EC1 Mariam Tonoyan

Proposers:
Agenda item: 6. Executive Committee Candidates

Introduction

Dear CDN Team,

My name is Mariam Tonoyan, and it is my greatest pleasure to have the opportunity to apply once again to the CDN community. We had the chance to work together around a year to a year and a half ago, and that experience left a lasting impression on me. Being part of CDN's activities and values made me truly excited about the Network's vision, and I am very grateful for the opportunity to reconnect and present my motivation to continue this journey together.

Age:
18

Gender:
Female

Organisation:
FYN

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Dear Members of the CDN General Assembly,

I am writing to express my strong motivation to apply for membership within the Cooperation and Development Network (CDN). Having closely engaged with CDN's work and values, I genuinely believe that this Network represents an important space for meaningful dialogue, cooperation, and sustainable political engagement across Eastern Europe.

My first close interaction with CDN was in 2024, when I participated as a preparation team member for a political camp in Georgia, representing Armenia. This experience was a turning point for me. Working alongside the CDN team and meeting engaged young activists from different countries allowed me to deeply connect with the Network's ideology, particularly its emphasis on democratic structures, and the importance of dialogue even in complex political contexts. Since then, my interest in CDN has only grown stronger.

Currently, I am in my gap year and preparing to begin my academic journey in International Relations. At this stage of my life, I see joining CDN not only as a privilege, but also as an opportunity to actively contribute to an international youth movement that aligns with my personal values and long-term goals. I have already had the chance to collaborate with CDN members, participate in discussions, and observe the way projects are shaped with openness, inclusivity, and a strong political vision.

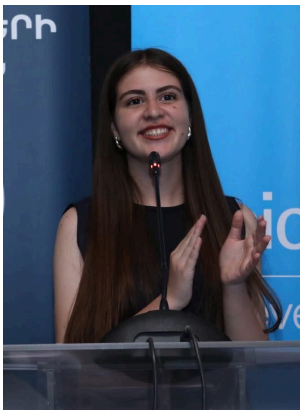
Alongside my engagement with CDN, I bring practical experience from more than ten international projects, where teamwork, adaptability, and responsibility were essential. In Armenia, I collaborate closely with the Human Rights Defender's Office as part of a working group, and I also work with UNICEF Armenia. These roles have strengthened my understanding of human rights advocacy, institutional cooperation, and youth participation at both national and international levels.

I strongly believe that with the right mindset, it is always possible to find constructive approaches and shared perspectives within projects. As a candidate, I consider my strengths to be strong teamwork skills, a solution-oriented approach, and a genuine willingness to learn and contribute. I am highly motivated to continue bringing Armenian perspectives, skills, and active participation into CDN events, while also growing through collaboration with other members of the Network.

For the next chapter of my personal and professional development, I would be honored to further engage in CDN's international community, contribute to project design, and share ideas that support the Network's political platform and long-term vision.

Thank you very much for considering my application. Should you require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me. I am very much looking forward to the possibility of future collaboration.

Kind regards,
Mariam Tonoyan



Mariam Tonoyan

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SUMMARY

A dedicated and reliable individual with experience in coaching, tutoring, report writing, and editing. Strong communication, organizational, time management, and multitasking skills.

EDUCATION

Economic Class Graduate | High School N1, Yeghvard

English "ACCESS" Microscholarship Program | GPA: 100/100 *2022–2024*

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Grants and Projects Team Intern | Erasmus Student Network Armenia | *Sep 2025 – Present*

• Supporting the organization in identifying and applying for external funding opportunities through research, proposal drafting, and donor alignment.

• Contributing to all project cycle stages — from concept development and co-authoring applications to implementation and reporting.

Volunteer | "Bardzunk" Educational Movement | *Jul 2025 – Present*

• Assisting in organizing the 'Arahet Hiking Competition' and its post-event initiatives,

• Contributing to Bardzunk's mission of promoting education, teamwork, and sustainable community growth.

English Teacher | Casa Lumeo | *Jun – Aug 2025*

• Led English classes for 15–20 students aged 10–12, creating interactive and creative learning sessions.

• Developed weekly lesson plans incorporating projects and activities to enhance communication, collaboration, and confidence.

Founder & Project Lead | ''Nairyan Days'' Youth Initiative | *May 2024 – Present*

• Established a civic and cultural youth movement in Kotayk aimed at empowering local engagement and heritage awareness.

• Secured partnerships, managed volunteer teams, and coordinated "Nairyan Vardavar 2025", gathering 150+ participants from Armenia and the diaspora.

Project Manager | 'SPONSOR' Charity Organization | *Aug – Oct 2023*

• Coordinated volunteer operations and reporting processes while liaising with partner NGOs.

• Ensured transparent communication and efficient management of humanitarian initiatives.

COMMUNITY & INTERNATIONAL ENGAGEMENT

• Participant, "Empowered Youth: Citizens of the Future" (Armenian Progressive Youth NGO) *2025–Present*

— Training in civic activism, local governance, and policy advocacy with implementation of community-based youth projects.

• Prep Team Member, "ReFocus" Summer Camp (CDNE, Tbilisi) *Feb.-Aug.2024*

— Co-facilitated regional workshops on youth advocacy and civic participation for 40 Eastern European participants.

• Benjamin Franklin Transatlantic Fellow (U.S. Embassy in Armenia) *Jun.-Jul.2024*

— Represented Armenia in an academic and leadership exchange on democracy and diplomacy, participated in discussions at the White House and U.S. State Department.

• Delegate, UN Committee on the Rights of the Child (Geneva) *Feb.2024*

— Co-presented a youth report on national child rights policies as part of the HRD Youth Council.

• Representative, ENOC/ENYA (Malta, Belgium) *Jul.-Sep.2023*

— Advocated for accessibility and youth inclusion in European child rights networks.

• Erasmus+ Participant (Cyprus, Georgia, Bulgaria) *2022-2023*

— Attended international projects on sustainability, interregional communication, and public speaking

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RESEARCH AND PUBLICATIONS

EducationUSA Armenia Blog *Nov. 2024*

• Had a publication on the topic "Breaking Barriers: Exploring the Beauty of Sign Language"

The Children's Rights Protection Department of Human Rights Defender of Armenia *Sep.-Nov.2023*

• Helped as a research intern to create a report for CRC (Child Rights Connect) concerning children's rights protection in Armenia

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SKILLS

• Project Cycle Management | Grant Writing & Donor Relations | Strategic Planning

• Partnership Building | Civic Engagement | Youth Empowerment | Advocacy

• Microsoft Office Suite – Advanced

• Languages: Armenian (Native), English (Advanced), Russian (Upper-Intermediate)

INTERESTS

• Civil Society Strengthening, Local Governance, Children's Rights, Policy Advocacy, and Community-Based Innovation

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From: Frontline Youth Network
To: Cooperation and Development Network – Eastern Europe
Subject: Recommendation Letter

Dear CDN Eastern Europe team,

I'm writing to recommend **Mariam Tonoyan** and to share a few words about her contribution to our work at Frontline Youth Network.

Mariam joined our **"Seed the Change" Summer School** and stayed involved afterwards as a volunteer. Over time, she has supported our team in several practical ways: helping during **teachers' trainings**, assisting with **translation of articles/materials**, and representing our organisation during **expos and public events**. She is responsible, easy to work with, and follows through on tasks without needing constant guidance.

Mariam also took part in our **Ambassadors Programme**, where she showed strong motivation to learn and to contribute. What we appreciated most was her readiness to step in where needed and her respectful, constructive communication with different people in the team and with participants.

Based on her engagement and attitude, I believe Mariam would be a good fit for CDN's community and a valuable contributor to your activities.

If you need any additional information, please feel free to contact me at **projects@frontlineyouth.net**

Thank you for considering this recommendation. Should you require any further information, please feel free to contact me at projects@frontlineyouth.net

Lusine Kosakyan
Network Director
5th November 2026