



Application for member of the Executive Committee

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Please, explain your motivation to become CDN Executive Committee member:

As a member of the green movement with over 6-year experience, I see a number of issues we have on the agenda. At the same time, after the fruitful work and experience exchange CDNEE provided me with, I think it is necessary to overcome actual problems through solidarity, cooperation and co-working, building up sustainable links. Here is the moment I want to step in to apply the capacities I have and to gain new ones to use it in future, which I want to connect to the youth work, democratic education and community development fields.

Talking about the obstacles, first, I am unsatisfied with the way of representation of Russia in the green movement. Of course, the main reason is that there is a deficit of Organizations, which can refer to the green background, but I believe that my example, in the case of joining the EC, and representation will motivate many people to fight the fear of joining the international community and work together on the development of the sustainable value. At the same time, I see how the green movement exclusive is and I see possible ways of overcoming this issue. For instance, we have an economic criterion for the participants. As a representative of a socially unprotected youth group, I'd like to work on improving the situation by finding possible ways of more effective inclusion.

The practical motivation for becoming the EC member I see for myself is that this step would be a clear and understandable continuation of my volunteering career with the greens. I have been gaining knowledge and skills for the last 6 years and now, finally, I see enough proficiency and confidence in myself to apply all of them for the better CDN's future. This organization gave me not only abstract "skills and expertise" but also friends and allies. I understand that I can not be a volunteer forever and before I finish this step of my life I am sure that it is important to apply the maximum efforts and the capabilities for the most effective output and personal trace I'll leave as a part of the movement.

Please, shortly present your previous CDN experience:

I joined CDNEE in 2016 after the project “Reclaim the city!” in Budapest. At that moment, I joined AltUrb WG and had different periods of active and passive membership. In these years, many things were done: in 2016-2018 I was writing, coordinating, and managing one of the most significant CDNEE’s projects - “Urban steps for resilient future” (as a part of the team). There I took a role of a prep team member as well for the international and regional stages. In this period, I gained many skills related to project management, campaigning and communication. Right now, as a part of AltUrb WG, I take part on the wg’s development, human management and campaigning. In other words, we are working on the rising effectiveness of the wg.

Also, I am a member of the RUMB WG. There I have experience of attending and representing the group at international events (Global youth forum, 2016, Ukraine) and local wg’s development. The flow there is quite different from the AltUrb’s but I am always in touch with other members and I am always happy to support initiatives we have.

Currently I am a part of the prep team of the online project “Cities for all: Why?”, where we are developing activities and content for a month-long online project aiming to highlight the gender inclusion issue in the urban environment.

Being a member of the Executive Committee is a very demanding task that requires inter-cultural competences, working under pressure, deadlines, in non-familiar environment, dedication to the goals, and this being online work. Please explain briefly your ability to respond to these challenges and requirements:

I am perfectly ready for responding to any of the challenges listed above as I already have fruitful experience in international green networking and volunteering. The opportunity of becoming a member of the EC will be a clear logical step of my journey with the greens. Moreover, for The last 1,5 years, I’ve been working as a teacher and educational advisor in Colombia with socially unprotected children and teenagers. There, through my work, I learned how to build communication in its best effective forms, how to involve people (even the ones, who don’t want to be involved), and how to work and transfer the information and knowledge to big and small groups of people whose mother tongue is different from English. I believe this experience will be extremely helpful for my future EC position.

What would you like to be responsible for in CDN during this mandate? What are your competences?

I have a variety of competencies - communication management, logistics, project management, campaigning. This way, I see myself responsible for communication, interaction and campaigning. I feel that I can learn many things about online work and campaigning still, so I am interested in exploring, improving and applying the knowledge and skills I already have.

Membership policy and protocols’ development also could be the area of my responsibility as I have experience in establishing new systems of work (which I’ve done in 2019, created a learning system for the architectural bureau where I was working).

Is there anything you would like to improve, implement or set for the future during your mandate?

I would like to improve the area of interconnection of the working groups we have as currently their activities are quite isolated and this, I believe, affect the main flow and results of the wg's work. The online project "Cities for all: Why?" is a good example of this kind of interconnection - AltUrb and Gender wgs. However, I see way more possibilities for strengthening these links. It could be done, for example, through holding intergroup webinars and events.

Another thing that could be improved is online work. The concept of funding participant's expenses for live events is a great practice. Nevertheless, this practice is exclusive due to the different economic possibilities of the future participants. This way, to improve the situation, I see a perspective to raise a number of online events, which are much more inclusive and economically and ecologically friendly.

Finally, the thing I'd like to improve is the systematic work with the MOs. I am not representing any MO, however, I see that we are lacking network improving and linking development though, the name of the organization is Cooperation and Development Network Eastern Europe. I am sure that tense cooperation of the MOs through online and live-work both will be useful and benefitting for every and each participant. As possible options, there are - brainstorm sessions, advisory sessions, webinars with experts on improving communication and diplomacy.

Your working language(s):

English, Russian

This application is ONLY valid if attached to a candidacy letter of your organisation or any of Member or Partner Organizations of CDN and your CV. Each Executive Committee candidate needs to fill in this form in order to register.

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Within 2 days you will receive a confirmation e mail that your candidacy has been received (if you do not get such e mail, you can contact us at office@cdnee.org).

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