SG1 Filip Janković

Proposers:
Agenda item: 7. Secretary General Candidates

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Gender:
Male

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Filip Janković

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WORK EXPERIENCE

Cooperation and Development Network Eastern Europe – Belgrade, Serbia

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Executive Committee Member

[04/2024 – Current]

- **General Assembly responsible** - Cross-checked the organisational documents and compiled the findings in the Compliance Report. Facilitated the consultation process with the MOs for the upcoming changes to the internal documments. Participated in the policy-writing process for the CDN Cultural Policy.
- **Balkan responsible, Center-East responsible** – Served as the main contact between CDN, Balkan and later Center-East organizations, facilitating effective communication and cooperation.
- **Advocacy** - Represented the CDN's position within the Council of Europe through the consultative process of New Democratic Pact for Europe, organised by the CoE Youth Department and European Youth Foundation.
- **Fundraising** – Led fundraising activities, including cooperation with organizations such as the Westminster Foundation, the European Endowment for Democracy, and Green Forum Sweden, indirectly funded by the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency.
- **Member of the Prep team for Study Session 2024: Breaking the barriers** – Contributed to the development and organisation of a seven-day educational program, including the creation of the session outlines, and providing logistical and structural support during the event.

European Movement in Serbia – Belgrade, Serbia

Address: Kralja Milana 31 2nd floor, 11000 Belgrade (Serbia)

Office manager

[02/2025 – 03/2026]

- **Political events** – Organised multiple large-scale events with high-level European politicians and coordinated various Serbian pro-EU opposition meetings.
- **Organisational skills** – Coordinates the activities of the Secretary-General and office staff, including organising meetings and events.
- **Regulatory knowledge** – Ensures compliance with internal and external regulations.
- **Administrative skills** – Maintains an organised archive and oversees all administrative tasks, including correspondence and document management.
- **Attention to detail** – Supervises office maintenance and essential resources while providing administrative support for communication and correspondence.

Solidarity Action Day Movement in Europe (SAME) – Lübeck, Germany

Address: Fleischhauerstraße 16 1st floor, 23552 Lübeck (Germany)

Board member

[07/2021 – 07/2023]

- **Event and Activity Coordination** – Coordinated the organisation of various events and activities for young people across Europe, including cultural, educational, and environmental initiatives, engaging more than 200 young participants annually.
- **International Cooperation** – Developed strategic partnerships with organisations across Europe, guiding teams to strengthen the collaboration network and promote joint initiatives.
- **Legal Compliance** – Led amendments to the organisation's statutes to align with Belgian legislation, ensuring its stability and legal status at the international level. This compliance secured long-term operational functionality and increased trust among partners.
- **Sustainable Development** – Initiated and implemented a sustainability policy within the organisation, covering environmental, social, and economic aspects, laying the foundation for responsible operations and long-term community impact.

JEF Serbia (Youth Forum of the European Movement in Serbia) – Belgrade, Serbia

Address: Kralja Milana 31 2nd floor, 11000 Belgrade (Serbia)

International officer

[10/2024 – 04/2025]

- **Team coordination and member engagement** – Lead the international relations team of JEF Serbia, actively involving members in international activities to strengthen their influence on the global stage.
- **International cooperation** – Coordinated collaboration between the Executive Board of JEF Europe and JEF Serbia, ensuring the alignment of activities and goals.
- **Statement drafting and student protest support** – Authored the first joint statement of JEF Serbia and JEF Europe on student protests in Serbia, working on international promotion and connecting with relevant stakeholders to support student initiatives.

British Council – Belgrade, Serbia

Address: Bulevar vojvode Bojovića 6-8 2nd floor, 11000 Belgrade (Serbia)

Internship

[02/2024 – 02/2025]

- **Administrative support** – Assisted in document management, logistics coordination, and project communication.
- **Event organization** – Helped plan, coordinate, and execute cultural and educational events to enhance international cooperation.
- **Project preparation and implementation** – Participated in developing and implementing project initiatives in line with the organization's strategic goals.
- **Designing project calls** – Supported the creation and definition of grant criteria and calls for educational and cultural programs.
- **Project application review** – Analyzed and reviewed submitted applications, ensuring compliance with set standards.
- **Collaboration with partners and institutions** – Maintained communication and coordination with educational institutions, cultural organizations, and other relevant stakeholders.

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

Student

Department of Sociology, Faculty of Philosophy, University of Belgrade [10/2022 – Current]

Address: Čika Ljubina 18-20 3rd floor, 11000 Belgrade (Serbia) | **Website:** www.f.bg.ac.rs | **Level in EQF:** EQF level 6

General Secondary Education

Fifth Belgrade Gymnasium [09/2018 – 05/2022]

Address: Ilije Garašanina 24, 11060 Belgrade (Serbia) | **Website:** www.vbeogradska.edu.rs | **Level in EQF:** EQF level 4

LANGUAGE SKILLS

Mother tongue(s): Serbian

Other language(s):

English	**German**
LISTENING C2 **READING** C2 **WRITING** C2	**LISTENING** B1 **READING** B1 **WRITING** B1
SPOKEN PRODUCTION C2 **SPOKEN INTERACTION** C2	**SPOKEN PRODUCTION** B1 **SPOKEN INTERACTION** B1

Levels: A1 and A2: Basic user; B1 and B2: Independent user; C1 and C2: Proficient user

SKILLS

Microsoft Office: Word, Excel & Powerpoint / Google Gmail Google Drive Google Docs Google Sheets Google Slides / Nextcloud

Work-related skills

Organisational skills / Decision-making / Ability to work independently and in a team / Communication

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To

Cooperation and Development Network Eastern Europe
Dalmatinska 92, 11120 Belgrade, Serbia

Belgrade, 06/02/2026

Subject: Motivational letter for the position of the Secretary-General of CDN

Dear friends,

My name is Filip Janković, and I am currently serving as a member of the Executive Committee (EC) of CDN. I am writing to express my candidacy for the position of the Secretary-General, as I remain committed to strengthening our network and supporting our member organizations in their political and activist struggles.
During my last mandate in the EC, I served as the Center-East responsible, ensuring regular and effective communication between CDN and its member organisations in the region. Through this role, I have worked closely with activists and organizations to amplify their voices and provide necessary support in their efforts. Most recently, I was representing CDN on the consultatuve meeting for the International Youth NGOs in Budapest, where I represented CDNs position in the shaping the New Democratic Pact for Europe.

My experience extends to strategic planning, event organisation, and fundraising, being a member of the organisational teams for the Training of Trainers in Belgrade and for the General Assembly in Riga. Beyond my engagement in CDN, I have been actively involved in youth activism for over six years through various local, national, and international organisations.

I decided to run for Secretary-General because I firmly believe that now, more than ever, we must make our voices louder towards the institutions that shape our lives. We are seeing that Europe is facing challenging times with the re-election of Donald Trump and the resurgence of American isolationism, which directly benefits the russian imperial state and its destabilizing ambitions. Trump's exploitation of Ukrainian resources only underscores the urgency of our fight for a free and sovereign Ukraine within its pre-2014 borders.

Now more than ever, I believe that we must push for Eastern Perspective, because time and time again we are reminded of the fact that in the game of global multipolar imperialism, it is the underrepresented communities that are the first ones to be targeted. We must not let that happen, and I believe that only if we lead our network to the position of being a visible, reliable and firm voice of Eastern European youth we can stay resilient.

To address these challenges, we need to commit not only to support our member organisations but also actively work to build international alliances that strengthen our network. With my experience in international activism, strategic planning, and political organising, I am confident in my ability to contribute to the CDN's work and to represent the diverse voices within our network.

I ask for your trust and support, so that together, we can continue to fight for a future worth living.

Green greetings

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To

Cooperation and Development Network
Eastern Europe
Dalmatinska 92, 11120 Belgrade, Serbia

Belgrade, 06/02/2026

Subject: Vision statement for the position of the Secretary-General of CDN

Dear friends,

In a time marked by democratic backsliding, growing political polarisation, and shrinking civic space, the role of progressive youth networks has never been more important. Across Europe, young people continue to demonstrate a strong commitment to social justice, climate action, equality, and democracy. Yet, their voices are still too often underrepresented or instrumentalised rather than genuinely empowered. We can see this on the example of Serbia, where being stuck in a system that simply doesn't work and that led to multiple tragedies culminating in the Novi Sad disaster, led to gross violations of civil rights and liberties, where the rule of law, democracy and human rights still feel like a very abstract concept to an ordinary young person from Serbia.

I believe that the mission of CDN must be to transform this energy into sustained political influence, by organising more short-term events and by making our network more vocal and participatory. My vision is for CDN to become a politically relevant, organisationally strong, and financially stable network that empowers its member organisations, amplifies youth voices in European policymaking, and acts as a trusted progressive actor across the continent.

First, CDN should strengthen its political profile and visibility. Beyond reacting to political developments, the network should continiue to proactively shape debates on key issues such as democratic resilience, social and economic justice, climate transition, and inclusive participation. Though, we must be aware of the context of young people from our region face - and that is that not everyone has the time or the opportunity to get engaged within CDN. We therefore must work on empowering our existing and to encourage the creation of new Action teams, to build the Council of Members to be one of the strongest bodies in the

organisation and to organise more events on which many different topics with more people can be tackled that should influence our political work.

During my mandate, I aim to establish a structured system for producing regular policy positions and joint statements, aimed at the European institutions and policymakers, developed as a result of our joint work through the Council of Members and the Executive Committee and with the close cooperation of our sister organisation, FYEG.

Furthermore, CDN should deepen its engagement with European institutions, political foundations, and like-minded networks. Our closests partner must remain the FYEG and the EGP, deepining the cooperation with them would be my utmost political priority, but we also must include organisations that tackle issues that we need to tackle as well, like: minority rights, student rights, European intergation etc.

My leadership style will be collaborative and service-oriented. I see the role of the Secretary-General not as a centralised authority, but as a facilitator who enables others to contribute, take initiative, and succeed.

Financial stability is a precondition for independence and long-term impact. CDN should aim to diversify its funding sources by diversifing its funding sources and appealing to more political and institutional foundations. We must build a working relationship with the EU in order to also access EU funded projects, as this can enable us to tackle even more topis that are important to us. What also needs to be considered is the prospect of regional foundations that could strengthen our regional work.

Ultimately, my goal is for CDN to be a network where member organisations feel supported, heard, and empowered, and where we see a platform that truly represents our aspirations for a more democratic, just, and sustainable future.

Green greetings,

Filip Janković

Brussels, 6 February 2026

Subject: Recommendation for the Election of Filip Janković as Secretary-General of CDN

Dear Network,

I am writing to express my recommendation for the election of Filip Janković as Secretary-General of CDN.

I have had the opportunity to work closely with Filip on several occasions over the past three years in my capacity as Project and Programme Manager of the Federation of Young European Greens. We first worked together when he led the Local Preparatory Team for the European Train Tour event in Belgrade, which was part of the FYEG election campaign for the 2024 EU elections. During this time, Filip demonstrated exceptional organisational skills and the ability to work under pressure without a fault. As a result of our joint work, we managed to gather over 70 young people to participate in discussions about their European future in one of the most eurosceptic countries in Europe.

During his mandate as an Executive Committee member of CDN, Filip demonstrated a high level of political maturity, a strong ability to engage others and, most importantly, a deep understanding of the context, culture and politics affecting youth across different parts of Europe. Throughout his work, he has been an effective, open and kind communicator — a quality that is crucial in leadership roles. These strengths were evident across both of his EC mandates, from effectively engaging the regions under his responsibility to his close involvement in organising the 2024 Study Session.

Believing that CDN needs to be more political and vocal about the needs of Eastern European youth, I am confident that Filip can and will help achieve this if elected. I know that his contribution, vision and experience would greatly benefit the network in the role of Secretary-General.

Best wishes,

Lena Anna Kuklińska

Member of the Audit Committee of the Polish Young Greens (Ostra Zieleń)

Project and Programme Manager of the Federation of Young European Greens