EC1 Filip Janković

Proposers:
Agenda item: 6. Executive Committee Candidates

Introduction

Age:
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Gender:
Male

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Filip Janković
Member of the Main Board of the Green Youth of Serbia (ZOS), candidate for CDN's Executive committee
Belgrade (Serbia), 27.03.2024

Dear delegates,

My name is Filip Janković and I am a green activist in ZOS, running to become a member of the Executive committee of the Cooperation and Development Network Eastern Europe (CDN), because for over a year now I have been involved with the CDN's member organisation as a member of the Main Board of the Green Youth of Serbia, where I had the chance to participate in various national and international political and strategic and decision making processes. During my mandate in the Main Board of ZOS, I have been the contact person for CDN, in regular touch with EC responsible, which makes me familiar with the work and/or news and updates around CDN. Most recently, I have worked directly with CDN and FYEG on organising the first European Train Tour stop in Belgrade, an event that gathered over seventy young people all over Europe to discuss various important topics to our movement, such as fighting social and economic inequality or fostering international solidarity and peace. Apart from my green political engagement in ZOS, I have been engaged in youth activism for over six years now, in various local, national and international organisations.

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This is why we need an Executive committee that will fight for our member organisations and that will provide us crucial international support in our struggle for a future that is worth living. Having had a long experience in the field of international activism and in the strategic bodies, I know that I can contribute to the work of this body, because I have an extensive strategic knowledge and experience of what it means to work both locally and internationally, and what it

means to represent the voice of a very diverse network. Additionally, with engagement in ZOS, I had the chance to broaden these previous experiences and to learn more about how strategic messaging works and the work of political processes in practice. As a primary example to this, I have the honour of representing my organisation in broader youth coalition talk for a joint campaign of fight against Vučić's regime, which at one point included coordinating ZOS's support for student-led demonstration efforts in Belgrade.

Hereby, I would like to ask for your trust to represent our voice in the Executive committee of our network, so we can work together to ensure that our future is guaranteed.

Green greetings,
Filip Janković

Filip Janković

Profile

Hardworking and enthusiastic College Student with an activist background in the voluntary sector. Experienced, Dedicated, hardworking, and committed to becoming a dependable and valuable team member.

Employment History

Project coordinator at multiple organisations and initiatives

2018 — Present

- Coordinated and oversaw organisation of various activities for youth all over Europe, from various humanitarian, cultural and environmental activities in my high school to organising first nation-wide Academy for sustainable development, European conferences that gathered over 200 young people annually and multiple sittings of the General Assembly and other internal decision making bodies in various organisations that I have been a part of.
- Coordinated the implementation of the advocacy campaign for increased availability of digital devices in elementary and secondary schools in Serbia during the period of pandemic-induced hybrid educational regime
- Coordinated the organization of first online debate competition for students and youth in Serbia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro and Croatia during COVID-19 lockdown

Board member at Green Youth of Serbia (ZOS), Solidarity Action day Movement in Europe (SAME) and Union of secondary school studnets of Serbia (UNSS)

2020 — Present

- Successfully advocated for the organisation's mission and values, resulting in increased support from relevant actors
- Established a system of governance and oversight that improved the organisation's compliance with laws and regulations
- Oversaw the development of an organisational culture that improved employee engagement and retention
- Participated in decision making processes in various international and intercultural settings

Vice president at Students council of the Fifth Belgrade grammar school

2021 — 2022

- Facilitated monthly sittings of the Students Council to promote the democratic culture amongst students in my high school
- Collaborated with parents and school personnel to ensure students had access to needed resources and support for their initiatives

Education

Faculty of Philosophy, department of sociology at Belgrade

Bachelor (undergraduate studies)
2022 — Present

Fifth Belgrade grammar school at Belgrade

2018 — 2022

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Skills

Project Management Skills
Time Management
Communication Skills
Ability to Work in a Team
Ability to Work Under Pressure
Microsoft Office
Fast Learner
Decision making skills
Social media skills

Languages

Serbian (Native)
English (Fluent)
German (Intermidiate)

Zelena Omladina Srbije
Patrijarha Gavrila 6, Beograd

Letter of support

On behalf of the Green Youth of Serbia, we are excited to share and elaborate our support for Filip Jankovic's candidacy for the position of CDN's Executive Committee member for 2024/25!

Filip's engagement from early on proved to be invaluable for the organisational and political development of ZOS. Bringing in experience from previous involvements (youth organisation SAME), Filip showcased extensive knowledge in terms of restructuring the growing organisation. Being one of our youngest and most active members, as well as currently a member of our Board, Filip demonstrates inexhaustible dedication and energy he continuously puts in the Green movement. Quick to react to local political developments, Filip supports the growing political maturity of ZOS. Moreover, as a Board member and international contact person for ZOS, he is active in making and strengthening the relations with other youth political entities such as KOMS (Umbrella organisation of the youth in Serbia), Borba (most massive student-led youth movement), and many other.

Considering and fully supporting Filip's aspirations to be involved with formal politics more in the future, we believe this experience within CDN would be invaluable for him. We believe Filip's motivation and skills will help grow CDN even more resilient and sustainable, and that his contribution will bring about only the positive developments within the network.

We warmly encourage you all to vote for Filip!

Belgrade, 08.03.2023

On behalf of Green Youth of Serbia,
Secretariat

Elena Petrovska