

CDN General Assembly 2018. 21-25 February.
Belgrade, Serbia
Minutes

Friday, 23 February 2018

09.30 – 10.00 Opening of the GA

- Opening of the GA by Ozgecan from office and president of the EC (Masha)
 - Identification of the presence of the delegates from Member and Partner organisations, quorum check, distribution of voting cards and validation of General Assembly (office)

Present:

Albanian Young Greens, Young Greens of Turkey, MODOM, Revolt, Serbian Green Youth, Zeleni Prozor Green Window, Georgian Young Greens, MIL Network, Partnership for Green Development, Green Generation Belarus, Green Youth of Ukraine, Gutta Club.

Masha from the EC presents the letter of votes authorisation from SAEM (Georgia).

Masha from the EC reminds the delegates for opening General Assembly we need at least 50% of all member and partner organisations present: meaning 11 organisations need to be present.

GA is validated.

Masha from the EC checks the IRPs Chapter on GA and its preparation:
GA approves that all procedures have been respected.

Masha from the EC presents the Minutes from the last GA. GA unanimously approves.

- Choosing the Presidency, Electoral Committee and adoption of General Assembly:
 - Masha in the name of EC proposes presidency; According to the IRPs, presidency has to consist of at least two people. Katarina Pavlovic, Iva Markovic, and Tariq Khan are unanimously approved by the GA for the presidency

- Electoral Committee:
- Masha in the name of the Executive Committee proposes Electoral committee: Sebastian Knecht and Axel Hallberg

Presidency takes over:

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

Presidency checks the quorum:

26 votes in the room

14 votes simple majority

18 votes 2/3 majority

- Adoption of the Agenda

Presidency presents the Agenda of the General Assembly

26 YES

0 NO

0 ABSTENTION

Agenda is adopted unanimously

Presidency suggests modification in the agenda by moving the break. GA approves.

10:45 – 11:30 Break

Iva from Presidency reassembles the GA.

Presidency checks the quorum.

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Plans and reports are presented in the following order by the Executive Committee members

- Activity report 2017 (presented by Cansu from the EC)
- Activity plan 2018 (Presented by Masha from the EC)
- Financial report 2017 (Presented by Greg, treasurer of the EC)
- Financial plan 2018 (Presented by Greg, treasurer of the EC)
- Working group reports:
 - Alternative Urbansiation: presented by Nikoleta from Serbian Green Youth
 - Gender: presented by Cansu from the EC
 - Migration: presented by Greg from the EC
 - RUMB: presented by Sophia from the EC
 - Digital [x]: presented by Masha from the EC

12:45 – 15:00 Green Education Initiative Workshop and Lunch Break

15:00 Presidency reassembles the GA

22 votes present

Young greens of Turkey joins

presidency checks the quorum

24 votes present

Presidency reminds about the questions that can be submitted towards candidate organisations and EC candidates.

Presidency reminds the deadline about receiving the questions. Questions for MO candidates is 7 pm Saturday, questions for the EC candidates is 9 am Sunday.

Presidency propose the rules and recommendations about the questions to be submitted to candidate member organisations and EC candidates. Anonymous questions are asked to everyone, questions that are specifically addressed to a certain candidate, have to be signed.

Order of Candidate Member Organisations:

- Let's to it Peja from Kosovo, presented by Greg, EC member (responsible for organisations from the Balkan region within the EC)
- Education” Public Support Association of Youth of Azerbaijan - EPSAYA, Azerbaijan, presented by Cansu, EC member (responsible for organisations from the Caucasus region within the EC)
- Yeghvard NGO from Armenia, presented by Cansu, EC member
- Federation of Youth Clubs Armenia, FYCA, Armenia – presents remotely via video.

Order of presentation of Candidates of Executive Committee

Presidency suggests the method by which the order is set. Presidency randomly distributes numbers that EC candidates have to pick.

1. Mariam Khizanashvili

2. Nikoleta Petković

3. Sophia Yarmosh

4. Kristina Millona

5. Fatma Ismayilova

Presidency reminds about the questions to be submitted towards candidate member organisations and EC candidates with respective deadlines.

16:30 – 17:00 Break

17:00 – 18:00 Workshop on Alternative Urbanisation WP

18:00 – 19:00 Partners Presentations; Discussion on European Elections and its

impact on Eastern Europe

Presidency reassemble the GA.

Polina from Belarus Young Greens delegates her votes to MODOM as she has to leave earlier.

Saturday, 24 February 2018

09.30 - 09.45

Katarina from Presidency reassembles the GA

quorum check

23 votes in the room

Albanian Young Greens Join, Delegate of Serbian Green Youth Join

Presidency checks the quorum

26 votes in the room

14 votes simple majority

18 votes 2/3 majority

EC present recommendations for candidate member organisations in the following order:

- Let's to it Peja from Kosovo, presented by Greg, EC member (responsible for organisations from the Balkan region within the EC)
- Education” Public Support Association of Youth of Azerbaijan - EPSAYA, Azerbaijan, presented by Cansu, EC member (responsible for organisations from the Caucasus region within the EC)
- Yeghvard NGO from Armenia, presented by Cansu, EC member
- Federation of Youth Clubs Armenia, FYCA, Armenia – presents by Cansu, EC member

All the recommendations are negative

Presidency opens floor for questions from the GA to the Candidate Organisations.

There were no questions submitted towards the MO candidates.

Presidency calls the EC candidates.

Presidency propose the order for the EC candidates to answer the questions.

Questions to the EC candidates:

To Mariam from young greens of Turkey:

- Do you have any plan to collaborate with the Green Education initiative. If

so, how?

Questions to all the candidates are asked by Katarina from Presidency in the following order:

- CDN gets a 5000 EUR surprise donation which it has to use in the year 2018. If you were to decide, what would you spend the money on?
- What was your trigger to join the greens?
- Are you a procrastinator or you do everything way before the deadline?
- No one mentioned how much time they can give to CDNEE. Why?
- Why youth participation and activism is important for you? (In eastern european context)
- Which is your favourite revolution?
- Which politician is your role model and why?
- If you could get rid of one thing the world (poverty, extremism, sexism, ... what would that be and why?
- What does CDN represent for you?

Each EC candidate is given 1 minute to answer the questions with the rotating order proposed by the presidency.

Presidency proposes a change in the agenda
26 votes for 30 min break

11:15

Presidency reassembles the GA

Presidency counts votes

26 votes in the room

14 simple majority

17 2/3 majority

Presidency proposes the procedure to amendments for the documents: Amendment is presented, presidency checks whether there is pro and count speeches in the room. In the case of pro speech only, the discussion is closed.

Amendments to the IRPs.

2.2.11. replace

Each member and partner organization shall inform the Secretariat of the names of their representatives at least one week before the General Assembly. Each Member and Partner organization can send as many representatives as it can afford.

With

Each member and partner organization shall inform the Secretariat of the names of their representatives at least three weeks before the General Assembly. Each Member and Partner organization can send as many representatives as it can afford.

Khayyam from the EC explains the amendment. GA gives floor to Masha for another pro speech.

Voting on the amendment

25 yes

1 abstention

0 NO

Amendment passed

2.2.12 add

Every second delegate of MOs and POs has to pay participation fee of 10 euros, unless they are younger than 25.

Cansu from CDN EC explains the amendment.

Voting on the amendment

25 yes

0 No

1 Abstention

Amendment passed

2.3.4. rephrase

If a member from Electoral Committee is subject to an election, he/she has to be replaced by another representative by simple majority only for that election.

With

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Greg from the EC explains the amendment

Presidency proposes the change in the procedure. To be voted as a block: 2.3.4 and 3.1.10 in line with the gender-neutral language.

24 yes

Voting on the 2.3.4 and 3.1.10 amendments in one cluster

23 Yes

0 No

3 Abstention

Amendments passed

3.1.2. replace

Minutes from the meetings shall be sent to the EC list latest 2 weeks after that meeting. The sending can be delayed by one week due to justified circumstances and accompanied by an explanation by the Secretariat. The summary of the minutes have to be published latest 30 days after the EC meeting, unless there are justified circumstances and accompanied by an explanation by the Secretariat.

With

The summary of the minutes of the live EC meetings have to be published latest 30 days after the EC meeting, unless there are justified circumstances and accompanied by an explanation by the Secretariat.

Masha from the EC explains the amendment

21 Yes

0 No

5 Abstention

Amendment passed

3.1.11. replace

The Executive Committee can establish financial regulations, within the Financial plan, concerning travel expenses at any CDN activity or meeting of CDN bodies.

With

The Executive Committee can establish financial regulations concerning travel expenses for participants at any CDN activity or meeting of CDN bodies within the confines of the Financial Plan.

Unless other financial regulations are decided upon by the EC the general rule for all CDN events is that participants who are subject to reimbursement can only get reimbursed for their travel costs only in the case of 85% of their attendance of official programme (exceptions can be made under adequately justified circumstances).

Cansu from the EC explains the amendment

questions of clarifications are asked.

EC explains

Pro speech given by Masha

Contra speech given by Georgian Young Greens

25 Yes

1 Abstention

0 No

Amendment Passes

3.1.13 replace

The Executive Committee should comprise:

- *Chairperson*
- *Treasurer*
- *Secretary*

- eventually Vice-Chairpersons

The Treasurer is obliged to make a financial update to the EC at every physical meeting (including general expenditures and incomes) and present a detailed report to the MOs and Pos.

With

The Executive Committee should comprise:

- Chairperson
- Treasurer
- Secretary
- eventually Vice-Chairpersons

The Treasurer is obliged to make a financial update to the EC at every physical meeting (including general expenditures and incomes). The treasurer also presents a detailed annual financial report to the MOs and POs at the General Assembly at the end of their mandate.

Greg from the EC explains the amendment

no pro or contra speech

Voting on the amendment

22 yes

0 no

4 abstention

2 votes left the room

voting on chapters:

2nd chapter GA rules and procedures

21 YES

2 Abstention

0 NO

3rd Chapter EC rules and procedures

23 YES

0 No

1 Abstention

Voting on the Entire IRPs

23 YES

0 No

1 Abstention

IRPs with the changes is adopted.

Amendments on Political Platform

line #129 rephrase

legal recognition of all sexual and gender orientations;
with

legal recognition of all sexual orientations and gender identities;

Masha from the EC presents the amendment

Presidency opens a discussion

New amendment proposed by MIL:

legal recognition of all sexual orientation, gender identities, and gender expression.

EC withdraws its amendment

Voting on the amendment proposed by MIL Network:

25 YES

0 No

1 Abstention

Amendment passed

Voting on the Chapter

25 YES

0 No

1 Abstention

Voting on the political platform document

Yes 25

No 0

Abs 1

Political platform is adopted.

Voting on changing the agenda. Moving on with the voting on activity reports and plans.

26 YES for activity report

26 YES for financial report

26 YES for activity plan

26 YES for financial plan

All the reports and plans PASSED.

Presidency opens a pre-voting discussion on Member Organisation Candidates

Let's do it Peja

Pro Speech by Georgian Young Greens

Contra Speech by MIL Network

EC clarification on their stands

EPSAYA

EC clarification

Yeghvard

EC clarification

FYCA

EC clarification

Presidency opens a pre-voting discussion for EC candidates. EC candidates to leave the room.

Presidency proposes the procedure. EC candidates are discussed in one cluster.

13:00 – 14:30 Lunch Break

14:30

Presidency reassembles the GA

22 votes in the room

Masha from the EC recommends the number of the EC members to be five.

4 votes joined in

26 votes present

Katarina from the presidency calls the delegates of the Member Organisations one by one to get voting ballots. Presidency distributes the voting ballots.

Presidency reminds the majority rules. 2/3 majority is needed for the Candidate organisations and EC members in the 1st round of voting.

Electoral Committee counts the votes.

Voting results for Candidates for Member Organisations:

- EPSAYA – Azerbaijan

- 3 Yes
- 16 No
- 7 Abstention
- FYCA – Armenia
 - 4 Yes
 - 20 No
 - 2 Abstention
- Let's do it Peja! – Kosovo
 - 5 Yes
 - 16 No
 - 5 Abstention
- Yeghvard – Armenia
 - 6 Yes
 - 16 No
 - 4 Abstention

None of the candidate organisations passed the 2/3 majority.

Results of the 1st round of voting for the the EC candidates:

- Fatima Ismayilova
 - 25 Yes
 - 0 No
 - 1 Abstention
- Kristina Millona
 - 23 Yes
 - 0 No
 - 3 Abstention
- Mariam Khizanashvili
 - 25 Yes
 - 0 No
 - 1 Abstention
- Nikoleta Petković
 - 26 Yes
 - 0 No
 - 0 Abstention
- Sophia Yarmosh
 - 20 Yes
 - 3 No
 - 3 Abstention

All of the EC candidates have been elected in the 1st round.

17:00 General Assembly is closed