AP Activity Plan 2025-26

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The activity plan is designed to cover the period from April 2025 to April 2026.

We will Empower progressive changemakers by:

Annual Work Plan: Keep your fist up and your head held high! Building resilience of green youth organisation in Eastern Europe

The Work Plan (WP) aims to support green youth organisations in Eastern Europe to build resilience for operating within environments characterised by democratic backsliding and deterioration of democratic values, and maintain capacity to advocate for improvement of democratic processes to counter these trends.

The WP will incorporate two phases and will consist of an international Resillience Buidling Summer Camp, followed by Local Actions (LAs).

- Summer Camp

The first phase, Resillience Building Summer Camp will take placein Chisinau, Moldova, hosted by Gutta-Club on 7-13th July 2025. It will on one hand provide the space for representatives of green youth organisations of EE to synthesise and share their experiences of democratic backsliding, recognise patterns and trends, and learn about where these trends come from and how to counter them, and on the other, equip them with skills and knowledge on tools of resistance and advocating for upholding of democratic values and processes. Moreover, it will set the stage for the second phase of the WP and provide them with opportunities to conceptualise dissemination activities and collective actions in order to apply everything learned during this activity within their organisations and local communities.

- Financial Support/Subgrating (Local Actions)

After the Summer Camp, there will be open call for participants and other organisations for the Resillience Building Local Actions that will bring the knowledge gained at summer camp on the local and regional levels. CDN will support them to disseminate everything learned within their organisations and wider communities, as well as to organise actions aimed at advocating for upholding of democratic values and processes in their countries and regions of origin.

Regional Meeting: Towards political autonomy of youth wings

This year Regional Meeting will be another time merged with Summer Camp. It will focus on the specific topic being the leading part of our new project with Green Forum, i. e. political autonomy of youth wings. We will focus on creating the short definition of political autonomy common for all regions, as well as exchange the good practices for one of the most important part of it, so membership management and recruitment.

Study Session

The Study Session „Art and Cultural Cooperation of Green European Youth" will be conducted together with Federation of Young European Greens (FYEG) in European Youth Centre Strassbourg, 29.09-5.10. It aims to raise awareness of green and progressive European youth about the role art and culture has in shaping political processes and empower 35 young people to use creativity and innovation for activism, political participation, fight against discrimination, and creation of sustainable and inclusive future of European societies.

The output of the study session will be toolkit on the topic of the event, following good practices from previous years.

EYF Special Call for Ukraine

CDN will strive to apply for European Youth Foundation's Special Call for Ukraine, either in the form of international activity, collaboration activity with other organisations, or (cross)regional meeting. The specific topic and desing will be decided by new EC, following the consultations with Member Organisations.

We will Strengthen the Network by:

General Assembly

The General Assembly (GA) the highest decision-making body of our network that will take place on 29-30th March, hosted by Zeleni prozor. The GA will elect the new Executive Committee (EC), hear and adopt reports and plans, adopt resolutions and amendments to the documents, approve/reject candidate members of the Network and - most notably - discuss and adopt new Political Platform. The General Assembly will include public conference with delegates and partners introducing the topic of resillience building in our work.

2026 General Assembly will be an opportunity to take a deeper look at the functioning of the network in the mid-term of the strategy. Hence, it will be more internal event, gathering less people. As the network grows, the new Executive Committee will need to find a way to organise next GAs in a sustainable way (see: Financial plan). Tentative dates for 2026 General Assembly are end of March/Early April. Call for host organisation will be published in October 2025 and be selected by the end of November. The 2024-25 Executive Committee recommends taking into account applications sent in 2024 also in the next year, as there were outstanding applications.

Effective Internal Governance

In 2025-26, CDN will put more emphasis on its internal governance, strengthening the work and position of EC and Office. This will be done by following:

Effective and Productive Executive Committee Meetings

We will continue increasing productivity and effectiveness of live EC Meetings. During 2024-25 we will organise 3 EC Meetings (plus on GAs) instead of 4 as in previous years. EC Meetings will be hence more focused, better prepared, with agenda and important documents sent in advance. We will especially improve the transfer period, so that newly elected EC can start their work immediately after the GA.

Refined internal documents

In this year we will focus on strategical objective of further professionalisation of CDN by improving internal management, governance, and transfer of knowledge. One of the most important task for the 2025-26 Executive Commitee will be rewriting CDN Internal Rules of Procedure. The new document is intended to better reflect the organisation's practice and be more understandable to MOs. We will work also on the internal documents that needs refining: Executive Committee guidelines; Office Transfer document or Communication Strategy.

Diversifying Funding Sources

This year, CDN will put more focus on fundraising. We will put more emphasis on the fundraising campaigns and new grant applications. Especially small-scale fundraising will be prioritised to stabilise the finances of CDN and make it more sustainable before applying for large-scale projects.

EnhancedCommunication with Member Organisations

The Executive Committee regional responsibles will continue good practice to organise regional calls with MOs, in all the regions. In 2025, instead of study visit, we will allocate funding for the visits to congresses or other events organised by Member Organisation.

Internship programme

We will strive to open the first internship programme in 2025 or 2026 to help in office work and further empower our activists and give them long-term opportunities. The scope of the interns' work will be communications and projects. The timeline and exact shape of the internship will be decided by the new EC.

We will Bring Eastern European Perspective by:

Enhanced External Communication

In 2025, we will focus on enhance the CDN external communication, both in terms of substantive content, as of methods and channels. This will allow us to reach different target groups, both within the movement and beyond them. In terms of substantive content, the new political platform will allow us to create more posts on various topics, not only being reactive to recent developments or adjusted to our activities‘ topics. Regarding methods,

We will also focus on digital activities by refreshing the format of ElectionVision series, and create meaningful collaborations with other partners.

Networking with Green European Movement and Beyond

We will continue good practices on cooperation with other green organisations in Europe from last year, especially regarding the contacts and common activities with Federation of Young European Greens. We will also continue to attend the events of European Green Party, Green European Foundation and other organisations, try to build partnership with other Green foundations (as HBS offices in the region) as well as increase our advocacy among them. We will also strive to develop closer relations with our observer organisations and other Green youth organisations in Europe.

We will continue networking and start new cooperations with other youth organisations in Europe. Most notably, we will start cooperation with SAME (Solidarity Action Day Movement in Europe) on the common project for 2026 "Solidarity Throughout Europe in combating Democratic Backsliding" that will focus on advocacy, community engagement and building alliances as a way to combat democratic backsliding in Europe. The project might engage other international youth NGOs. We will also strive to become an observer in European Youth Forum.