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 reitarate 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.

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

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 poor, short and not giving a sufficient overview of the organization's activities.

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

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

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 Executive Committee gives negative recommendation for Youth for Democracy 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.

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

The sustainability criteria are also fulfilled by Youth for a Green Future. The organisation has clearly defined democratic structures (Co-presidents, Executive 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 green organisation, compatible with CDN political values. It was proven during our activities, as well as via being Associate Member of FYEG. The Executive Committee believes though that membership in CDN will help Youth for a Green Future to further develop their ideology and create advocacy campaigns.

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

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 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, Chairperson, Board, Control and Ethics Commission). They have new system of membership management, which corresponds to one of our priorities for the next 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.

The Union of Young Democrats fulfills value and issue criteria as well. They identified focus policy areas: climate change, education, housing & first 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 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 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 mother party.

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 Organisation.

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

The Executive Committee has evaluated that Tematska grupa – Mladi, Možemo! – politička platformasatisfies all criteria for membership indicated in IRPs § 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.

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 2 votes on GA.

TG Mladi Možemo fulfill the general criteria for becoming a Member Organisation. The organisation is a youth organisation and have statutes/guiding document. It 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 age limit is clearly defined.

The sustainability criteria are also fulfilled by TG Mladi Možemo . The organisation has clearly defined democratic structures (Coordinators, 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-established and gaining momentum.

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.

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