EC2 Anja Zlatović

Proposers:
Agenda item: 6. Executive Committee Candidates

Introduction



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Gender:
Female (she/her)

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Green Youth of Serbia

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Hello, darlings! It's such an honour for me to, once again, have the chance to apply for this position.

My name is Anja Zlatović, (she/her) from Belgrade, Serbia. I am an cultural anthropologist working at the University of Belgrade at the Department of Anthropology, and my field of study is digital anthropology, popular culture and death studies. I also freelance in the digital marketing field.

The work I did for CDN last year was one of the most pleasant I did when it comes to activism. It feels amazing to work on establishing and strengthening connections in the region of Eastern Europe, and I think I managed to help this during my term. If I get re-elected I hope to continue the good work, but also to strengthen the organisation and network even further using all the knowledge I gained in this term.

CDN introduced me to some of the most wonderful people I have in my life today, and not only do I wish to meet more of those working on make Europe greener and more progressive, but I also want to help others find their chosen, green families.

Beside work and activis, I love walking, biking, coffee, traveling, reading, playing video games and spending times with friends and family. Sometimes I do embroidery. Currently, I am learning Greek (and succeeding).

I hope my application shows you my interest, capabilities and passion to continue working in and for CDN, so that you select me as your committee member.

26th of February, 2025. in Belgrade

Anja

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Green Youth of Serbia

When I applied to the EC of CDN last year, I emphasized how I feel that the whole network is my family. During my mandate this year, not only did this feeling become stronger, but also more important than ever. I believe that we have, as a team, done loads of amazing work and made CDN evolve more, both organisationally and politically.

I do see my own contribution in this. As a part of the team that wrote the political platform, I am proud to present this work during the forthcoming GA. Statements, resolutions and political stances will now be easier to make for the organisation, and we can openly and coherently show all that we stand for in this one detailed document. While writing the parts about democracy, human rights, social justice, feminism and LGBT+ rights, I think I really used all the experience and knowledge that I've gained throughout the years and of activism.

I think we can freely say that relations between FYEG and CDN are stronger now than before, and I hope that this will be something I will be working on during the next year too. Not only do we need more visibility on Eastern MOs in Europe, we also need to stand together with all the regions now that human rights are globally under severe threat. These are the topics and fields I also plan to explore in our forthcoming Study Session we are organising with FYEG, which might be the project I am most passionate about.

If you give me trust to be an EC member once again, I truly believe we can make this Study session into something special and inspirational. The topic will be culture, arts, and political youth activism - all the topics really close to my heart, and the ones I know a lot about. In the organisation I plan to use all the knowledge I developed in past projects with CDN, as well as the things I've learned on the trainings I attended within EYF.

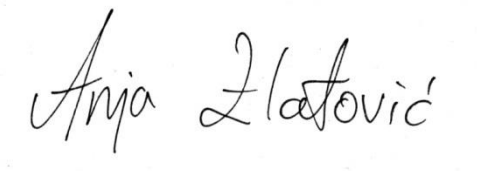
One thing I wish to do better in the forthcoming year as an EC member is to be more proactive and outspoken. While I had many ideas, and some of them were realised with the great help of the office and other members, I felt some anxiety about taking initiative during this first year. This is exactly why I am running again for the EC - with the courage and experience that I've developed in my first year, I can finally bring many more projects into

life. I hope this means more openly political stances, especially when it comes to topics of invasions, occupations and wars in and around Europe. I wish also to develop more strategies when it comes to digital activism and AI in regards to youth work, which I already started with the forthcoming resolution and attending the consultative meeting by EYF and Council of Europe. Finally, I hope to continue encouraging more young people (especially female and non-male) from Eastern Europe to take leadership positions. I have met so many smart, inspiring and kind activists younger than me during this year, and they all inspired me. However, my aim as an "older young person" is also to make sure they recognise their strengths and apply for positions, as CDN is nothing without these young people who will shape our future.

I hope that you will give me trust this year again to represent your interests in CDN. Even in the times of failing democracies, I believe if we stick together we can be resilient and help shape a better Europe for all the young people.

Kind regards,

Anja Zlatović



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EDUCATION

PhD studies of ethnology and anthropology, Faculty of Philosophy, University of Belgrade (2017. – 2022.) Dissertation: "Rest in internet – virtual survival of the personal identity as postmortem dying or digital immortality"

Erasmus + program PhD studies – The Panteion University of Social and Political Sciences in Athens (summer semester 2019.)

MA studies ethnology and anthropology, Faculty of Philosophy in Belgrade (2015. – 2016.) Dissertation: "Mourning on the internet of celebrities and fictional characters".

Erasmus + program during MA studies – The Panteion University of Social and Political Sciences in Athens (summer semester 2016.)

Bachelor studies of ethnology and anthropology, Faculty of Philosophy in Belgrade (2011. – 2015.) Dissertation: "Using the elements of Irish culture in a process of identity construction among the youth in Serbia".

Art high school Tehno Art in Belgrade, department for stylish tailoring and costume **(2008. - 2011.)**

WORK EXPEREINCES - the most relevant ones

Research Associate, Institute of ethnology and anthropology, Faculty of Philosophy, University of Belgrade (started as Junior Research Assistant in 2018; currently employed) Helps out on the subjects concerning alternative and world religions. Helps out with promotion of University.

Customer success and sales manager in Bento, digital marketing platform (February 2023. – currently)

Participated in the project Anthropological research of Serbia – from cultural heritage to modern society (177035) RS. (2018. – 2020.)

Sales delegate, Belgrade Karizma (July 2017 – April 2018.) Event telesales, in English.

Tutoring of children (2014. –2017.) Freelanced and worked for some private schools as teacher and tutor, mainly of English language, to children ages 5 to 14.

Founder, editor, author and PR manager at online magazine Kultur!Kokoška (2013 – 2016) Editor of the column "Disturbances" focusing on true crime, death rites, and macabre customs and beliefs; wrote texts on the topics of true crime, anthropology, history, feminism and culture.

ACTIVISM, AND POLITICAL AND NGO EXPEREINCE

Participated in "Training Course on Essentials of International Youth Activities" (feb 2025.) Organised by European Youth Centre, Council of Europe.

Participated in Consultative Meeting "How Confident?... Artificial Intelligence, Young People and Youth Work"(jan 2025.) Organised by European Youth Centre, Council of Europe.

Executive committee member for CDN Eastern Europe (april 2024. – currently) Worked on cooperation with FYEG, political platform, MO participation, study session for 2025. and various other projects.

Green-left front (ex Don't Drown Belgrade) (2020. – currently). Active member, part of Autonomous Women's Front; former co-president of New Belgrade local committee.

MP member of city council of Belgrade (February and March 2023.) MP from Serbia against violence coalition.

Green Youth of Serbia (2022. – currently). Active member and former co-spokesperson.

Prep team for Cross-regional Meeting for Women and Non-Binary Political Activists (September 2023.)

Participated in making of the Femgloss with Feministization of Politics collective (FoP) (summer of 2023.)

Volunteer at "Free Zone" film festival of documentary and socially engaged film (on and off 2011. - 2017.) Working in organization department, PR and writing press material about the festival.

Volunteer at Asylum Info Centre with KlikAktiv initiative (January – March 2016.) Providing help and psycho-social aid to refugees in Belgrade

Founders, author and director of strategic development at Art Initiative Kravatisti (September 2012. – December 2014.) Organized and produced the performances, performed with own stories and worked on strategies for collaborations.

Volunteer at National Association of Parents of Children with Cancer (2012. – 2014.)

SEMINARS AND SUMMER SCHOOLS

ALPI seminar for political youth leaders (February 2023. – currently) Organized by IRI.

***9th International Konitsa Summer School in Anthropology, Ethnography and Comparative Folklore of the Balkans* in Greece (July – August 2014.)** As part of the school, did fieldwork in Albania that explored topics of cultural and national identity and was presented at the summer school conference.

Seminar by Women in Black about security and protection of women (May 2014.)

Seminars of anthropology, psychology and history at Petnica Science Centre (different times from 2008. to 2011.)

SYLP (Serbian Youth Leadership Program) in Minneapolis, MN. (April – May 2010.) Themes about youth activism, leadership and education

ALBILITIES AND INTERESTS

Excellent with the computer work and have great knowledge of program such as Word, Excel and Power Point, as well as decent knowledge of Photoshop CS5.

Has vast research experience in the anthropological field. Main interests of study include digital anthropology, studies of popular culture, alternative religions, and thanatology.

Languages:

Advanced level of English; *Cambridge ESOL: First Certificate in English (FCE).*

Basic knowledge of Greek (A1.1 and learning) and Italian.

Zelena Omladina Srbije
Patrijarha Gavrila 6, Beograd

On behalf of the Green Youth of Serbia, I'm writing to express support for Anja Zlatović's candidacy for the position of CDN's Executive Committee member for 2025/26!

Anja has been and remains engaged in our mother party, its feminist wing, and its youth wing. As such, her varied perspective strengthened our position on Serbia's political scene, as well as in the party, especially as she was one of the members who negotiated our original ascension to the party. I'm sure you're aware of her ability to organize, plan and prioritize projects, and build a strong political argument just as well as us (if not more, with her work on the Political Platform).

The entirety of ZOS membership supports Anja's re-run as a member of CDN's EC. Her previous year in the organization allowed her to both express and hone her skills as an activist, anthropologist, and political actor. Her perspective is diverse, full of understanding, and valuable to any intersectional political organization such as yourselves.

Belgrade, 09. 02. 2025.
Anđela Marković
International secretary of the Green Youth of Serbia

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