

AR Activity Report 2025-26

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Resolution text

1 The activity report covers the period from April 2025 to March 2026.

2 **We Empowered progressive changemakers by:**

3 Annual Work Plan: Keep your fist up and your head held high!

4 Building resilience of green youth organisation in Eastern
5 Europe

6 The Work Plan of 2025 consists of an international Resilience Building Summer
7 Camp as the first phase, followed by Local Actions realised in 7 countries
8 across Eastern Europe. Both activities aimed to support green youth
9 organisations in Eastern Europe to build resilience for operating within
10 environments characterised by democratic backsliding and deterioration of
11 democratic values, and maintain capacity to advocate for improvement of
12 democratic processes to counter these trends.

13 • Summer Camp

14 The first phase, Resilience Building Summer Camp took place in Chisinau,
15 Moldova, hosted by Gutta-Club on 7-13th July 2025. The Summer Camp intended to
16 equip participants with knowledge and skills related to resilience building for
17 operating in environments characterised by democratic backsliding, and empower
18 them to disseminate that knowledge and skills among their peers. It gathered 39
19 people, and was well evaluated (report of increased capacities: 4.5 out of 5 on
20 average).

21 • Financial Support/Subgranting (Local Actions)

22 The Local Actions aimed to enable green youth activists to disseminate further
23 the knowledge, skills, and resources related to resilience and by doing so
24 strengthen the capacities of green youth organisations for upholding democracy

25 and democratic values within different contexts in Eastern Europe.. We supported
26 following organisations and projects:

- 27 • Resilient Frontliners by Frontline Youth Network
- 28 • Green Youth Forum by Youth for a Green Future
- 29 • Strong roots, strong voice by Revolt
- 30 • Don't stay aside by Green Youth of Ukraine
- 31 • Czech Young Green's General Assembly 2025 Brno and following activities
- 32 • Local Action title: Pathways to Resilience: Building Solidarity Across
33 Movements Genç Yeşiller
- 34 • Democracy: time for a reality check? by Zeleni prozor

35 As well as the Local Action by the CDN Feminist Action Team.

36 Cross-Regional Meeting: Towards political autonomy of youth 37 wings

38 This year Regional Meeting was another time merged with Summer Camp. It focused
39 on the specific topic being the leading part of our new project with Green
40 Forum, i. e. political autonomy of youth wings. The participants created the
41 working definition of political autonomy ([link](#)) with the short roadmap to its
42 achievement in the areas of operation, representation, finances, strategy and
43 ideology; as well as discussed the membership engagement ladder that can be used
44 as resource by the Member Organisations ([link](#)). Both documents will be a basis
45 for activities realised with the support of Green Foun in 2026.

46 Study Session

47 The Study Session „Art and Cultural Cooperation of Green European Youth“ Study
48 Session "Canvas of Change: Youth, Culture and Political Participation" was held
49 from 29 September to 4 October 2025 in European Youth Centre in Strasbourg,
50 France together with FYEG.

51 Learn to challenge the systems of oppression - capitalism, patriarchy, and
52 imperialism = through brush, colors, pens, and art" was one of the key messages
53 shared by 35 young activists during our study session. The key learning point -
54 the critical role that art and culture play in shaping political processes.
55 Participants engaged in various workshops (such as performance, music, creative
56 writing, and zine making) and benefited from guest lecturers and rich exchanges
57 that were all viewed through an intersectional lens.

58 The participants created zine Corpus Erectus, and the institutionalised the
59 Arts&Culture Action Team.

60 EYF Special Call for Ukraine – „Environmental Consequences 61 of War: Monitoring and Overcoming“

62 The international activity organised as part of EYF Special Call for Ukraine was
63 held in Sheptytskyi, Ukraine on 26-30.08. It gathered 26 young people with the
64 aim empower and mobilise them for cross-border cooperation in spreading the
65 awareness of the environmental consequences of Russian aggression on Ukraine,
66 and its cross-border effects on youth, democracy and human rights by providing
67 them with space, theoretical knowledge and skills necessary to advocate for
68 their rights related to the environment on the local, national and European
69 level. We discussed how to make the environment more resilient and how the
70 international community can contribute to the sustainable reconstruction of
71 Ukraine. participants created three campaign plans: on the consequences of
72 mining of Ukraine, the long-term consequences of Kakhovka Dam Destruction, and
73 the protection of the environment in criminal law, which were or are to be
74 implemented in adjusted form.

75 We are grateful for the town of Sheptytskyi for a warm welcoming and for the
76 Centre of Environmental Initiatives Ecoaction for materials and provided
77 workshop.

78 Training for Trainers: Non-formal Education and Green and 79 Progressive Politics

80 The Training for Trainers was an additional activity organised thanks to
81 additional funding from International Foundation GroenLinks. It gathered 10
82 participants from MOs to strengthen their capacity to design and conduct
83 educational activities within their organisations and communities by equipping
84 participants with tools and methodologies of non-formal education while
85 deepening their understanding of Green and progressive politics in the regional
86 context. It consisted of two parts: (1) critical thinking of values in the local
87 context (including discussion with Serbian MP Biljana Djordjević), (2) non-
88 formal education and project coordination training. The participants were
89 selected by Executive Committee, based on their activity and experience (up to
90 26 years old, and attending at least one event in the 2025, with high level of
91 participation), and regional balance.

92 The resource pack “CDN Non-Formal Education Guidebook” was created, available on
93 the [website](#).

94 **We Strengthened the Network by:**

95 General Assembly

96 The 15th General Assembly of Cooperation and Development Network Eastern Europe
97 (CDNEE), took place 29-30 March in Zagreb, Croatia, hosted by Zeleni prozor.

98 The main output of GA was brand new Political Platform - a comprehensive and
99 detailed document that will be a basis of CDN advocacy during the next years. We
100 also elected Executive Committee, adopted activity and financial plan for the
101 next year, amended documents. Two resolutions were created: [Saving the democracy](#)

102 [– right to protest in Eastern Europe, with emphasis on Serbia and Georgia,](#)
103 [Keeping Green Values in the age of AI.](#) We also welcomed three new Member
104 organisations: Youth for a Green Future (Bulgaria), The Union of Young Democrats
105 (Lithuania), TG – Youth – Možemo and Tematska grupa Mladi, Možemo! - politička
106 platforma.

107 The political conference consisted of two panels: „Student Protests in Serbia
108 and Croatia: Striving for Better Education and Democracy“ and the round-table
109 „Be resilient!“.

110 During the preparation of 2026 GA, two workshops were held in order to create
111 the resolutions together with MOs in the policy areas selected via poll:
112 Arts&Culture and Feminism.

113 Feminist Action Team

114 Feminist Action Team started in August 2025 to create local action to build the
115 resilience women and non-binary activists together, inspire each other, share
116 experiences, create campaigns, and build a safe network. It covers the topic of
117 gender equality and feminism. The local action consisted of webinar with experts
118 on the female sexuality, sex work, and sex education in the context of Eastern
119 Europe and book club meetings. FemAT currently gathers 25 people and will
120 continue its work in 2026.

121 Arts&Culture Action Team

122 Arts&Culture Action Team was created after the Study Session to create the
123 second edition of the Corpus Erectus zine, gathering 14 members, participants of
124 the StS. The zine was published in February and is available on the website.

125 Effective Internal Governance

126 In 2025-26, CDN put more emphasis on its internal governance, strengthening the
127 work and position of EC and Office. The work will be continued throughout next
128 year.

129 Effective and Productive Executive Committee Meetings

130 We organised three EC Meetings:: (1) in Chisinau, Republic of Moldova on 5-
131 6.07.2025, (2) in Bohinjska Bistrica, Slovenia on 25-27.10.2025, (3) in
132 Bucuresti, Romania on 14-15.02.2026. The focus of the EC meetings was as always
133 planning of topics and activities and making political decisions about the
134 network. The main topics of the meetings were: for the first meeting planning
135 the activities for 2026 and updating the IRPs, for 2nd meeting mid-term strategy
136 evaluation, for 3rd meeting updating the activity plan and GA documents
137 preparation. The minutes from the meetings are available on the website.

138 Due to strengthening the procedures, the transfer meeting took place online,
139 thus EC started work immediately after the GA and all the meetings were working
140 ones.

141 Office retreat

142 Office retreat took place in June, in Montenegro and focused on improving the
143 sustainability of CDN. The new transfer documents (main one, and for each
144 position) were created, thus improving the quality of onboarding and transfer of
145 knowledge in the office before new people arriving in 2026.

146 Refined internal documents

147 Internal Rules of Procedure were revisited and refined during EC Meetings. There
148 were 2 consultations calls regarding the changes in December, with the
149 participation of six MOs. Based on their input and internal discussion, EC put
150 forward the ready document.

151 On the II ECM, the mid-term evaluation of the strategy was discussed. The
152 strategy was evaluated well, with three amendments put by EC to be voted by GA
153 and Key Performance Indicators refined to better reflect the goals of CDN.

154 Diversifying Funding Sources

155 As mentioned previously, we received additional grant for Special Call Ukraine
156 that included up to 17% administrative/structural costs. We also sent one
157 another application (rejected), and planned to re-apply for SI Creative
158 Partnership (rejected in 2024), though the programme was not opened yet at the
159 moment of writing the report. Due to the capacities taken for organisation
160 additional event, we did not focus on smaller-scale fundraising.

161 Enhanced Communication with Member Organisations

162 The Executive Committee regional responsables continued good practice to
163 organise regional calls with MOs, in all the regions. During the Local Actions,
164 we visited Czech Young Greens and planned to visit Youth for a Green Future
165 (unfortunately visit was cancelled due to the health issues).

166 Internship programme

167 CDN open its internship programme Communication and Projects Intern in June
168 2025. We received 60 applications, and invited 6 people for the interview. The
169 selected intern, Sintija Krivina, works from September 2025 to February 2026
170 (prolonged for March 2026, due to the GA).

171 The internship programme focuses on the communication, especially during the
172 project. The main learning outcomes was creating and implementing the
173 communication plans about the events (mostly during the StS) and campaigns
174 (especially Stop Ecocide, organising smaller-scale activities (FemAT local
175 actions). The internship programme proved to be succesful, contributing to
176 enhancement the external communication and improvement of the Office's workload,
177 with the recommendation to make the more precise plan of internship with defined
178 main fields of work and learning outcomes for each month of intern's work.

179 Office changes

180 The term of Secretary General finishes at 2026 GA. Igor decided not to run for
181 another term. The call was opened together with the call for EC. EC decided to
182 recommend Filip Janković for the position. The transfer period will be in April
183 and May.

184 The contract of Project Coordinator finished in 2026, and PC decided not to
185 prolong it. We opened the call in February, which is still opened at the moment
186 of publishing the report. New person will be selected by EC before the GA. The
187 transfer period is planned for May and June (to be decided with person
188 selected).

189 The transition periods was planned in advance (more in the activity plan).

190 **We Brought Eastern European Perspective by:**

191 **Enhanced External Communication**

192 Increasing the outreach and engagement of the external communication was one of
193 the priorities for 2025. We managed to increase the quality of communication,
194 however, this was limited due to capacities moved to the additional educational
195 projects that were prioritised.

196 We organised two campaigns (below), as well as decided on organisation on the
197 additional campaigns in 2026 to be implemented around the GA: Culture. A Public
198 Good and Stop Femicide. We experimented with new forms of content (as interactive
199 maps, quizzes etc.), while maintaining the seriousness of communication.

200 **Biodiversity in Eastern Europe campaign**

201 Campaign aimed to promote our political platform's chapter on biodiversity
202 through showing the real examples of Eastern European nature that need to be
203 protected. It consisted of series of interactive instagram stories, posts and
204 reels, and the website page with the map of Wonders of Eastern European nature
205 with over 20 places submitted on instagram story question.

206 **Stop Ecocide campaign**

207 Focus of the campaign was to increase awareness of the russian ecocide in
208 Ukraine and to lobby for implementation of ecocide in the international law. The
209 campaign was created as the follow-up of „Environmental Consequences of War“
210 event. It consisted of 7 posts, informative website, 3 webinars and related
211 stickers with QR-code leading to the website.

212 **Electionvision**

213 There was three episodes of ElectionVision: (1) Elections 2024/25: Europe and
214 World; (2) on presidential elections in Romania and Poland; (3) on parliamentary
215 elections in Czechia and Moldova.

216 **Networking with Green European Movement and Beyond**

217 We continued good relations with FYEG, mostly in organising study session and
218 publishing joint statements (eg. on political prisoners in Belarus, on the
219 political violence in Serbia or on Bulgaria joining the Eurozone). We were
220 mutually represented at most of our events, and took part in each other's
221 digital activities as speakers (eg. ElectionVision: Eastern Europe and World
222 2024/25).

223 We kept the good contacts with other international youth NGOs and were mutually
224 present at some of our events and digital activities, but finally did not submit
225 any joint projects. We applied for the status of delegate in Eastern Partnership
226 Civil Society Forum, not received information at the moment of publishing the
227 report.