

## OR-REC Executive Committee Recommendation on the Membership Applications

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### Motion text

#### OR-1 Human Development Research Initiative (HDRI)

The Executive Committee has evaluated that Human Development Research Initiative does not satisfy the criteria for membership indicated in Internal Rules of Procedure § 5.3.

HDRI applied for the membership last year already – it received negative recommendation, did not show up to zoom call during GA, and was rejected with 69% of votes against. Since then, the organisation did not initiate any contacts with CDN, nor apply for any event.

Thus, as last year, HDRI cannot be a Member Organisation as it is based in France, so not Eastern Europe. HDRI was also never active in CDN.

The Executive Committee did not have any contacts with HDRI during 2024/25 mandate, nor their application say something new comparing to previous one. Thus we reiterate opinion in the 2023-24 EC recommendation letter:

HDRI does not fulfil general criteria for membership, as it is not youth organisation. In the application form, HDRI stated that it is "youth-led think tank", but the Executive Committee could not evaluate that because of lack of previous work with HDRI. The organisation is registered and has statutes.

HDRI does fulfil sustainability criteria. It is an organisation established in 2017 that organises several projects. It also has democratic structures, as defined by statutes (with Executive Board and General Assembly).

HDRI does not fulfil value and issue criteria. The Executive Committee evaluates that the field of activity of HDRI is compatible with CDN political work, but cannot evaluate its compatibility with CDN political values because of lack of previous work with HDRI. Because of that, the EC is also not able to evaluate HDRI's openness for Green values as a whole.

Therefore, the Executive Committee gives a negative recommendation for the General Assembly to vote on HDRI's candidacy as a Member Organisation. It reassures previous year stance that HDRI's members are invited to apply for CDN events in 2025.

#### OR-2 Youth for Democracy

The Executive Committee has evaluated that Youth for Democracy does not satisfy all criteria for membership indicated in Internal Rules of Procedure § 10.3.

34 However, it is on the way of achieving it, and should be supported, eg. by being  
35 granted the status of observer organisation.

36 Youth for Democracy's members were present on Summer Camp in Georgia, as well as  
37 applied for other events but not being selected. Thus mean that we have  
38 established contacts and they are willing to participate in CDN activities.

39 It is important to note that the application sent by Youth for Democracy is very  
40 poor, short and not giving a sufficient overview of the organization's  
41 activities.

42 The applying organisation fulfill the general criteria for becoming a Member  
43 Organisation. The applying organisation is a youth-led organisation, has the  
44 statutes and is registered.

45 Regarding sustainability criteria, Youth for Democracy is a democratic  
46 organisation with statutory bodies (assembly, board of directors). However, we  
47 do not know about any specific activities of organisation, and it is not clearly  
48 defined in the application form.

49 Regarding value and issue criteria, Youth for Democracy have statutory aims that  
50 are consistent with CDN aims both in terms of values, as development of  
51 democracy and promotion of SDGs, and methods, as promotion of non-formal  
52 education. However, due to our limited knowledge on previous activities of the  
53 organisation, as well as poor application form, EC cannot evaluate the political  
54 vision of organisation, topics of its activities and its consistency with green  
55 and progressive values of CDN.

56 To sum up, the EC considers Youth for Democracy as an organisation with  
57 potential, which is worth maintaining contacts with and inviting to our  
58 activities, but which does not yet meet the membership criteria. Therefore, the  
59 Executive Committee gives negative recommendation for Youth for Democracy  
60 membership in CDN, but instead suggest an observer status with potential of  
61 change to membership after further cooperation.

## 62 **OR-3 Youth for a Green Future**

63 The Executive Committee has evaluated that Youth for a Green Future satisfies  
64 all criteria for membership indicated in Internal Rules of Procedure § 10.3.

65 Youth for a Green Future were visibly active in CDN and young green movement as  
66 a whole during last year. There were participants from Youth for a Green Future  
67 at every CDN event in 2024, in total 5 participants during live events. The  
68 organisation also conducted the local action as a part of our that was proven to  
69 be successful, and outstanding both in the implementation and in reporting.

70 Youth for a Green Future fulfill the general criteria for becoming a Member  
71 Organisation. The applying organisation is a youth organisation, has the  
72 statutes and is registered.

73 The sustainability criteria are also fulfilled by Youth for a Green Future. The  
74 organisation has clearly defined democratic structures (Co-presidents, Executive  
75 Committee, General Assembly). The activity of Youth for a Green Future are of

76 wide range, as proven by participation in CDN events on various topics and  
 77 organizing their own activities.

78 Value and issue criteria are fulfilled as well. Youth for a Green Future is a  
 79 green organisation, compatible with CDN political values. It was proven during  
 80 our activities, as well as via being Associate Member of FYEG. The Executive  
 81 Committee believes though that membership in CDN will help Youth for a Green  
 82 Future to further develop their ideology and create advocacy campaigns.

83 Therefore, the Executive Committee gives a strongly positive recommendation for  
 84 the General Assembly to vote on Youth for a Green Future's candidacy as a Member  
 85 Organisation.

## 86 OR-4 The Union of Young Democrats

87 The Executive Committee has evaluated that The Union of Young Democrats  
 88 satisfies all criteria for membership indicated in IRPs § 10.3.

89 We have established contacts with The Union of Young Democrats during last two  
 90 years during the regional events, EGP and FYEG congresses and at 2024 CDN GA.  
 91 Their members did not apply for CDN educational activities during 2024, but we  
 92 strongly encourage them to do it in the upcoming year!

93 The Union of Young Democrats fulfill the general criteria for becoming a Member  
 94 Organisation. The applying organisation is a youth organisation, has the  
 95 statutes and is registered. They also have local groups.

96 The sustainability criteria are also fulfilled by The Union of Young Democrats.  
 97 The organisation has clearly defined democratic structures (Congress,  
 98 Chairperson, Board, Control and Ethics Commission). They have new system of  
 99 membership management, which corresponds to one of our priorities for the next  
 100 years' project. They have conducted broad range of activities on various  
 101 policies, especially democracy and environment. They have been implementing non-  
 102 formal education projects, even succeeding to conduct it in schools.

103 The Union of Young Democrats fulfills value and issue criteria as well. They  
 104 identified focus policy areas: climate change, education, housing & first  
 105 employment, Vote16 and mental health, all of them consistent with CDN values and  
 106 currently of particular importance. It is also a candidate member of FYEG as is  
 107 a youth wing of The Union of Democrats "For Lithuania" (DSVL) that is EGP  
 108 Member. EC is aware of the controversy surrounding DSVL entering a government  
 109 coalition with the populist Dawn of Nemunas party and its unclear position on  
 110 certain human rights issues (such as the vote on civil  
 111 partnershipsantisemitism). We do recognize that usually youth wings of parties,  
 112 especially in Easter Europe, are more progressive and leaders for change, which  
 113 is why we encourage their cooperation with other similar organisations in the  
 114 region. Additionally, we appreciate and support when Eastern European Green  
 115 Parties become relevant on their political scene. In our opinion The Union of  
 116 Young Democrats is a Green and Progressive organisation and membership in CDN  
 117 would help them enhance their ideology, as well as increase influence in the  
 118 mother party.

119 Therefore, the Executive Committee gives a strongly positive recommendation for  
120 the General Assembly to vote on Union of Young Democrats's candidacy as a Member  
121 Organisation.

## 122 OR-5 Tematska grupa – Mladi, Možemo! – politička 123 platforma

124 The Executive Committee has evaluated that Tematska grupa – Mladi, Možemo! –  
125 politička platforma satisfies all criteria for membership indicated in IRPs §  
126 10.3.

127 We were in contact with TG Mladi Možemo last two years, they were present at our  
128 Summer Camp, ETT in Belgrade, we met on FYEG events. Research on their situation  
129 was also one of the aims of study visit done by EC and Sec-Gen in December 2024,  
130 with their application for MO being outcome of the visit.

131 If TG Mladi Možemo elected as MO, it will be first time in few years where we  
132 have two MOs from one country. However, the EC does not see it as a problem, as  
133 the two organisations have different scope of work and form of organisations (ZP  
134 is an NGO, TG Mladi Možemo is a youth-wing) - on the contrary, it can be an  
135 example for the further development of young green organizations in other  
136 countries. Important to note is that according to statutes, both MOs would have  
137 2 votes on GA.

138 TG Mladi Možemo fulfill the general criteria for becoming a Member Organisation.  
139 The organisation is a youth organisation and have statutes/guiding document. It  
140 has specific legal form as a thematic group within the party. This is due to the  
141 legal and political system in Croatia and the party. Despite this, we assess  
142 that TG Mladi Možemo is politically autonomous from the party, has the right to  
143 issue its statements, elect its authorities, etc. at the same (or greater) level  
144 as other youth wings of CDN. The statute is clear, detailed and transparent, the  
145 age limit is clearly defined.

146 The sustainability criteria are also fulfilled by TG Mladi Možemo . The  
147 organisation has clearly defined democratic structures (Coordinators,  
148 Coordination Team) and decision-making process. They organised activities in  
149 different areas: from preparing policies, by taking part in elections, to  
150 organising training and public activities. Also their mother party is well-  
151 established and gaining momentum.

152 TG Mladi Možemo fulfills value and issue criteria as well. They are dedicated to  
153 Green and progressive values in all the policy areas. Their mother party is a  
154 member of EGP. They also had candidates in elections on all the levels.

155 Therefore, the Executive Committee gives a strongly positive recommendation for  
156 the General Assembly to vote on TG Mladi Možemo's candidacy as a Member  
157 Organisation.