

CDN General Assembly 2021 (10-11th April) Minutes

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic the General Assembly (GA) of CDN is taking place online on Zoom platform on 10th and 11th of April 2021. All the information on joining the call and technicalities around using the platform are timely communicated to the registered attendees (MO and PO delegates, candidates, WG representatives, guests).

Day 1 - 10th of April 2021

12:00-12:20 CEST

- **Welcoming, explanation of moderation rules and technicalities related to the platform, GTKEO**

Palina, President of the Executive Committee (EC) welcomes GA attendees, explains technicalities around using Zoom and explains moderation rules. This is followed by a short getting-to-know-each-other games.

12:20-12:50 (13:20)

- **Opening of the GA, announcement of dissolution of Czech Young Greens, updates on Georgian Young Greens**

Palina opens the GA and gives the floor to Network Coordinator (NC) to make announcements on Member and Partner Organisations (MOs and POs). Network Coordinator informs the GA on dissolution of Czech Young Greens, CDN PO and that this was firstly informally communicated to CDN on June 2020 and officially confirmed by the last contact person of the organisation in March 2021. Network Coordinator further updates GA on restructuring of the Georgian Young Greens that took place in 2020 and gives the floor to GeYG delegates to give further updates to the GA. Anna Khmaladze, delegate of GeYG elaborates on restructuring of the organisation into Georgian Greens and Georgian Young Greens.

- **Verification of the presence of the delegates from Member and Partner organisations, quorum check and explanation of voting procedure, validation of General Assembly**

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. Present organisations: Albanian Young Greens, Georgian Young Greens, German Young Greens, Green Youth of Ukraine, Gutta Club, Frontline Youth Network, MIL Network, Polish Young Greens, Protest, SDF Green Window, Serbian Green Youth, Young Greens of Turkey, Youth Movement Revolt

13 Member and Partner Organisations are present. GA is validated.

Since the GA is taking place online, Network Coordinator explains the platform that will be used for voting.

- **Adoption of Presidency and Electoral Committee**

Palina on behalf of the Executive Committee proposes Presidency: Luka Gudek, former EC member of CDN and Justine Pantalejeva, member of CDN PO Protest and member of CDN Alternative Urbanisation WG. The Presidency is unanimously approved by GA.

Palina on behalf of the Executive Committee proposes Electoral Committee: Sopho Mchedlishvili, former Network Coordinator of CDN, Yevheniia Zasiadko, former EC member of CDN and Sebastian Knecht, member of Swiss Young Greens. The Electoral Committee is unanimously approved by GA.

Presidency takes over.

- **Presentation of Internal Rules of Procedure GA chapter**

Luka from Presidency presents IRPs chapter on GA and its preparation. All deadlines were respected apart from the deadline for opening the call for amendments. Luka gives the floor to Network Coordinator to elaborate on this. Network Coordinator explains that this was due to setting up new online platform for submitting amendments and that the broken deadline for opening the call was compensated by prolonging deadline for submitting amendments. GA unanimously approves that all procedures have been respected and that GA can take place.

- **Presentation of the GA rules (voting, majorities)**

Luka from Presidency presents GA rules, voting and election procedures and majorities. 10 Member Organisations are present at the GA, meaning 20 votes. Absolute majority is 11 votes and 2/3 majority is 14 votes.

As the GA is taking place online, Luka explains the platforms that will be used (Framapad for voting previously explained by NC and Balotilo for elections).

Luka opens floor for questions. No questions.

- **Voting on the minutes from the last GA**

Justine from Presidency presents minutes from GA 2020, stating that according to the IRPs they were sent by Secretariat within 21 days after the GA. Justine opens floor for questions. No questions.

GA votes on adopting minutes from GA 2020 that took place in Ratomka, Belarus:

yes: 20

no: 0

abs: 0

Minutes are unanimously adopted

- **Presentation and adoption of the Agenda**

Justine from Presidency presents GA Agenda and emphasizes that any change in the Agenda needs to be adopted by 2/3 majority as well as that quorum check is being done after each break so that delegates should be on time.

GA votes on adopting the Agenda with the modification as we are 30 min behind time:

yes: 20

no: 0

abs: 0

Agenda is adopted.

13:20-14:00

- **Presentations: (1) CDN Activity Report; (2) CDN Activity Plan; (3) CDN Financial Report; (4) CDN Financial Plan; (5) Working Groups Reports and Plans**

Presidency announces that EC and WGs will now present the relevant reports and plans. For each report/plan presenter has 5min.

- Activity Report 2020

Maja from the EC presents all the planned and ad hoc activities that took place in 2020 in the comparison with the Activity Plan for 2020.

- Activity Plan 2021

Maja from the EC presents activities planned for 2021 by the EC.

- Financial Report 2020

Treasurer Ledina presents the Financial Report for 2020 in comparison with Financial Plan for 2020.

- Financial Plan 2021

Treasurer Ledina presents the Financial Plan (budget) for 2021.

Working Groups reports and plans:

- Gender WG Report - Kamran from the WG
- Gender WG Plan - Kamran from the WG
- Alternative Urbanisation WG Report - Liudmila from the WG
- Alternative Urbanisation WG Plan - Liudmila from the WG
- Digital X WG Report - Hanna from the WG
- Digital X WG Plan - Hanna from the WG
- RUMB WG Report - Kateryna from the WG
- RUMB WG Plan - Kateryna from the WG

Presidency proposes longer break (30min instead of 15min). GA votes on the Agenda modification:

yes: 18

no: 0

abs: 0

14:00 - 14:30 B r e a k

14:30 - 15:15

- **Presentations: YF URA candidacy for becoming MO, Executive Committee candidates**

The GA is reassembled. Presidency asks for quorum check. 20 votes are present.

Luka from Presidency proposes the procedure for presentation of candidates. Firstly, a representative of Candidate for Member Organisation will present their candidacy and afterwards candidates for Executive Committee will present their candidacies in alphabetical order.

- YF URA's Candidacy is presented by Stefan Vukomanovic representative of the organisation.
- EC Candidates present their candidacies in the following order:

Giorgi Ptskialadze (Georgia) presents his candidacy

Kateryna Andrieieva (Ukraine) presents her candidacy

Liudmila Gavrilenko (Russia) presents her candidacy

Natalia Sofronova (Russia) presents her candidacy

Nijat Guliyev (Azerbaijan) presents his candidacy

Salih Tuna (Turkey) presents his candidacy

Selma Levrence (Latvia) presents her candidacy

Presidency explains the procedure for sending questions for candidates through online form and notifies delegates that deadline for submitting questions is tomorrow by 11 CEST. Questions to MO Candidate and to all EC Candidates can be asked anonymously, while questions to particular EC Candidates have to be signed.

15:15 - 15:30

- **Presentation of Strategy Plan 2022-24, Safe Space Policy and Resolution on Smart Cities in Eastern Europe**

Presidency explains that this session is dedicated to presenting three new documents that are to be discussed and adopted during the GA and gives floor to presenters.

Giorgi from the EC presents Strategy Statement 2022-24. Floor for clarification questions is opened. No questions.

Maja from the EC presents Safe Space Policy. Floor for clarification questions is opened. No questions.

Hanna from the Digital X WG presents Resolution on Smart Cities in Eastern Europe. Floor for clarification questions is opened. No questions.

Day 2 - 11th of April 2021

11:45 - 12:00

- **Gathering, presentation of the agenda of the second day of the GA, quorum check**

The GA is reassembled. Justine from Presidency is presenting the agenda of the second day of the GA. Quorum check takes place. 20 votes are present. The majorities are explained one more time.

12:00 - 12:15

- **Presentation: EC recommendation on expulsion of inactive MOs (DEM Youth and PGD), EC recommendation on YF URA candidacy**

Ledina from EC presents the EC letter of recommendation to expell DEM Youth, MO from North Macedonia, from CDN.

Giorgi from the EC presents the EC letter of recommendation to expell Partnership for Green Development, MO from Armenia, from CDN.

Maja from the EC presents EC recommendation letter to the GA on the candidacy of Youth Forum URA from Montenegro.

As we are moving ahead of time, Presidency proposes the change of the agenda and starting the next session.

Yes: 18

no: 0

abs: 0

12:15 -13:15

- **Questions to MO candidate (YF URA), questions to Candidates for ExecutiveCommittee**

Luka from Presidency explains the procedure. Firstly, representative of the YF URA will answer the questions submitted for YF URA. Secondly, questions to all EC candidates will be asked and afterwards the questions to individual EC candidates will be asked. For each answer, MO candidate representative and EC candidates will have 1 minute.

Stefan, representative of YF URA answers following questions:

- Did YF URA implement the recommendations to the organization from CDN GA 2020?
How do YF URA's and CDN's values converge today?

- During the presentation you said that URA is a party member of the European Greens, since how long has it been a member?

- What are your reasons for supporting NATO and do you see yourself becoming a pacifist organisation in the future?

- Why do we not see the active participation of women* in your organization?
- How rigid is the hierarchy in your organization? What does the communication between central and local branches look like?
- What are the main points the YF URA puts on the agenda of the URA presidency?
- What do you think about implementing the dual leadership on the central (federal) level? Except the dual leadership in local chapters, what other gender policies do you have?
- Before URA joined the parliament what was your source of funding?
- What will you "bring to the table" as a member of CDN?

Luka from Presidency explains that questions to all EC Candidates will start with the candidates answering in alphabetical order in the first round and rotating (moving for one spot) for each following question.

Questions for all EC Candidates:

- What does CDN means/represent to you?
- What personal skills do you think will definitely help you to develop CDN?
- Which activity from the Activity Plan would you like to be responsible for?
- Are there any risks that you will have to end your mandate earlier? What activities except CDN will you have on your agenda during your mandate and how much time per week can you dedicate to CDN?
- If you suddenly had 5000 EUR donation to CDN, what do you think would be the best way to spend these funds?
- What do you think are top 3 needs of the MOs and POs of CDN right now?

If there's one part you would like to highlight in CDN political platform and is there a part you disagree with?

- Current CDN EC wrote a recommendation letter in which they state URA's aspirations of Montenegro becoming a part of organization that propagates military actions'. What would you say about this line from the recommendation letter from CDN?
- What is your opinion about EU and EU enlargement?
- How do you imagine CDN in 5 years? Be concrete!

Questions for particular EC Candidates:

- To Natalia by Protests: Do you have any plans to develop political activities in the countries of the RUMB region? Which ones?
- To Natalia by Protests: You mentioned, that you want to moderate all the working groups. Are you going to participate in all of their meetings? If so, will you have capacity for that?
- To Liudmila by Youth movement Revolt: You said that there is problem with inclusion, what do you plan to do to prevent it from happening again, once you leave EC?
- To Nijat by Georgian Young Greens: You mentioned Youth and Environment Europe as CDN's sister organisation. To our knowledge only FYEG is sister organisation of CDN and we have some ties with the Global Young Greens. Why do you think that YEE is sister organisation of CDN?

Due to a big number of questions submitted to the candidates, Presidnecy proposes change in the agenda and having the 30 min break instead of 15 min. GA votes on modification of the agenda. Proposal is unanimously adopted.

14:00 - 14:30 B r e a k

14:30 - 15:15

- **Discussion and voting: Amendments on CDN IRPs and Political Platform; Discussion and voting: Strategy Plan 2022-24 and Safe Space Policy**

The GA is reassembled. Quorum check takes place. 20 votes are present. Justine from Presidency reminds delegates of voting procedure and majorities needed for adoption of amendments (absolute), chapters (2/3) and IRPs as a whole (2/3). For adoption of Strategy Plan, resolution and similar documents, absolute majority is needed. Presidency proposes that in case of pro speech only, the discussion is closed.

Amendments to Internal Rules of Procedure (IRPs):

- 1st Amendment (proposed by the EC)

In 2.2.14 add “**or Working Group**” after “Partner Organization”

Maja presents the amendment on behalf of the EC. No clarifications and no con speeches.

yes: 18

no: 0

abs: 2

Amendment has passed.

- 2nd Amendment (proposed by the EC)

In 2.2.16 replace “number and gender regulative” with “criteria from the Statutes”

Ledina presents the amendment on behalf of the EC. No clarifications and no con speeches.

yes: 18

no: 0

abs: 2

Amendment has passed.

Voting on chapter 2. General Assembly Rules and Procedures.

yes: 20

no: 0

abs: 0

Chapter is adopted.

- 3rd Amendment (proposed by the EC)

In 3.1.6 delete “and published”

Palina presents the amendment on behalf of the EC. No clarifications and no con speeches.

yes: 15

no: 0

abs: 5

Amendment has passed.

- 4th Amendment (proposed by the EC)

In 3.1.10 add “When possible, the new EC member will be elected in a democratic way, via online election of registered delegates” after “dedicated discussion.”

Palina presents the amendment on behalf of the EC. No clarifications and no speeches

yes: 19

no: 0

abs: 1

Amendment has passed.

- 5th Amendment (proposed by the EC)

In 3.1.16 replace “The Executive Committee has the right to delegate a person to represent CDN.” with “In case of the lack of capacities, the Executive Committee has a right to delegate a person outside of the EC (member or MO, PO, OO, alumni, WG member, etc.) to represent CDN on certain occasions.”

Giorgi presents the amendment on behalf of the EC. No clarifications and no speeches.

yes: 20

no: 0

abs: 0

Amendment has passed.

Voting on chapter 3. Executive Committee Rules and Procedures.

yes: 20

no: 0

abs: 0

Chapter is adopted.

- 6th Amendment (proposed by the EC)

Insert a following chapter after the chapter 7:

“8. Age limitations in events and structures

8.1. Participants of CDN events can't be older than 30 at the moment of applying.

8.2. Prep Team members can't be older than 35 at the moment of applying for PT, while only 1/4 can be older than 30.

8.3. EC members can't be older than 35 in at the moment of applying for EC, while only 1/4 can be older than 30.

8.4. Secretariat members can't be older than 35.

8.5. WG members should not be older than 35.

8.6. Members of temporary structures (presidency, electoral committee, etc) can't be older than 35 years old.”

Voting on adopting new chapter.

yes: 14

no: 0

abs: 6

Chapter is adopted.

Voting on whole IRPs with all the adopted amendments.

yes: 14

no: 0

abs: 6

IRPs are adopted.

As no amendments were submitted to CDN Political Platform, we proceed with voting on new documents. Luka from Presidency reminds GA that for adoption of following documents we need absolute majority.

Voting on adopting new Strategy Statement 2022-24.

yes: 20

no: 0

abs: 0

The document is adopted.

Voting on adopting Safe Space Policy.

yes: 20

no: 0

abs: 0

The document is adopted.

Voting on adopting Resolution on Eastern European Smart Cities.

yes: 20

no: 0

abs: 0

The document is adopted.

Presidency proposes the change in the agenda and to continue with the next session as we had longer break previously. Proposal is adopted unanimously.

15:15 - 15:25

- **Pre-voting discussion and voting on Activity and Financial Reports and Activity and Financial Plans**

Justine from Presidency explains that for adopting Activity Report and Plan and Financial Report and Plan requires 2/3 majority.

Voting on adopting Activity Report 2020. Presidency opens the floor for discussion. There are no clarification questions or con speech.

yes: 20

no: 0

abs: 0

The Report is adopted.

Voting on adopting Activity Plan 2021. Presidency opens the floor for discussion. There are no clarification questions or con speech.

yes: 20

no: 0

abs: 0

The Plan is adopted.

Voting on adopting Financial Report 2020. Presidency opens the floor for discussion. There are no clarification questions or con speech.

yes: 20

no: 0

abs: 0

The Report is adopted.

Voting on adopting Financial Plan 2021. Presidency opens the floor for discussion. There are no clarification questions or con speech.

yes: 20

no: 0

abs: 0

The Plan is adopted.

15:25 - 15:50

- **Pre-voting discussion: MO candidate, EC candidates**

Presidency calls out EC to recommend the number of spots for the new EC. Palina on behalf of the EC proposes 6 EC members for the new EC. GA votes on EC proposal.

yes: 16

no: 0

abs: 0

The proposal of having 6 spots in the EC is approved.

Luka from Presidency explains aim and manner of pre-voting discussion as well as who is allowed to stay. Candidates and guests leave the call. Firstly Presidency opens the floor for discussing MO candidate and later the EC Candidates.

15:50 - 16:15 B r e a k

16:15-17:05

- **Elections: MO candidate; Executive Committee members; Expulsion of inactive MOs**

The GA is reassembled. Quorum check takes place. 20 votes are present.

Presidency once again explain in detail the election rules and procedure. The elections are taking place through secret voting on the platform Balotilo. Each MO delegate receives a ballot on the email address with which they registered for the GA. In case of MOs represented only by one delegate, the delegate provides another email address for the second ballot.

The ballot contains four questions. First two are related to expulsion of inactive MOs, DEM Youth and PGD and third one to accepting YF URA as CDN MO. These questions have yes, no and can't say (abstention) as option. 2/3 majority is needed for expelling an MO or admitting a new one to the Network. Fourth question is related to the election of the EC members. Delegates can tick boxes next to candidates names or left them unticked. In the first round 2/3 majority is needed for becoming an EC member.

Round 1:

Network Coordinator shares the screen for delegates to once again check if their email addresses are on the list. Network Coordinator is still sharing the screen while launching

the elections so that everyone can follow ivotes being cast. Only after the last vote is cast, the elections are closed and the results are visible to everyone.

Voting on expulsion of DEM Youth from CDN

yes: 17

no: 1

abs:2

DEM Youth is expelled from CDN.

Voting on expulsion of Partnership for Green Development from CDN

yes: 17

no: 1

abs:2

Partnership for Green Development is expelled from CDN.

Voting on accepting Youth Forum URA as MO of CDN.

yes: 13

no: 0

abs:7

Youth Forum URA's candidacy for becoming CDN MO did not pass.

Executive Committee elections:

- Giorgi Ptskialadze - 10 votes
- Kateryna Andrieieva - 17 votes
- Liudmila Gavrilenko - 13 votes
- Natalia Sofronova - 8 votes
- Nijat Guliyev - 11 votes
- Salih Tuna - 14 votes
- Selma Levrence - 17 votes

Kateryna, Salih and Selma have become EC members in the first round.

Round 2:

As three spots in the EC are not filled in, second round takes place. Presidency explains that in the second round an absolute majority of votes is needed for becoming EC member and that in case all of the candidates reach the absolute majority, the highest number of votes will decide. Network Coordinator repeats the procedure with sharing the screens, doing the check in on emails with delegates and launching the elections.

- Giorgi Ptskialadze - 12 votes
- Liudmila Gavrilenko - 13 votes
- Natalia Sofronova - 9 votes
- Nijat Guliyev - 13 votes

Giorgi, Liudmila and Nijat have become EC members in the second round.

Presidency announces new EC:

- Giorgi Ptskialadze
- Kateryna Andrieieva

- Liudmila Gavrilenko
- Nijat Guliyev
- Salih Tuna
- Selma Levrence

17:15 GA is closed