

**CDN General Assembly 2019. 8-9 March
Istanbul, Turkey
Minutes**

**Friday, 8 March
Opening of the GA**

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

SAEM from Georgia delegated their votes to the Georgian Young Greens. 2nd Delegate from the Georgian Young Greens

Albanian Young Greens, Young Greens of Turkey, Georgian Young Greens Green Generation Belarus, Green Youth of Ukra For a Zeleni Prozor, Gutta Club, MIL Network, MODOM, Revolt, for a Zeleni Prozor, Serbian Green Youth, Gruene Jugen, Mladi Zeleni.

For opening General Assembly we need at least 50% of organisations present out of all Member and Partner organisations, meaning at least 11 organisations need to be present.

14 Member and Partner Organisations are present.

GA is validated.

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

- Choosing the Presidency, Electoral Committee and adoption of General Assembly:
 - Mariam in the name of EC proposes presidency – Mariam Dzneldze, and Julian Hauser.
Approved by GA
 - Electoral Committee: Sebastian Knecht, Iris Nibbering, Lia Zehnder

Presidency takes over:

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

24 votes in the room

13 votes simple majority

16 votes 2/3 majority

Sopho from the office announces the Office update. Kristina from the EC is a new office assistant that will start working in the office after the general assembly is over. This means that Kristina is withdrawing her candidacy as an Executive Committee member.

Sopho from the office screens a letter from another EC candidate, Erisa Nesimi, withdrawing her candidacy as an Executive Committee member.

Presidency announces at this moment we have 8 EC candidates left.

- Adoption of the Agenda

Presidency presents the Agenda of the General Assembly

YES - 24

NO - 0

ABS - 0

Agenda is adopted unanimously

Ozge from the office explains the reimbursement rules and technicalities.

Presidency proposes break

GA votes unanimously.

15 minutes break

Presidency checks the quorum:

24 votes present.

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

- Activity report 2018

Kristina from the Executive Committee presents all the planned and ad hoc activities that took place in 2018 in the comparison with the activity plan from 2018

- Activity plan 2019

Mariam from the Executive committee presents activities planned for 2019 by the EC. No questions from the General Assembly.

- Financial report 2018

Treasurer Nikoleta Petkovic presents the financial report 2018.

- Financial plan 2019

Treasurer Nikoleta Petkovic presents the financial plan (budget) 2019.

Financial reports and plans are detailed and contain the budgetlines for projects and administrative grants separately. There is an innovation in budgeting: allocated sum for internal trainings and exchanges.

- Working group reports:

- Digital [x] working group: presented by Mariam from the EC
- Alternative Urbanisation: presented by Nikoleta from the EC and Luka from Alternative Urbanisation WG
- RUMB: presented by Fatima from the EC
- Gender: presented by Kristina from the EC
- Migration: presented by Mariam from the EC
- Office report: presented by Ozge from Secretariat

13:00 – 14:00 Lunch

14:00 – 14:45 FYEG presentation

14:45

Presidency reassembles the General Assembly

Presidency proposes change in the agenda to start 15 minutes earlier due to time gain from the previous session.

22 votes in favour

Agenda is modified

Presidency reminds about the questions that can be submitted towards candidate organisations and EC candidates. Presidency reminds the deadline about receiving the questions. Deadline for questions is 9:30 am tomorrow, 9th March.

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

- Presentation of Candidate Member Organisations:

CDN has one membership application received from Yeghvard , Armenia

Yeghvard does not have representatives at the General Assembly, therefore Fatima from the EC presents their application.

- Presentation of EC candidates:

Svetlana, EC candidate supported by Young Greens of Turkey, withdraws her candidacy.

Presidency reminds that there are 7 candidates left running for Executive Committee

Order of presentation of Candidates of Executive Committee:

Presidency suggests the order. Randomly distributes numbers that EC candidates have to pick.

1. Ravana from MIL Network, Azerbaijan
2. Anamarija from Revolt, Bosnia
3. Zhenya from RUMB working group supported by Green Generation Belarus, Ukraine
4. Salih Tuna, Young Greens of Turkey, Turkey
5. Nanuka, Georgian Young Greens, Georgia
6. Luka, Zeleni prozor (Green Window), Croatia
7. Mariam, Georgian Young Greens, Georgia

Saturday, 9 March

Presidency reassembles the GA
quorum check

24votes in the room

EC presents recommendations for candidate member organisation Yeghvard, Armenia.

EC presents recommendation for suspension membership for a Member Organisation *Association for Sustainable Human Development*.

10:15 – 11:30

Presidency opens floor for questions from the GA to the EC candidates.

Presidency calls the EC candidates.

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

Questions to the EC candidates:

1. What's is the most important issue in your opinion in Eastern Europe and what is your vision of CDN in the EE?
2. What human and green values are most important for you? What keeps fire in you?

3. which activity from the activity plan you want to be responsible for, and what else do you want to accomplish change in CDN during your mandates?
4. How do you think your experience in CDN will help you in your CDN mandate?
5. Can you precisely say how much time you can allocate to CDN per week?
6. What is your working style? Are you more creative chaos or structure type?
7. How would you make the new members of the MOs feel more welcome on the events?
8. Tell us more about your feeling of yesterday evening, what did you feel? For F candidates reflect on the march and for M on the cis0MO session?
9. CDN gets 5000 Euros unexpected donation. It has to be spent in 2019. What would you spend it on?

11:30 – 12:00 Break

12:00 – Amendments and Voting

Presidency reassembles the GA

Presidency counts votes

24 votes in the room

Amendments on IRPs

Presidency proposes the procedure to amendments for the documents in case of pro speech only, the discussion is closed.

amendment 2.2.3.

The study visit for potential host organization should be organized at least 30 days before General Assembly.

To add:

If the capacity allows the study visit for potential host organization should be organized at least 30 days before General Assembly.

23 YES

0 NO

1 Abstention

amendment passed

amendment 2.2.8.

The membership application has to be put on the agenda of the General Assembly. One EC member has to present the application for membership together with the report from the Executive Committee on the application membership to the General Assembly. Representative of a candidate which is running for membership, partnership or observation has to present the application. If no one to represent the organization is present on the GA, someone from EC has mandate to do it.

Rephrase:

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- Representative of a candidate which is running for membership, partnership or observation has to present the application. If no one to represent the organization is present on the GA, someone from EC has mandate to do it.
- After the presentation of the application one EC member has to report from the Executive Committee on the application membership to the General Assembly.

24 YES

0 NO

0 Abstention

amendment passed

amendment 2.2.10

The announcement of the date and venue of the General Assembly has to be sent out by the Secretariat to all member and partner organizations 60 days in advance of the General Assembly.

Language

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24 YES

0 NO

0 Abstention

amendment passed

Amendment 2.3.10

In case of disapproval by the General Assembly, the Activity and the Financial Report for the previous year has to be redone by the new Executive Committee based on the comments of the NM within the next 2 months and distributed to the MOs. For approval a 2/3 majority in favor of all MOs by email is needed within 30 days

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24 YES

0 NO

0 Abstention

amendment passed

amendment 3.1.10

add:

In case of EC member's unnotified absence for over 30 days, the rest of the EC has a right to coopt a new person until the end of their mandate upon

1. exhausting the means of reaching out to the missing EC member;
2. informing the member organisations about it.

14 YES

6 NO

4 Abstention

amendment passed

amendment 3.2.3

Project study visit is obligatory for every project and activity of CDN and it must gather all necessary information

add:

Project study visit is obligatory for every international project and activity of CDN and it must gather all necessary information

24 YES

0 NO

0 Abstention

amendment passed

amendment 3.2.4

At the end of the study visit, the appointed persons have to send the report on the study visit to the members of the EC.

Add:

At the end of the study visit, the appointed persons have to send the report to the members of the EC, *not later than 45 days after the study visit.*

22 YES

0 NO

2 Abstention

amendment passed

amendment 6

add:

6. Prepteams

6.1. Prepteams are temporary bodies for the planning, organisation and follow-up of specific projects.

6.2. Prep team members are selected by the EC via an open call. In case of prep team member opting out, EC can co-opt a new prepteam member.

6.3. At least one EC member should be part of the preteam and be a communication person between preteam and EC.

6.4. Preteam can take decisions regarding the project independently and can consult EC for a support or in case of internal problems.

24 YES

0 NO

0 Abstention

amendment passed

VOTING ON CHAPTER 2:

22 YES

0 NO

2 Abstention

Chapter adopted.

Voting on chapter 3:

24 YES

0 NO

0 Abstention

Chapter adopted

Voting on the whole document:

23 YES

1 Abstention

IRPs fully amended, adopted.

Voting and discussion on the Strategy document

24 YES

0 No

0 Abstention

New Strategy document is adopted

Voting and discussion on Political Platform

Political platform

amendment 2.1. line 39

better policies against gender-based violence with determined combating of discrimination

and hate crime against LGBTI+ people and a legal recognition of all sexual orientation, gender identities, and gender expression.

Add:

better policies against gender-based violence with determined combating of discrimination and hate crime against LGBTI+ people and a legal recognition of all sexual orientation, gender identities, and gender expression and *sex characteristics*.

24 YES

0 NO

0 Abstention

amendment passed

amendment 1.3.

We demand:

- an end to censorship and threats to free media - both online and offline;
- a media law that ensures that media is not controlled by the economic elite advancing their own interests;
- an end to the detention and imprisonment of journalists;
- the protection of journalists' sources and whistleblowers;
- an end to invasions of privacy online both by governments and by companies;
- support for alternative online communities that function according to principles of selfgovernance and inclusion.

Add:

(1)net neutrality, which implies treating all Internet communications equally. (2) affirmative action programs that foster the active participation of women and other disadvantaged genders in the digital sphere. (3) ensuring equal access for everyone regardless geographical disbalances;

24 YES

0 NO

0 Abstention

Amendment passed

Digital rights chapter

22 YES

0 No

2 abstention

Chapter passed

Gender chapter

24 YES

0 No

0 Abstention

Chapter passed

The Political Platform document

23 YES

1 Abstention

0 No

All changes adopted.

15:00

Presidency reassambles the GA

24 votes in the room

Prevoting discussion on activity and financial plans,

Moving on with the voting

24 YES for activity report

24 YES for financial report

24 YES for financial report

24 YES for financial plan

All passed.

Pre voting discussion on Member Organisation Candidates

No pro Speech

Contra Speech

Pre voting discussion on Suspension Membership for ASHD Youth Section

Pro speech

no Contra speech

Presidency asks EC candidates to leave the room.

Pre voting discussion on EC candidates

Presidency proposes the procedure. EC candidates are discussed in one cluster. Executive Committee recommends the number of the EC members to be five.

Mariam 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 1 st round of voting.

Electoral Committee counts the votes.

Voting results for Candidates for Member Organisations:

Yeghvard, Armenia

2 YES
22 NO

Yeghvard did not become a Member Organisation of CDN

Voting results on Expulsion of Member Organisations

ASHD Youth Section

24 YES
0 NO

ASHD Youth Section is no longer a Member Organisation of CDN

Voting results on the Executive Committee Candidates

Anamarija Divkovic

19 Yes
5 No

Luka Gudek

24 Yes
0 No

Mariam Khizanashvili

23 Yes
1 No

Nanuka Tekla Kobidze

8 Yes
16 No

Ravana Ibrahimova

12 Yes
12 No

Salih Tuna

11 Yes
13 No

Yevheniia Zasiadko

20 Yes
4 No

Anamarija, Luka, Mariam and Yevheniia are elected in the 1st round.

Presidency announces second round and reminds the IRPs section:

In the case of more than two candidates in the second round, highest number of cast votes is necessary.

Mariam from the Presidency distributed the voting ballots for the second round.

Electoral committee counts the votes.

Results of the second round:

Nanuka Tekla Kobidze

5 Yes
19 No

Ravana Ibrahimova

9 Yes
15 No

Salih Tuna

9 Yes
15 No

Presidency suggests the third round due to exactly same number of votes for two candidates.

Mariam from the Presidency distributes the voting ballots.

Electoral committee counts the votes.

Results of the third round:

Ravana Ibrahimova

16 Yes
8 No

Salih Tuna

8 Yes
16 No

The new Executive Committee is composed of the following candidates:

Anamarija Divkovic, Luka Gudek, Mariam Khizanashvili, Yevheniia Zasiadko, Ravana Ibrahimova.

18:00 The General Assembly is closed.