voting for new Executive Committee members

Milan – 25  
Masha – 21  
Julian – 19  
Katerina – 18
Kiril – 16
Vahid – 14
Dino – 7

Milan and Masha have been elected in the 1st round. The rest of the candidates are going to the second round of voting. According to IRPs, when three places in the EC are left open – in 2nd round the highest number of votes is deciding.

Results of a 2nd round

Katerina – 18
Vahid – 17
Julian – 16
Kiril – 15
Dino – 8

In the second round of voting Katerina, Vahid and Julian are elected for the Executive Committee.

19:00 Closing of the GA

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