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Motivation Letter

I had been thinking to run for CDN Executive Committee for a few months already, finally, I decided to do so.

CDN is getting stronger and more important year by year, so do its members as many of them are more and more convinced in the importance of institutional politics, thus are on their way to build up a grassroots green movement which will be transformed into a political party; Or some of MO's are already a youth-wings of the party, therefore their aim to toughen the existing party and moreover, strengthen the young representation in the party.

However it is a very hard road, especially in such a hostile environment as in Eastern Europe, where we see many authoritarian regimes, harsh neo-liberal policies, the commodification of education, censorship of progressive ideas, raise of far-right and libertarian groups and so on and so forth. Therefore, we need each other, to share our experience, to encourage, to help, to support. This is where comes the important role of CDN as member-based network-organisation and this is the reason why I am ardent to work hard in the Executive Committee of CDN.

As being a spokesperson and Executive Committee Member of Georgian Young Greens for about an year I got a huge experience with this very issue – how to start to build a grassroots movement, how to increase engagement in members, how to structure organisation in a way to make it work properly and at the same time, not create hierarchies, how to expand in regions, how to find funds, etc. Georgian Young Greens have started to work on this and we are on the way to achieve our goals and create grassroots resistance movement. Besides, I

can proudly say that I personally have played a role in all of this, along with other comrades from the committee; We managed to increase membership, expand to one more city, fight on many fields, being noticeable in the media, as we can easily say, we did transform very small, inactive organisation, into fastest-growing green organisation.

But it is not only Georgian Young Greens who do that, but there are more members of CDN.

Therefore, as we read in Strategy Document 2019-2021, CDN should organise more activities with an aim, to increase political maturity of MO's, help them with creating democratic and sustainable structures, work with them to create policy-papers. As well as, it should give more possibilities to its members to have a window of communication about the current stage of their development, to share what has happened before and what could have been done better, so that other MO's doesn't make the same mistakes, and more. CDN can also explore its role as an institution, which can address and advocate MO's interests in European Parliament, European Green Party, Greens/EFA group, Federation of European Young Greens and more, hence CDN should deepen the relations with this organisations. Another very important matter is finances and CDN can also play an important role here – to help to it's MO's to find funds for their organisation and a movement.

So, to sum up, this is my motivation to serve in the Executive Committee – empowering MO's political maturity, helping them to find a way to communicate with each other, making CDN more political and representative institution, to play my role in implementation strategy plan (2019-2021) with my experience and ideas.