

Resolution linked to Statutes Amendments 2 – concerning the change of the membership structure

Statutes Amendment 2 is changing the existing membership structure of CDN as after the adoption “Partner Organisation” will cease to exist and instead we will have two types of member organisations: non-EU and EU.

Consequently, the General Assembly needs to determine the transition period and assign current Partner Organisations as well as some Member Organisations its membership category of the new structure.

The Executive Committee proposes to handle the situation in the following order:

- Member Organisations: All existing member organisations will be non-EU member organisations. Only Zeleni Prozor (Croatia) will become an EU member organisation.
- Partner Organisation: Polish Young Greens, and Protests, shall become EU member organisations.
- Partner Organisations: German Young Greens, The Future Can Be Different (Hungary), Young Cyprus Greens, and Slovenian Young Greens, shall be transformed as Observer Organisations.

Rationale:

In the statutes amendment, the Executive Committee does not propose pre-determination of what is Eastern Europe which is an ambiguous term as it has various geographical and/or political connotations and there are no universally agreed borders. On that account, we believe that it is up to the General Assembly to determine case-by-case during the voting of a candidate organisation.

For existing MOs the suggestion – all non-EU MOs will be non-EU MOs and all EU MOs will be EU MOs – is clear and does not need further explanation.

For Partner organisations further, the explanation is needed:

- We believe that all countries that used to be on the other of the Iron Curtain can be classified as Eastern Europe. Therefore, Poland and Latvia are an integral part of the region.
- We also believe that Hungary and Slovenia are part of Eastern Europe however the reason why the proposal suggests classifying Hungarian Young Greens and Slovenian Young Greens as observers are related to their lack of participation in CDN rather than geographical/political determination.
- Germany cannot be considered an Eastern European country, therefore, we suggest classifying German Young Greens as an Observer organisation. We believe that the status of the observer organisation has the potential to be actively involved in CDN activities.
- The same can be said about Cyprus a south European country whose context is different from that of Eastern Europe, therefore we suggest classifying Cyprus Young Greens as an Observer organisation.
- As for the applying organisation Neoi Prasinoi – Young Greens of Greece, the Executive Committee proposes to classify it as an Observer Organisation. The main reason, as mentioned in the recommendation paper as well, is that we need more time and active participation of Neoi Prasinoi in CDN activities to assess the organisation better and grant the candidate of Member Organisation with voting rights.