OR-REC EC Recommendations – Membership and Observership Applications

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Resolution text

This document is the assessment of the applications for CDN Membership or Observership done by the Executive Committee, and recommendation to GA. Of course, the final decision is up to the GA.

1. Restart Gavar Youth NGO

We had contacts with Restart Gavar Youth NGO previously, with their International Project Manager Nona present at two of our events (but as representative of FYN), and some members participating in our digital space.

Regarding the membership criteria:

- General criteria: The deeper research is needed. The organisation is youth-led, but the limit is only 18+ (no upper age limit). Regarding the democratic structures, the role of president in the status is quite high (only one defined position, elected for the 5-years term). EC assess it might work in the local context, but that further contact with the organisation in the next year needs to be established in order to assess the democratic structures of the organisation.

- Sustainability criteria: Fulfilled. The organisation is working in a continuous way, organising several projects each year. It was established in 2023, and gained a stable volunteer base.

- Value and issue criteria: The deeper research is needed. The organisation is working especially on democracy and youth participation, which are core CDN values, but we are not able to assess their stance on other CDN and Green values. We believe that closer research next year is needed.

Our current organisation from Armenia, FYN, was asked about their opinion, but did not reply in a given time.

Thus, EC says that it is yet too early to say if Restart Gavar Youth NGO fulfill all the membership criteria. EC thus recommends voting against Restart Gavar Youth NGO as a Member Organisation, and instead recommends accepting it as an Observer Organisation, with potential pathway to membership in next years.

2. JUST

No contacts with JUST were established previously. One of the JUST's board members was present at our event, but a bit before the establishment of the

organisation. We just became aware of the existence of organisation in the moment of receiving an application.

Regarding the membership criteria:

- General criteria: Fulfilled. The organisation is youth-only, registered, and has democratic structures (board and general assembly).
- Sustainability criteria: Not fulfilled. The organisation was only established in October 2025. The application states that they are conducting the activities, but are not listing them, and we are not aware about their specific activities.
- Value and issue criteria: The deeper research is needed. The organisation claims to promote green values in most of its policy areas. We do not have reasons to not believe them, but due to the lack of previous contact, we cannot assess it positively as well.

Our current MO from Georgia did not have strong preference for or against JUST, having little knowledge of them as well.

Thus, EC assess JUST at this moment does not fulfill all the membership criteria. EC thus recommends voting against JUST as a Member Organisation, and instead recommends accepting it as an Observer Organisation, with potential pathway to membership in next years.

3. CKO

We have contacts with people from CKO, but as back-then members of our Serbian MO ZOS. No institutional contact between CDN and CKO was established previously.

Regarding the membership criteria:

- General criteria: Fulfilled. The organisation is youth-only, registered, and has democratic structures (board and general assembly).
- Sustainability criteria: Fulfilled. The organisation is implementing multiple projects on different topics.
- Value and issue criteria: The deeper research is needed. The organisation core values and activities include democracy, human rights and social justice, however deeper research would be needed to assess their stance towards green values and green political family as a whole.

Our current MO from ZOS recommends to vote against the organisation. The reasons will be explained by the EC for the delegates at the General Assembly.

Thus, EC assess CKO at this moment does not fulfill all the membership criteria. EC thus recommends voting against CKO as a Member Organisation.

4. Climate Pioneers

The contact person of Climate Pioneers was present at our 2025 Study Session. No further institutional contacts were established as per now.

Regarding the membership criteria:

- General criteria: Fulfilled. The organisation is youth-only, registered, and has democratic structures (board and general assembly).
- Sustainability criteria: Fulfilled. They are a successful NGO, working since 2021 with multiple projects.
- Value and issue criteria: Not fully fulfilled. The organisation is working in the climate field, but staying apolitical in other areas. We believe that the participants from Climate Pioneers are thus valuable for CDN and its MOs, but do not qualify for MO.

We received a negative recommendation for their Membership, but positive for the Observership, from our current Turkish MO Genç Yeşiller. GY wants to cooperate with Climate Pioneers, but believes that they do not fulfill the criteria. The reasons were included in this recommendation.

Thus, EC assess Climate Pioneers do not fulfill all the membership criteria. EC thinks that they are a valuable point of the civic society in Eastern Europe and wants to have cooperation with them, thus recommending voting against Climate Pioneers as a Member Organisation, but instead recommends accepting it as an Observer Organisation.

5. NGO "SATELLITE"

We had established contact with NGO "Satellite" since at least July 2025. We participated in a call together regarding potential cooperation and path to Membership. Two representatives of the organisation participated in "Environmental consequences of war" activity, their CEO Anna Bilous was also the speaker on "Sustainable recovery and reconstruction" webinar organised together by CDN and Polish YGs in February 2026.

Regarding the membership criteria:

- General criteria: Fulfilled. It is a youth organisation (age limit 13-35), it has democratic structures (annual General Assembly, Board elected for 2 years term).
- Sustainability criteria: Fulfilled. They are a well-established organisation, conducting their activities since 2023 in a continuous way. Their organised events and programmes on the environment, as well as capacity-building non-formal education events.
- Value and issue criteria: Fulfilled. They organised the activities on almost all the pillars of democracy, environment, security and peace-building. Also inclusion policy is one of their priorities.

Hence, EC assesses that NGO "Satellite" fulfills all the membership criteria defined in the IRPs. However, due to the application coming up late (deadline prolonged by the EC), and thus, EC being out of capacities and deciding not to contact our current organisation from Ukraine, EC decides to not recommend the NGO "Satellite" for the Membership, and leave this decision to the GA.

In case of an Observership vote, EC recommends the NGO "Satellite" for the Observership status.