

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 Resilience Building Summer Camp, followed by Local Actions (LAs).

- Summer Camp

The first phase, Resilience Building Summer Camp will take place in 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/Subgranting (Local Actions)

After the Summer Camp, there will be open call for participants and other organisations for the Resilience 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

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

41 Study Session

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

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

51 EYF Special Call for Ukraine

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

57 We will Strengthen the Network by:

58 General Assembly

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

66 2026 General Assembly will be an opportunity to take a deeper look at the
67 functioning of the network in the mid-term of the strategy. Hence, it will be
68 more internal event, gathering less people. As the network grows, the new
69 Executive Committee will need to find a way to organise next GAs in a
70 sustainable way (see: Financial plan). Tentative dates for 2026 General Assembly
71 are end of March/Early April. Call for host organisation will be published in
72 October 2025 and be selected by the end of November. The 2024-25 Executive
73 Committee recommends taking into account applications sent in 2024 also in the
74 next year, as there were outstanding applications.

75 Effective Internal Governance

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

78 Effective and Productive Executive Committee Meetings

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

85 Refined internal documents

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

94 Diversifying Funding Sources

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

99 Enhanced Communication with Member Organisations

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

104 Internship programme

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

110 We will Bring Eastern European Perspective by:

111 Enhanced External Communication

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

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

120 Networking with Green European Movement and Beyond

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

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