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Activity Plan

February:

Live Prep Team Meeting for “We are the future, but we are here NOW!” Why to participate

Two months prior to the first activity of the work plan “We are the future, but we are here now!”, selected preparatory team (PT) members met in Chisinau, Moldova to get to know each other better, work on the development of the programme, discuss methodologies, division of tasks and responsibilities within the PT. The meeting happened on 5-6th of February in a hybrid format (some of the PT members and responsible CDN office people attending live and the other PT members joining online)

March:

Last live Executive Committee meeting (2days, Belgrade, Serbia)

Prior to the GA and attached events, outgoing EC will meet to do the final evaluation of the year, activities, finalise the plans and reports, and go through the final arrangements for the General Assembly and the attached activities.

“Feminists in the Environmental Movement” Training (online)

Within the frame of “Feminists in the Environmental Movement” project, CDN will conduct a 1 day training on journalism for 7 young people from Eastern and Central Europe (CDN MO and PO members, WG members). The training will happen on the 7th of March, online, and will be attached to CDN’s WG meeting, conference and GA.

Working Groups Meeting (online)

Prior to the GA, CDN will organise a Working Groups meeting in order to provide space for WGs to work on their ideas and plan their future activities, draft amendments, discuss the good and bad practices and build synergies.

General Assembly 2022 (online/Belgrade, Serbia)

General Assembly (GA), the highest decision-making body of CDN, will be hosted online, while CDN Secretariat, EC candidates, GA Presidency and EC will be present in Belgrade. The GA will gather MOs, POs, WGs and interested guests in a hybrid format. The GA will decide on the new Executive Committee members, adopt amendments and changes to internal documents. Moreover, GA will decide on the status of organisations that will potentially apply to become Member, Partner or Observer organisations.

EC-EC Transfer Meeting (Belgrade, Serbia)

After the GA outgoing and newly elected ECs will have the EC-EC transfer meeting in Belgrade. This is the space for the outgoing EC to communicate all the tested and evaluated practices and for the new EC to pose the questions.

First live Executive Committee meeting (Belgrade, Serbia)

The EC-EC transfer will be followed by the 1st meeting of the newly elected EC. During this meeting, EC will go through a team building, get acquainted with their new role and divide responsibilities for a one-year mandate.

April:

International Activity “Why to participate”, Chisinau, Moldova

The first international activity of the work plan will focus on the importance of youth participation in the social and political life of their communities, cities and countries. The event will gather young people workers from Eastern Europe to explore and discuss diverse ways of affecting policy-making in EE. In order to do so, participants will first learn how their countries function and what is the current state of affairs in the region, by learning about the history and function of nation-states as well as about different roles a citizen has in a democracy and tools for activism. The activity is a foundation for local actions (LA), which the participants will apply for right after the activity and the second international activity, where they will polish their LAs planned for June.

Live PT meeting for International Activity “Skills for massive youth activation”, Riga, Latvia

Two months prior to the second international activity of the annual work plan, previous PT members will meet with new PT in Chisinau Riga to get to know each other better, work on the development of the programme, discuss methodologies, division of tasks and responsibilities within the newly formed PT.

May:

Balkan Regional Meeting, Tuzla, Bosnia and Herzegovina

The 3-day meeting will gather CDN Member Organisations from the Balkans. The topic of the event will be decided upon the assessment of the annual MO-PO survey (usually sent in December) and, if needed, in further consultation with Balkan MOs.

Second live Executive Committee meeting, Tuzla, Bosnia and Herzegovina

EC will meet to evaluate past and plan upcoming activities for the year and to assess the strategies for working with MOs, POs and WGs.

Treasurer visit, Belgrade, Serbia

Treasurer will come to Belgrade office to help Secretariat with semi-annual finance analysis and assessment of overall budget. Treasurer will get insight in Secretariat's daily financial duties and participate in evaluation of current state to make sure everything is going according to the financial plan.

June:

Political Conference on future of Eastern Europe (Hybrid/Riga, Latvia)

CDN will organise a political conference on the future of Eastern Europe. The idea is to use the presence of MOs, POs, WGs as well as external partners to host discussions relevant for CDN, its MOs and young people in EE. The main topics to be tackled are growing nationalism and shaken democracy in the pandemic/post-pandemic period in EE, the potential of rising environmental movements, EU integration and the regional dynamic between EE countries.

International Activity “Skills for massive youth activation”, Riga, Latvia

The second international activity of the work plan will be a 5-day event dedicated to equipping youth workers from Eastern Europe with skills of engaging young people in lives of their communities. This event will be focused on building concrete skills of participants such as: NFE methods and skills, creative campaigning, debating, public speaking and movement organising skills. All of the enhanced skills are expected to be translated into local actions in the final stage of the work plan.

July:

Study Visit to North Macedonia

One EC member and Network Coordinator will visit North Macedonia in order to visit MODOM, CDN Member Organisation and assess their work and needs closer. Study Visit will also be used as a chance to meet with other progressive actors in the country and to deepen the understanding of the state of civil society and political developments in the country

Live Prep-team meeting for the Study Session “Green cities for sustainable planet” , Budapest, Hungary

Two months prior to the Study Session on cities, climate change and degrowth, PT members will meet in Budapest to get to know each other better, work on the development of the program, discuss methodologies, division of tasks and responsibilities within the PT.

September:

Cross-regional Meeting on peacebuilding and building anti-war narratives (AGURAT), Georgia

The four-day meeting will gather Green-minded youth from conflict-torn societies (Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Ukraine, Russia, Armenia and Turkey) to discuss their roles and the roles of their organisations in peacebuilding, narrative shifting and transformation of their communities-societies.

Third live Executive Committee meeting, Tbilisi, Georgia

The third live EC meeting is the space for the EC to summarise the needs coming from the MOs and the youth from Eastern Europe, in order to tailor the pro-

jects for the following years. During this meeting the EC will brainstorm on the project ideas and consolidate the aims and objectives for the relevant projects.

Local Actions (September–November), different Eastern European countries

In the third and final stage of the annual work plan, 10 local actions in different Eastern European countries will be supported as a direct outcome of two international activities. Local actions should contribute to the following objectives:

1. Engaging young people in shaping democratic decision-making processes in their local communities with direct participation of youth in them and promotion of youth inclusion.
2. Creating a network of activists and organisations for future collaboration and transfer of knowledge.
3. Raising the visibility of young people and mobilising them for a common cause of ensuring a better future for all youth by giving an agency to them

October:

Local Actions (September–November), different Eastern European countries

November:

Study Session “Green cities for sustainable planet” , Budapest, Hungary

The activity will gather 40 young Eastern Europeans in EYC in Budapest in order to empower them in tackling climate change through exploring the intersectionality of globalisation, capitalism and environmental issues. The idea is to provide a holistic approach towards climate change by focusing on communities, economy, human rights and urbanism and support the participants in de-

veloping new attitudes towards climate change, through exploring how governments, businesses and citizens can enable the urban and economic shift to a greener transition.

Fourth live EC Meeting, Budapest, Hungary

On the last live EC meeting in 2022, EC will focus mostly on kicking-off General Assembly 2023 preparation and divisions of responsibilities around it.

Other Activities Throughout the Year:

Networking

CDN will keep close cooperation with the Federation of Young European Greens, Green European Foundation and European Green Party. Secretariat and EC members will attend major events of these partners such as General Assemblies and Strategic Planning Meetings of FYEG and GEF, GEF's Networking meeting and EGP Councils. Members of Secretariat and EC will attend other partners' meetings as well as other events that are contributing to networking and increasing CDN's internal capacities.

Green pool of trainers

CDN will continue contributing to further development of GEF's Green pool of trainers Greenr, through having a representative in the Selection panel, providing Eastern European perspective in the future phases of the platform's development and through the promotion of the platform to EE organisations and potential trainers.

Non-formal education database (TBC)

CDN has been actively practising and enhancing its NFE competencies since its beginnings. We rely on NFE methodologies in all our activities, we promote NFE and encourage our MOs and WGs to rely on it too. However, the knowledge that we have is trapped in our archives in forms of session outlines, recommendations on methodologies and tools and is mostly transferred to other structures by Secretariat members. The idea is to collect, organise and put online all the session outlines developed throughout the years as well as general recommendations on moderation, building safe spaces and encouraging peer to peer learning. This base would be useful not only for MOs, POs, WGs, future ECs and PTs of CDN activities but also, hopefully, for other youth organisations sharing our values and working in similar contexts. The funding for this massive project is yet to be confirmed.

Online activities

CDN will continue making online activities and opening space for the MOs, POs, WGs and other activists for making online sharing events and trainings. This includes ElectionsVisions, the topical discussions organised by the WGs, etc. There will be an open form on the CDN website for anyone to fill in and propose the discussion. The EC will manage the scheduling, support the organisers with technicalities and recommendations and promote the online events.