OR-REC Executive Committee Recommendation on the Membership Applications

Organization: Executive Committee

Resolution date: 05.03.2025

Agenda item: 7. Candidate Organisations

Motion text

OR-1 Human Development Research Initiative (HDRI)

- 5 The Executive Committee has evaluated that Human Development Research Initiative
- 4 does not satisfy the criteria for membership indicated in Internal Rules of
- 5 Procedure § 5.3.
- 6 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
- 8 69% of votes against. Since then, the organisation did not initiate any contacts
- 9 with CDN, nor apply for any event.
- 10 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 reitarate opinion in the 2023-24 EC recommendation letter:
- 15 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
- 8 previous work with HDRI. The organisation is registered and has statutes.
- 19 HDRI does fulfil sustainability criteria. It is an organisation established in
- 20 2017 that organises several projects. It also has democratic structures, as
- defined by statutes (with Executive Board and General Assembly).
- 22 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
- 25 previous work with HDRI. Because of that, the EC is also not able to evaluate
- HDRI's openness for Green values as a whole.
- 27 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
- 30 events in 2025.

OR-2 Youth for Democracy

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

- However, it is on the way of achieving it, and should be supported, eg. by being granted the status of observer organisation.
- 36 Youth for Democracy's members were present on Summer Camp in Georgia, as well as
- applied for other events but not being selected. Thus mean that we have
- established contacts and they are willing to participate in CDN activities.
- 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.
- The applying organisation fulfill the general criteria for becoming a Member
- Organisation. The applying organisation is a youth-led organisation, has the
- 44 statutes and is registered.
- Regarding sustainability criteria, Youth for Democracy is a democratic
- 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
- defined in the application form.
- 49 Regarding value and issue criteria, Youth for Democracy have statutory aims that
- are consistent with CDN aims both in terms of values, as development of
- democracy and promotion of SDGs, and methods, as promotion of non-formal
- education. However, due to our limited knowledge on previous activities of the
- organisation, as well as poor application form, EC cannot evaluate the political
- vision of organisation, topics of its activities and its consistency with green
- and progressive values of CDN.
- To sum up, the EC considers Youth for Democracy as an organisation with
- potential, which is worth maintaining contacts with and inviting to our
- 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
- change to membership after further cooperation.

OR-3 Youth for a Green Future

- The Executive Committee has evaluated that Youth for a Green Future satisfies
- all criteria for membership indicated in Internal Rules of Procedure § 10.3.
- Youth for a Green Future were visibly active in CDN and young green movement as
- a whole during last year. There were participants from Youth for a Green Future
- at every CDN event in 2024, in total 5 participants during live events. The organisation also conducted the local action as a part of our that was proven to
- 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
- 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

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

OR-4 The Union of Young Democrats

- The Executive Committee has evaluated that The Union of Young Democrats satisfies all criteria for membership indicated in IRPs § 10.3.
- 89 We have established contacts with The Union of Young Democrats during last two
- years during the regional events, EGP and FYEG congresses and at 2024 CDN GA.
- Their members did not apply for CDN educational activities during 2024, but we
- 92 strongly encourage them to do it in the upcoming year!
- The Union of Young Democrats fulfill the general criteria for becoming a Member
- Organisation. The applying organisation is a youth organisation, has the
- statutes and is registered. They also have local groups.
- The sustainability criteria are also fulfilled by The Union of Young Democrats.
- The organisation has clearly defined democratic structures (Congress,
- 98 Chairperson, Board, Control and Ethics Commission). They have new system of
- membership management, which corresponds to one of our priorities for the next
- oo years' project. They have conducted broad range of activities on various
- policies, especially democracy and environment. They have been implementing non-
- formal education projects, even succeeding to conduct it in schools.
- 103 The Union of Young Democrats fulfills value and issue criteria as well. They
- identified focus policy areas: climate change, education, housing & first
- os employment, Vote16 and mental health, all of them consistent with CDN values and
- currently of particular importance. It is also a candidate member of FYEG as is
- 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
- coalition with the populist Dawn of Nemunas party and its unclear position on
- certain human rights issues (such as the vote on civil
- partnershipsantisemitism). We do recognize that usually youth wings of parties,
- especially in Easter Europe, are more progressive and leaders for change, which
- is why we encourage their cooperation with other similar organisations in the
- 114 region. Additionally, we appreciate and support when Eastern European Green
- Parties become relevant on their political scene. In our opinion The Union of
- Young Democrats is a Green and Progressive organisation and membership in CDN
- 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
- the General Assembly to vote on Union of Young Democrats's candidacy as a Member
- 121 Organisation.

OR-5Tematska grupa – Mladi, Mo**ž**emo! – politi**č**ka platforma

- 124 The Executive Committee has evaluated that Tematska grupa Mladi, Možemo! –
- politička platformasatisfies all criteria for membership indicated in IRPs §
- 126 10.3.
- We were in contact with TG Mladi Možemo last two years, they were present at our
- Summer Camp, ETT in Belgrade, we met on FYEG events. Research on their situation
- was also one of the aims of study visit done by EC and Sec-Gen in December 2024,
- 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
- have two MOs from one country. However, the EC does not see it as a problem, as
- the two organisations have different scope of work and form of organisations (ZP
- is an NGO, TG Mladi Možemo is a youth-wing) on the contrary, it can be an
- example for the further development of young green organizations in other
- countries. Important to note is that according to statutes, both MOs would have
- 137 2 votes on GA.
- 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
- legal and political system in Croatia and the party. Despite this, we assess
- that TG Mladi Možemois politically autonomous from the party, has the right to
- issue its statements, elect its authorities, etc. at the same (or greater) level
- 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
- organisation has clearly defined democratic structures (Coordinators,
- 148 Coordination Team) and decision-making process. They organised activities in
- different areas: from preparing policies, by taking part in elections, to
- 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
- Green and progressive values in all the policy areas. Their mother party is a
- member of EGP. They also had candidates in elections on all the levels.
- 155 Therefore, the Executive Committee gives a strongly positive recommendation for
- the General Assembly to vote on TG Mladi Možemo's candidacy as a Member
- 157 Organisation.