OR1 Restart Gavar Youth NGO

Proposers:

Agenda item: 8. Candidate Organisations

Name in Local Language:
Ռեստարտ Գավառ երիտասարդական հասարակական կազմակերպություն
Country :
Armenia
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Introduction

Restart Gavar Youth NGO is an independent youth-led organisation based in Gavar, Armenia, founded in 2023. The organisation works to strengthen democratic participation, civic engagement, and youth empowerment at the local and regional levels. Restart Gavar promotes inclusive decision-making, participatory mechanisms, and active citizenship through educational programmes, advocacy initiatives, and community-based projects. Since its establishment, the organisation has implemented over 40 community initiatives, delivered 60 professional development trainings, organised public campaigns, and directly engaged around 500 young people.

With a strong focus on transparency, inclusivity, and democratic values, Restart Gavar actively cooperates with local authorities, civil society organisations, and youth networks to build sustainable community development models. The organisation is also a recognised partner and supporter of the Green Councils Federation in Armenia and is committed to contributing to a stronger, more inclusive youth movement in Eastern Europe and the South Caucasus.

Application for Membership in the Network

Name of the organisation: (Local Language)	«Ռեստարտ Գավառ» երիտասարդական հասարակական կազմակերպություն
Name of the organisation: (English)	“Restart Gavar” Youth NGO
Country where the organisation is located:	Armenia
Postal address:	16, 3 building Zoravar Andranik St, Gavar 1201
Phone number of the organisation:	+37455700705
E-mail address of the organisation:	restartgavar@gmail.com
Website of the organisation:	-

Date of establishment:	26/07/2023
How is organisation registered (indicate legal act if there is one):	Restart Gavar NGO is officially registered in the Republic of Armenia under the Law on Public Organizations. The organization is registered with the State Register of Legal Entities of the Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Armenia.
Is the organisation part of the Green Party in your country or an independent Non-governmental youth organisation (if other please explain):	Restart Gavar is an independent Youth NGO, also a recognised partner and supporter of the Green Councils Federation in Armenia.
Number of members:	8 members
Age limit:	18+(for members)
Statutory bodies of the organisation:	Assembly and the executive body — the President.
Names and e-mails of members of current managing body (board, executive committee, etc.) and date of their election:	nararev@gmail.com – election date 07.26.2023 nonahoveyan@gmail.com - election date 07.26.2023 manvgevorgyan05@gmail.com - election date 07.26.2023 avik.galstyan.2007@gmail.com - election date 07.26.2023 papinkarapetyan@gmail.com - election date 16.07.2024 romanmarinosyan@gmail.com – election date 16.07.2024 tpetrosyan584@gmail.com – election date 10.07.2025 ruzannamaranyan@gmail.com – election date 02.12.2025

Name and contact info (e-mail) from person responsible in the name of the organisation and represents organisation towards the General Assembly:	Narek Arevshatyan (NGO President) nararev@gmail.com Nona Hoveyan(International project manager) nonahoveyan@gmail.com

Please briefly present the history of the organisation:

Restart Gavar Youth NGO was established in 2023 in the Gavar community as a result of initiatives addressing the challenges of youth professional orientation and career development. The initial programmes implemented in this field highlighted a structural gap in youth representation and participation at the local level, demonstrating the need for a sustainable youth-led platform to promote civic engagement and democratic involvement.
In response, the initiative was institutionalised as a public organisation and began operating as a structured and strategically oriented youth NGO.
Since its establishment, Restart Gavar has focused on strengthening participatory mechanisms and promoting democratic values within the community. While the organisation initially implemented small-scale educational and awareness-raising activities, it rapidly evolved into a recognised and active stakeholder in local youth and community development processes.
To date, the organisation has achieved the following measurable results:

- Established cooperation with 20 civil society organisations, local self-government bodies, and public institutions (formalised through 10 signed Memoranda of Understanding),
- Implemented 40 community-based initiatives,
- Delivered 60 professional development training courses,
- Implemented 15 structured educational programmes,
- Organised 6 public advocacy and awareness campaigns,
- Directly engaged approximately 500 young people.

Restart Gavar's key strengths include its growing institutional credibility, strong community trust, and commitment to transparency and accountability. These foundations enable the organisation to implement sustainable, impact-oriented programmes and to contribute meaningfully to democratic development at the local level.

Please present briefly mission and vision of the organisation, what are your core values:

The mission of the organisation is to promote youth participation in community decision-making processes and to enhance their educational and cultural engagement as an important component of democratic development in Gavar.

The vision of “Restart Gavar” NGO is to create an active youth community in Gavar and the surrounding regions that actively cooperates with local self-government bodies and contributes to community development by promoting civic engagement.
Our core values are.

- Democracy
- Participation
- Freedom
- Inclusivity
- Equality
- Responsibility
- Transparency
- Team Spirit

What is your organisation's motivation to join our Network? How can we contribute to your organisation and how your organisation can contribute to CDN?

Our organisation’s motivation to join the Cooperation and Development Network Eastern Europe (CDN) is rooted in our commitment to democratic development, civic engagement, and sustainable youth empowerment. Restart Gavar’s work focuses on increasing young people’s participation in community decision-making, fostering democratic values, and building active citizenship through educational and cultural initiatives. This aligns closely with CDN’s mission to empower progressive youth organisations and strengthen youth participation in democratic and political processes across Eastern Europe.

For example, we have actively engaged in advocacy and policy work at multiple levels. We have held meetings with the Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs, including direct collaboration with lawmakers, and submitted a full package of proposals addressing gaps and potential reforms in the Law on Volunteer Work. At the local level, we have participated in the discussion and adoption of youth policies in Gavar, contributing to the development of inclusive and participatory frameworks. These experiences have shown the need for our work to extend beyond Gavar, allowing us to address youth advocacy and policy engagement at a regional level. Joining CDN provides an excellent opportunity to share our experience, exchange best practices, and amplify the impact of our advocacy work both in Armenia and across Eastern Europe.

Joining CDN would significantly support our organisational development by providing access to capacity-building opportunities, trainings, seminars, and international networking platforms that enhance our skills in advocacy, policy engagement, and democratic practice. As a network committed to non-formal education, political relevance, and the empowerment of young change-makers, CDN's experience and resources would help us strengthen our organisational structure, expand our outreach, and improve our ability to influence youth participation in governance and community development.
In return, Restart Gavar can actively contribute to CDN's work by bringing our grassroots experience from the South Caucasus region to the Network. Our initiatives in civic education, community leadership, conflict-sensitive communication, and collaboration with local authorities provide valuable insights into youth work in under-represented Eastern European contexts. We can share best practices from our local and regional projects, contribute to joint campaigns, and support CDN's goal of building a stronger, more inclusive Green youth movement across the region. Additionally, our active volunteer network and community partnerships can enrich CDN's diversity of approaches to engaging young people in democratic processes and sustainable development.

Please list (the main) activities of your organisation in the past 2 years:

Since its foundation, Restart Gavar has implemented numerous initiatives to promote democratic values, participatory mechanisms, and active youth engagement in Gavar and beyond. Our work has combined community education, advocacy, public campaigns, and organisational capacity-building. Key activities include:

Formed the Gavar Student Union, bringing together student councils from five educational institutions to collaborate on student issues.
Implemented campaigns to increase public engagement with local parks and raise awareness about volunteering among youth.

Achieved measurable behavioural impact: parents began encouraging their children to participate in volunteer initiatives, demonstrating a growing culture of civic responsibility
Developed foundational documents to ensure transparency, accountability, and proper public representation.
Developed ideas for participatory budgeting in Gavar and won twice at the community level.

Conducted campaigns educating residents on how participatory budgeting works, how to register to vote, and why it benefits the community.

Recognised nationally in Armenia as a leading organisation advocating for participatory budgeting.
Our President, Narek Arevshatyan, was invited to give a TEDx talk on participatory budgeting, titled: *"Youth Engagement Must Be Real, Not Formal"*, highlighting the importance of civic consciousness for genuine community development.

Organised local career and job expos connecting youth with local businesses. Presented current job vacancies and career opportunities to young people. Engaged more than 400 participants, increasing youth awareness of employment pathways and fostering stronger links between education and the local labour market.

Established 20 partnerships with civil society organisations (CSOs), local self-government bodies, and public institutions, formalised through 10 Memoranda of Understanding.
Implemented 40 community initiatives, delivered 60 professional development courses, conducted 15 educational programs, and organised 6 public campaigns engaging approximately 500 young people.

Please, list involvement in CDN and/or FYEG activities in the past 2 years:

Our International Project Coordinator, Nona Hoveyan, participated actively in several CDN initiatives over the past two years, gaining firsthand experience of the Network's work and values.
In 2024, Nona represented Armenia at the "ReFocus" Summer Camp in Tbilisi, Georgia, engaging with youth from across Eastern Europe on progressive political topics and collaborative initiatives. More recently, in December 2025, she was invited to participate in the CDN Training for Trainers on Non-formal Education and Green and Progressive Politics in Belgrade, Serbia (12–13 December). This training allowed her to deeply engage with the Network's approach, with a strong focus on inclusive decision-making, youth empowerment, and democratic participation.

During these activities, Nona participated as a Frontline Youth Networks ambassador, representing youth perspectives and building international connections. Now, as part of Restart Gavar, an organisation established in our community with multiple local successes, we aim to bring the values and practices of CDN to a broader regional context. Our organisation strongly aligns with CDN's mission, sharing both Green values and democratic principles, and we are eager to contribute to and learn from the Network to strengthen youth participation and civic engagement across Armenia and the wider Eastern European region.

The organisation is applying for: (underline and bold the answer)	**1. <u>Member Organisation of CDN</u>** 2. Partner Organisation of CDN 3. Observer Organisation of CDN

I herewith certify, on behalf of Restart Gavar Youth NGO that we accept CDN Statutes, Political Platform and Internal Rules of Procedure and commit ourselves to respect the decisions of CDN statutory bodies.

Name of the formal representative: Narek Arevshatyan Date: 16/02/2026

Cooperation & Development Network *Eastern Europe*

Application for Membership Candidacy
General Assembly 2025
28-29.03.2026 in Riga, Latvia
Hosted by Protests

DEADLINE for submitting your membership candidacy is 27th of February at 23:59 CET. However, the earlier you apply the more chance delegates will have to see your candidacy on ga.cdnee.org. According to the Internal Rules of Procedure, candidacies can be received until 30 days prior to the General Assembly.

Within 1 day you will receive a confirmation e mail that your candidacy has been received (if you do not get such e mail, you can contact us at igor.skorzybot@cdnee.org.

Don't forget you that in order for us to cover your physical participation, get in touch with igor.skorzybot@cdnee.org before-hand. You still need to register your participation on the GA by filling in the registration form.

ONCE FILLING THIS APPLICATION, YOU SHOULD UPLOAD THIS WITH OTHER REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

HERE

APPROVED

By the decision of the Founding Assembly

of the “RESTART GAVAR” Youth Public Organization

dated 2023-07-24

Chairman: GARIK MISKARYAN GRISHA

Appendix 1

to Order No. 117-N of March 22, 2018

of the Minister of Justice of the Republic of Armenia

Appendix 1

to Order No. 280-N of May 25, 2017

of the Minister of Justice of the Republic of Armenia

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OF THE REPUBLIC OF ARMENIA

2023-07-26

Registration No. 211.171.1332318

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Statute

of the **“RESTART GAVAR” Youth Public Organization**

2023

I.GENERAL PROVISIONS

1. The “RESTART GAVAR” Youth Public Organization (hereinafter referred to as the Organization) is a public association of citizens of the Republic of Armenia, citizens of foreign states, and stateless persons, and has the status of a non-commercial organization.
2. The principles of the Organization’s activities are legality, non-discrimination, good faith, voluntary membership, unity of members’ interests, self-governance, and accountability.
3. The Organization operates throughout the entire territory of the Republic of Armenia and in foreign states, in accordance with the legislation of those states.
4. The name of the Organization is: “RESTART GAVAR” Youth Public Organization.
5. The location of the Organization is:
33/22 Moskovyan St., Kentron 0002, Yerevan, Yerevan,
Telephone: +374 55 700705
Email: restartgavar@gmail.com

II.SUBJECT AND OBJECTIVES OF THE ORGANIZATION’S ACTIVITIES

6. The subject and objectives of the Organization’s activities are:

1. To implement initiatives aimed at improving the quality of education in the Republic of Armenia, particularly in the city of Gavar,
2. To promote the development of civic awareness among the youth of Gavar,
3. To encourage the growth of research and academic research skills among youth and students,
4. To promote academic freedom, academic integrity, and student-centered approaches within the university environment,
5. To promote the realization of human rights and democratic processes in the Republic of Armenia, particularly in the city of Gavar,
6. To foster youth engagement and active participation in public activities.

7. In order to achieve its goals and objectives, the Organization cooperates with state and local self-government bodies, international and foreign similar organizations, as well as other organizations registered in the Republic of Armenia.
8. In accordance with its Statute and for the purposes defined therein, the Organization has the right to carry out entrepreneurial activities, to manage its property and the results of its activities, and, in accordance with the law, to establish a commercial organization or become a participant thereof.

III.PROCEDURE FOR BECOMING A MEMBER OF THE ORGANIZATION AND WITHDRAWING FROM MEMBERSHIP

9. Any natural person who has reached the age of 18, accepts the objectives defined in the Organization's Charter, and wishes to participate in its activities may become a member of the Organization.
10. A person wishing to become a member of the Organization shall submit a written application to the Organization's executive body — the President.
11. The decision on admission to membership shall be made by the President on the basis of this Charter.
12. A member of the Organization is free to withdraw from the Organization at any time. Termination of membership shall be effected by a decision of the President.
13. No membership fee is established for members of the Organization.

IV.RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS OF MEMBERS OF THE ORGANIZATION

14. A member of the Organization has the right to:

1. Elect and be elected to the governing bodies of the Organization,
2. Personally attend the Assembly,
3. Use the Organization's services free of charge in all cases,
4. Review the minutes of the Organization's bodies and receive copies of their adopted decisions.
5) To appeal the decisions of the Organization's bodies through a superior body or judicial procedure. An appeal by a member of the Organization against decisions of the executive body shall be carried out by submitting a relevant application to the Assembly. The application shall be examined by the Assembly. The examination of the application may also be conducted remotely.

6) To request information from the Organization and receive copies of documents regarding amendments to the Organization's Statute, minutes and decisions of the Organization's bodies, funds received from the management of property, as well as to receive a copy of the conclusion of the independent auditor who conducted the audit of its financial statements, concerning the last three years.

7) To exercise other rights provided by law.

15. A member of the Organization is obliged to:
1. Comply with the requirements of the Organization's Charter and the decisions of its governing bodies,
2. Conscientiously fulfill the obligations assigned to them by a decision of the governing bodies.

16. In case of violation of the Charter requirements or failure to fulfill the obligations assigned by a decision of the governing bodies, disciplinary measures may be applied to the member by the President of the Organization in the form of a reprimand or expulsion from membership.

V. PROCEDURE FOR THE GOVERNANCE OF THE ORGANIZATION

17. The governing bodies of the Organization are the Assembly and the executive body — the President.

18. The right to make final decisions on any issue related to the Organization's activities belongs to the highest governing body of the Organization — the Assembly.

19. The regular Assembly of the Organization shall be convened once every five years. The regular Assembly shall be convened by the President in the form of a joint meeting of members or in absentia through the use of telecommunication means, with a corresponding record (minutes) prepared. The President determines the date, time, and place of the Assembly, as well as the preliminary agenda, and shall notify the members and structures of the Organization no later than 20 days in advance by registered mail, electronically, through mass media, or by other means prescribed by law.

20. An extraordinary Assembly of the Organization shall be convened by the President at the initiative of the President or at least one-third of the Organization's members.

21. The extraordinary Assembly shall be convened no later than 5 days from the above-mentioned initiative. Participants of the Assembly shall be notified of the time and place of the extraordinary Assembly at least 5 days prior to the date of holding it.

22. The exclusive competence of the Assembly includes:
1. Approval of amendments and supplements to the Statute of the Organization or adoption of the Statute in a new version,
2. Adoption of decisions on establishing another legal entity or on the Organization's participation in another organization,
3. Adoption of decisions on establishing separate subdivisions or institutions of the Organization and approval of their statutes,
4. Approval of the Organizational structure,
5. Election and replacement of the President of the Organization,
6. Determination of the procedure and conditions of remuneration of the President,
7. Election of the person conducting the audit of the Organization, if the Organization is subject to mandatory audit under the law,
8. Approval of the Organization's strategy, if the Organization plans to have one,
9. Once every five years, approval of the annual reports on the Organization's activities and use of property approved by the executive body during the years preceding the convening of the Assembly,
10. Termination of the validity of decisions of the Organization's bodies that contradict legal acts or the Statute,
11. Adoption of a decision on the reorganization of the Organization,
12. Adoption of a decision on the liquidation of the Organization (except in cases of liquidation by court judgment).
13. To exercise of other powers provided for by law.

23. The General Assembly is competent (has quorum) if it has been convened in accordance with the law and the Organization's Statute, and if more than half of the total number of members of the Organization participate in the Assembly. Decisions of the General Assembly are adopted by a simple majority of the votes of the members present at the Assembly.
The minutes of the Assembly are signed by the Chairperson of the meeting and the Secretary. The minutes of the Assembly are kept for 5 years.

24. The President is elected by the General Assembly for a term of five years. The executive body of the Organization is the President. The President manages the current activities of the Organization and conducts the sessions of the General Assembly.

25. The powers of the President include managing the current activities of the Organization, as well as addressing all matters aimed at ensuring the functioning

of the governing bodies of the Organization.

26. In accordance with the Charter of the Organization and the decisions of the General Assembly, the President:
1. ensures the implementation of the decisions of the General Assembly,
2. disposes of and manages the Organization's property of any type and size, including financial resources, and concludes transactions on behalf of the Organization,
3. represents the Organization in the Republic of Armenia and in foreign states,
4. issues powers of attorney,
5. opens settlement (including foreign currency) and other bank accounts for the Organization,
6. within the scope of his/her authority, issues orders and instructions, gives binding directives for execution and supervises their implementation,
7. approves the Organization's staffing schedule and annual expenditure budget,
8. approves internal documents regulating the Organization's activities, including internal disciplinary and other rules of its separate subdivisions and institutions,
9. approves the reports of the Organization as well as of its governing bodies,
10. approves the annual reports on the Organization's activities and use of property for the years preceding the convening of the General Assembly, which are submitted to the General Assembly for approval once every five years,
11. admits members to the Organization and expels members from the Organization,
12. exercises other powers prescribed by law.

27. In exercising his/her powers, the President acts on behalf of the Organization without a power of attorney.

28. The President bears liability as prescribed by law for failure to fulfill or improper fulfillment of the requirements of laws, other legal acts, the Organization's Charter, decisions of the General Assembly, or concluded contracts.

VI. PROPERTY OF THE ORGANIZATION, SOURCES OF FORMATION AND PROCEDURE FOR USE

29. The Organization shall own separate property and shall be liable for its obligations with that property.

30. The Organization may own, as its property, immovable and movable assets, including buildings, constructions, vehicles, equipment, monetary funds, securities, and other property not prohibited by law.

31. The sources for the formation of the Organization's property may include:
1. Contributions of the members of the Organization,
2. Funds received from the Organization's entrepreneurial activities,
3. Funds received from commercial organizations established by it or with its participation,
4. Financial allocations from the state budget,
5. Donations, including grants,
6. Fundraising proceeds,
7. Other means not prohibited by law.

32. The Organization's funds may be used to achieve the goals and objectives defined by the Charter. The Organization's property, including profits derived from entrepreneurial activities, may not be distributed among its members.

VII. REORGANIZATION AND LIQUIDATION OF THE ORGANIZATION, AND THE PROPERTY IN CASE OF LIQUIDATION

USE OF PROPERTY

33. The Organization may be liquidated by a decision of the General Assembly or by a court judgment.

34. The General Assembly shall form a liquidation commission and, in accordance with the procedure prescribed by law, determine the procedure and time limits for liquidation. Upon completion of the liquidation of the Organization, after making the mandatory payments, the liquidation commission shall use the remaining property in accordance with the procedure defined by the decision of the General Assembly for the implementation of the Organization's statutory goals and

objectives, and if this is not possible, transfer it to the state budget.

35. The Organization may be reorganized by a decision of the General Assembly or, in cases prescribed by law, by a court judgment, in accordance with the procedure established by law.

This Charter was drafted on 24.07.2023 and consists of 5 pages.

REPUBLIC OF ARMENIA

MINISTRY OF JUSTICE

STATE REGISTER OF LEGAL ENTITIES

EXTRACT FROM THE STATE UNIFIED REGISTER as of 2023-10-26

"Restart Gavar" Youth Non-Governmental Organization (NGO)

Registration number **211.171.1332318**

Year of establishment **2023**

Registration date **2023-07-26**

Duration of activity **Indefinite**

Status **There are no records in the State Unified Register indicating that the legal entity is undergoing liquidation or has ceased its activities (existence).**

Legal entity code (LEC) **54197404**

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Position **President**

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