

EC1 Mariam Tonoyan

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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.



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Organisation:
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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 'Arahat 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.
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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

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

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



EC2 Nenad Bušić

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Introduction

Dear CDN,

My name is Nenad Bušić, and for the past two years, I have been a part of our green community. Ever since my first CDN event, I have felt the impact of CDN on fellow activists and me. Our community is truly inspiring, and that motivated me to take a more active role in the organisation, which is why I am running for the Executive Committee. As someone who deeply shares the values of CDN, I want us to be more influential - so that our voices and values are heard everywhere.



Age:

22

Gender:

Male

Organisation:

Green Youth of Serbia (ZOS)

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Zelena omladina Srbije - Green Youth of Serbia

Dear Delegates of Member Organisations,

We are writing to express our enthusiastic support for Nenad Bušić's candidacy for the position of Executive Committee member in the Cooperation and Development Network Eastern Europe on behalf of Green Youth of Serbia.

Nenad has been an integral part of the Green Youth of Serbia (ZOS) since 2024 and has contributed greatly to the work of the organisation. During his time in ZOS, he has been working on multiple fronts - starting with social media management, where he created the visual identity of ZOS, and later, he has been working on organisational documents of the organisation. Since 2025, he has been working as a contact person for CDN and FYEG, during which he has shown a great understanding of organisational structures and processes of international umbrella organisations.

We strongly believe Nenad deserves the opportunity to further develop his contributions within CDN, leveraging the skills and insights he has accumulated over the years. In addition to his valuable experience, we believe Nenad will bring crucial knowledge of advocacy campaigning to CDN.

We wholeheartedly encourage you to support Nenad Bušić's candidacy with your vote.

Respectfully yours,

Isidora Petrović

Secretary for Party Development/Commissioner of Green Youth of Serbia

ЕС3 Юля Давидюк - Yuliia Davydiuk

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Introduction

My name is Yuliia and I am the head of the project department and leader of Green Youth of Ukraine in Kyiv region. I want to run for the Executive Committee, because the values of the Greens correlate with mine; and I wish to develop and grow together with activists to expand green ideology in Eastern Europe. During three years of work in Green Youth of Ukraine, I have coordinated summer camps, strategic sessions, youth congresses and volunteer projects. My experience in project management, communication and work with different stakeholders allows me to effectively balance between operational tasks and strategic planning. As an active participant in CDN events since 2023 – from General Assemblies to Green Academy – I understand the internal dynamics of the network and the challenges faced by member organizations. I see CDN as a platform for democratic transformation of Eastern Europe through an ecological lens. My priorities include: ecology, inclusivity, voice of youth and democracy. Thank you. ☐



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21

Gender:
Female

Organisation:
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MOTIVATION LETTER

The information about the opening of the competition for positions on the CDN Executive Committee inspired me to take the next step in my journey in the Green movement. For 3 years I have been actively involved in CDN activities through Green Youth of Ukraine, and now I strive to take this experience to a new level. As a member of the Executive Committee, I aim to contribute not only to the growth of the network, but also to creating an inclusive space where every voice will be heard.

Also, my personal motivation lies in drawing attention to Ukraine, and I can assure you, in the most environmentally friendly way possible.

Taking this opportunity, I want to thank you for the invaluable experience of cooperation, which has contributed to both my personal development and the development of Green Youth of Ukraine and, accordingly, the spread of green ideology on the territory of the country.

During three years of cooperation in Green Youth, I have tried different roles – from participant to speaker, project manager and working group leader. I coordinated event logistics, organized summer camps, strategic sessions, youth congresses and volunteer activities on the ground. This experience taught me to balance between operational management and strategic vision, work with different stakeholders and quickly adapt to changing circumstances – skills that may be important for work in the Executive Committee.

I see CDN as a network that has the potential to become a leading force not only in ecological transformation, but also in the democratic rise of Eastern Europe. My priorities for the development of the organization include: amplifying the voice of youth, drawing attention to inclusivity, highlighting democratic values and promoting green tourism. Of course, over time I would like to focus on more narrow areas, as this will be more practical and appropriate.

For me, membership in the Executive Committee is not only an opportunity to develop CDN, but also a responsibility to the young generation of activists who strive to build a just, democratic and ecologically sustainable future beyond the country's borders as well. I am ready to invest my time, energy and experience to make the network stronger, more inclusive and more influential.

Yuliia Davydiuk

18/02/2026

**Letter of Support for Yulia Davydiuk,
Candidate - Executive Committee - CDN General Assembly 2026**

Dear Delegates of the CDN General Assembly,

Green Youth of Ukraine, member organisation of the Cooperation and Development Network (CDN), through this letter fully endorses Yulia Davydiuk (she/her) as a candidate for the Executive Committee of the CDN.

Yulia joined the Green Youth of Ukraine in 2021. Since then, she has grown from an active participant into a speaker, project manager, and working group leader. She has coordinated event logistics and organised summer camps, strategic sessions, youth congresses, and local volunteer initiatives.

Her dedication, sense of responsibility, strong work ethic, and high level of motivation clearly demonstrate that she is well suited for this position. Yulia has proven her ability to take initiative and lead projects effectively. She brings valuable experience from both the Green Youth of Ukraine and the CDN and is deeply committed to green values and the development of the organisation and its members.

We are confident that she will be a valuable asset to the CDN Executive Committee and fully support her candidacy.

Sincerely,

*Head of the All-Ukrainian Youth
NGO "Green Youth of Ukraine"
Mariia Patrul*



EC4 Sabrina Pavlov

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Introduction

Dear CDN,

I am Sabrina Pavlov, a highly motivated young leader and an active member of the network. From my first interaction with CDN two years ago, I felt deeply connected to the organisation's vision and its people. Since then, I have remained constantly involved in the organisation's activities, growing from a participant into an active contributor. This journey has shaped both my personal and professional development and strengthened my belief in CDN's ability to create meaningful change on both individual and international levels. This is why I am running for the Executive Committee - I want to take responsibility for contributing to CDN's growth, helping it reach more young people, and strengthening its role as a strong and influential voice in our region.



Age:
19

Gender:
Female

Organisation:
Republican Center "Gutta-Club"

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MOTIVATION LETTER

Dear delegates of the CDN General Assembly,

Once I stepped into the world of CDN, there was no going back for me. My journey with the organization began two years ago as a participant in Tbilisi and evolved into roles as a prep-team member for the Study Session in Budapest, a GA speaker for the panel discussion, a host prep-team for the Summer Camp in Chişinău, an ElectionVision webinar speaker and a Liaison Officer for Gutta-Club. Each experience has created a ripple effect in my life, drawing me closer to our shared values and the community that upholds them. Since then, CDN became both my mentor and my family. I grew up with it, I contributed to it, and now I am ready to take responsibility for it.

With that said, I wish to express my unwavering motivation to be your representative in CDN's Executive Committee. I strongly believe in CDN and its positive impact on communities, which is something I can proudly vouch for personally, as well as its potential of being a powerful and transformative actor in Eastern Europe. Now it's time for CDN to become even louder, more visible, and more influential beyond our current scope. We absolutely have the needed experience, legitimacy, and the people to do so, but we must strengthen our external voice, partnerships, and strategic presence.

I wish to contribute to this process not only with enthusiasm, but with experience. Through my involvement in event preparation, public speaking, institutional communication, and organisational coordination over the past years, I have gained valuable experience in the operational, strategic, and representative aspects of CDN. I am ready to give my all to support the planning of events, contribute to project development, and strengthen partnerships that position CDN as a confident and credible actor in the region. With my seasoned experience within the network and my engagements externally, I believe I am well-prepared to take on this responsibility and contribute effectively at the Executive level.

At the same time, what makes CDN truly unique is not only what we do, but how we do it. CDN is a safe space, a place where young people can express themselves freely, challenge ideas, and grow without fear. As a member of the Executive Committee, I will be committed to protecting this environment and ensuring that CDN always remains a space defined by trust, respect, and openness. I bring dedication, continuity, and the perspective of someone who has experienced CDN at every level. Now, I am ready to give back to the network that changed me for the better by helping shape its future together with you.

Yours sincerely,
Sabrina PAVLOV



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Recommendation Letter

23.02.2026

Dear Members of the CDN General Assembly,

Public Association “Gutta-Club” National Center recommends Sabrina Pavlov for the position of Executive Member of the Cooperation and Development Network Eastern Europe.

Since 2023, Sabrina has been a key member of “Gutta-Club” and our Liaison Officer with CDN. She has ensured stable institutional cooperation with the network, represented our organization in CDN events, and supported the implementation of international activities hosted in partnership with CDN.

Her contribution extends to governance and strategic development. Sabrina has supported the drafting of organizational documents, contributes to partnership coordination, and is part of the working group preparing Erasmus+ applications. She is also a Council member of NECI Moldova, a newly established youth organization under the Gutta-Club umbrella, where she actively contributes to shaping its strategic direction.

Sabrina combines initiative with institutional awareness and accountability. We are confident she possesses the competence and maturity required to contribute effectively to the Executive Committee of CDN.

Gutta-Club fully supports her candidacy.

Respectfully your,

Natalia Kravciuk

President

Signature\stamp

Natalia Kravciuk

A circular official stamp of Gutta-Club National Center. The outer ring contains the text 'CENTRUL REPUBLICAN GUTTA-CLUB' at the top and 'REPUBLICA MOLDOVA' at the bottom. The inner circle features the organization's logo (a cartoon character with an umbrella) and the text 'GUTTA CLUB' in the center. Below the logo, the identification number '015620007-172' is visible.

EC5 Martin Velichkov

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Status: Withdrawn

Introduction

My name is Martin Velichkov, and I am the founder and co-president of Youth of a Green Future. Over the past two years, I have also been actively involved with CDN – attending two GAs and two Summer Camps, including being part of the prep team for the hugely successful 2025 Summer Camp in Moldova. Seeing the impact of CDN on young people motivated me to run for the EC. I see enormous potential in CDN and I believe I have the knowledge and skills to help bridge the gap between where we are and where we could be. With a PhD in Psychology, a Master's in Political Science, and experience as a Youth Delegate to the Council of Europe, I am ready to help CDN increase its capacity, empower its member organisations, and achieve lasting positive change in Eastern Europe. Whatever I put my heart into, I work hard to make it a success – and I would bring that same energy and commitment to CDN. I am genuinely excited about what we can achieve together. I hope to earn your trust and your vote.

Yours,
Dr Martin



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31

Gender:
male

Organisation:
Youth for a Green Future, Bulgaria

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Dear CDN members,

I am pleased to present my candidacy for the Executive Committee of CDN – a network that has meant a great deal to me personally and to my organisation. I have participated in two General Assemblies and two CDN Summer Camps, including being part of the prep team for the hugely successful 2025 Summer Camp in Moldova. Through this involvement, I have had the privilege of getting to know CDN's wonderful members, the dynamics in the organisation, its strengths and areas for improvement. CDN has supported my organisation *Youth of a Green Future* right from the start, and I want to give back by helping take the network to the next level.

I believe CDN stands at an important crossroads. The network has grown in recent years, the political landscape in Eastern Europe is shifting, and the need to amplify progressive youth voices has never been more urgent. I see enormous untapped potential in CDN and I want to help bridge the gap between where we are and *where we could be*.

What I bring to the table

My background spans research, civil society leadership, and political experience – a combination I believe is uniquely suited to CDN's mission. I graduated from the University of Oxford, and I hold a PhD in Psychology and a Master's in Political Science – an academic foundation that has sharpened my ability to think rigorously about complex social, political, and organisational challenges. As founder and co-president of *Youth of a Green Future*, Bulgaria's first green youth organisation, I have acquired solid experience in strategic development and oversight, project management, fundraising, and partnership-building. I know what it takes to build a resilient and thriving youth organisation, and I want to bring that knowledge to CDN.

My work as a Youth Delegate of Bulgaria to the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe has given me expertise in youth participation and the institutional structures of the Council of Europe. My traineeship at the European Commission has made me fluent in EU processes, funding mechanisms, and the opportunities available across the European youth sector. I have also been involved in electoral politics, as the second ever openly gay candidate for parliament in Bulgaria, which has sharpened my understanding of political processes, campaign management, and strategic communication.

My priorities for CDN

If elected to the EC, my work will focus on three areas. First, I want to strengthen CDN's operational capacity by securing EU funding – particularly through Erasmus+ and the European Solidarity Corps and by expanding partnerships with organisations such as Green Forum, the Green European Foundation, FYEG and Heinrich Böll Foundation. My second priority would be the professionalisation of the network: working with experts, developing internal capacity, and supporting member organisations to grow and be impactful. Third, I want to strengthen CDN's strategic positioning in European youth and civil society spaces, ensuring that progressive Eastern European voices are heard where decisions are made.

Whatever I put my heart into, I work hard to make it a success – and I would bring that same energy and commitment to CDN. At the same time, I am approachable and outgoing: I build relationships easily, and I am always eager to help. I believe these qualities are exactly what is needed to be an effective EC member. I am genuinely excited about what we can achieve together. I hope to earn your trust and your vote.

Dr Martin Velichkov

PhD, MSc, CPsychol, ANutr, AFHEA

Founder & Co-president, Youth of a Green Future, Bulgaria

Martin Velichkov, PhD, MSc, CPsychol, ANutr, AFHEA

Psychologist, political scientist, nutritionist, youth leader

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Professional experience

July 2024 – present

➤ **Association “Youth of a Green Future” – Founder and Co-president**

- Co-leading Bulgaria’s first green youth organisation focused on strengthening youth capacity and participation in environmental protection, social justice, human rights and democracy
- Designed and delivered impactful non-formal education activities for over 120 people

March 2025 – February 2026

➤ **Youth Delegate to the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe**

- Representing Bulgarian youth in debates on local democracy, rule of law and youth participation. Delivering speeches and contributing to policy discussions that amplify youth perspectives in decision-making

April 2025 – present

➤ **Institute of Philosophy and Sociology, Bulgarian Academy of Sciences**

- Research assistant in sociology with a focus on political participation, environmental attitudes & inequality

October 2024 – March 2025

➤ **European Innovation Council & Small and Medium-sized Enterprises Executive Agency (EISMEA)**

- Blue Book Trainee at the European Innovation Council of the European Commission – assistance with evaluation and management of projects for innovative products and start-ups

April 2024 – September 2024

➤ **Center for the Study of Democracy, Sofia – Blue Energy Fellow**

- Acted as an ambassador for the Black Sea Renewable Energy Coalition, contributing to the visibility and outreach of a project aimed at enhancing offshore wind energy governance in Central and Eastern Europe.

June 2023 – December 2023

➤ **Climate Connections Fellowship, Das Progressive Zentrum, Berlin**

- Actively contributed to a selective programme aimed at developing the next generation of climate leaders from Eastern Europe, fostering cross-regional collaboration and understanding
- Underwent comprehensive training in policy advocacy, strategic communication, and organizational management, significantly enhancing my abilities to design and implement effective climate action strategies

June 2020 – May 2021

➤ **University of Reading Students’ Union – Environment and Ethics Officer**

- I was elected to represent the student community on all issues related to sustainability and ethical practices, providing independent advice to the university administration and ensuring that student perspectives are included in decision-making processes

October 2017 – September 2018

➤ **Pharmaceutical Product Development (PPD) – Medical Communications Specialist**

- Provided scientific information on a broad portfolio of pharmaceutical products to healthcare professionals across Europe, ensuring accuracy, clarity, and compliance with regulatory standards

Education

October 2019 – March 2024

➤ **University of Reading, UK – PhD in Psychology**

- Managed an interdisciplinary research project, focusing on the relationship between nutrition and mental health. Demonstrated an ability to oversee complex research endeavors from conception through to execution

September 2022 – August 2023

➤ **Complutense University of Madrid – Master of Political Analysis (Grade 8.5)**

- Completed a rigorous academic programme encompassing electoral studies, geopolitics, political systems and governance, negotiation and mediation, leadership, economic policy, and international relations

September 2018 – July 2019

➤ **Karolinska Institute, Stockholm – Master of Nutrition Science (Distinction)**

- Excelled in a cutting-edge programme that bridges the disciplines of nutrition science and sustainability. Deepened my understanding of the relationship between food production, dietary choices, and their health and environmental consequences.

October 2016 – September 2017

➤ **University of Oxford, St Catherine's College – Master of Science in Pharmacology (Distinction)**

- Gained an understanding of pharmacological principles and their application to human and environmental health, allowing me to make critical assessments of the effects of chemicals on organisms and ecosystems.

September 2013 – June 2016

➤ **Amsterdam University College – BSc in the Liberal Arts and Sciences (summa cum laude)**

- Received a full scholarship worth €15,000 and graduated with the highest honours with a focus on biomedical science, public health and neuroscience.

Additional Qualifications

- **European Climate Pact Ambassador** – Guest speaker in a Europe-wide webinar on Youth Climate Leadership as part of the EU Climate Action Academy, promoting climate action and youth engagement across the EU
- **Chartered Psychologist (CPsychol)** – Accredited by the British Psychological Society (BPS) for achieving the highest standard of psychological expertise and knowledge
- **Registered Associate Nutritionist (ANutr)** – Accredited by the British Association for Nutrition, recognizing professional competence in nutrition science and practice
- **Associate Fellow of Advance HE (AFHEA)** – a teaching qualification, demonstrating excellence in higher-education teaching, learning support, and student engagement
- Languages: **English (C2), German (C1), Spanish (C1), Dutch (C1), Bulgarian (native)**

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EC6 Sara Nukić

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Introduction

Dear CDN,

Hi! My name is Sara Nukić and I understand that many of you may not yet know me! I have been involved with CDN for what will be a year this March. Ever since I had the pleasure to attend last years assembly I have felt reinvigorated in my work. The sense of a broader coalition of like minded individuals fighting for everythign I believe in filled me with purpose. Now that a year has passed I am running for Executive Commitee, something that always seems to happen when I fall in love with an organisation. I truly believe that this is the best way for me to give back and I am hopeful, albeit pretty certain, you will see it that way as well by the end of this application. Excited to see you all in Riga!



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24

Gender:
Female

Organisation:
Youth Movement Revolt

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MOTIVATIONAL LETTER

Dear delegates,

When I became aware of this call, I felt immediately like it's an opportunity to use my skills and experience to further a movement I truly believe in. Ever since I was little I was personally concerned about the climate crisis. The values of CDNEE relate directly towards my own and it is for this reason I see myself as a good fit for the role of Executive Committee member.

Furthermore, as a graduate in **Sociology** and an **active civic activist**, I believe that my academic background, practical experience, and commitment to democratic values position me well to contribute meaningfully to the strategic development of the organization. I believe that the Executive Committee should consist of individuals who combine strategic vision with integrity, accountability, and a genuine commitment to public interest. I have already been a member of an **Executive Board in the National Committee of EYP Bosnia and Herzegovina as a Regional development and International relations** member. This experience has provided me with considerable skills in planning and implementing long term strategies with regards to organisational development. This is something that could be valuable for CDNEE as well. Besides this I have also participated in many initiatives aimed at strengthening democratic participation, promoting social responsibility, and encouraging youth involvement in decision-making processes. These experiences have allowed me to develop **strong communication, and teamwork skills, as well as a strategic understanding of advocacy and institutional engagement**. I am prepared to actively contribute to decision-making processes, long-term planning, transparency, and the continued **strengthening of CDNEE's mission and impact**.

Sara Nukić

Sara Nukic

Personal information

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Profile

I am an ambitious young person focused on community service, activism, and education. My competencies make me a capable communicator, initiator of ideas and strategies. I am an experienced leader as well as a team player. I have a degree in philosophy and sociology and I use my skills to improve and view the projects I work on from a completely different perspective. Ten years of experience in activism and volunteering for many different organisations and causes have made me competent in organizing, teamwork, managing human resources, as well as being a resourceful and adaptable person.

Education and training

Bachelor of Philosophy and Sociology *University of Tuzla, Tuzla*

My degree in philosophy and sociology equips me with critical thinking and an analytical approach to society and its phenomena. It also gives me a significant background in history, politics, and educational sciences, making me a good communicator of ideas.

Catholic Center 'Saint Francis' Tuzla, Tuzla

Secondary education

Work experience

- **Host**, Youth movement REVOLT, Tuzla

Host and correspondent for the online news show 'RevolTucija' focused on youth rights and local politics.

- **Tourist guide**, Transtourist

During this engagement, I had the opportunity to work in a dynamic environment, learn the basics of sales and marketing in the field. I solved traveler problems, managed documentation, sold tours and implemented them.

- **Member of the Board for Regional Development and International Relations**, European Youth Parliament BiH, Sarajevo

Member of the board of directors of 'EYP BiH' (European Youth Parliament BiH) where I served as an international communicator between our board and other European boards, as well as an initiator of ideas for the regional development of the organization in Bosnia and Herzegovina. This experience has enabled me to communicate with many different types of personalities, and to build development strategies via social media as well as in the field.

- **Project Coordinator**, Youth movement "REVOLT", Tuzla

I worked as a project coordinator for the National Endowment for Democracy project. As part of my position, I monitored project activities, evaluated them, and communicated with the media.

Skills

English language C1, Leadership skills, Digital literacy, Problem solving skills, Collaboration and quality communication



Dear Delegates of Member Organisations,

On behalf of Youth Movement Revolt, we are writing to express our enthusiastic support for Sara Nukić's candidacy for the Executive Committee of the Cooperation and Development Network (CDN) Eastern Europe.

Since joining Revolt in 2023, Sara has become an indispensable member of our team. Her trajectory within the organization reflects both her versatility and her commitment to our shared values. From December 2024 to February 2025, Sara served as a Project Coordinator for one of our largest projects, demonstrating a keen ability to manage complex tasks under pressure. Since early 2025, Sara has become the face of our digital identity. Her work in media campaigns and educational "explainers" has significantly boosted our online engagement and public outreach. As a peer educator at our School of Political Activism, she has shown a talent for translating complex political concepts into actionable knowledge for young activists. She has, also, previously attended CDN activities.

We are confident that Sara will bring a fresh, "on-the-ground" perspective to the CDN Executive Committee. Her expertise in advocacy campaigning and her deep understanding of the Balkan political landscape make her an ideal candidate to help steer the network's future.

We wholeheartedly recommend her for this position and look forward to seeing the energy and insight she will bring to the CDN.

Respectfully,

Melika Čačković



President, Youth Movement Revolt

EC7 Maria Khachatryan

Proposers:

Agenda item: 6. Executive Committee Candidates

Introduction

Dear all,

My name is Maria, I'm 19, and I'm from Armenia. I am currently pursuing my bachelor's degree in International Relations and European Politics in the Czech Republic. Over the past year, I have served as an Executive Committee member of CDNEE, building on my two years of active engagement within the network as a prep-team member, panel speaker, and participant, contributing to more than five CDNEE events. As part of my commitment to the network, I strengthened my academic focus on the region by taking university courses on the Western Balkans, which allowed me to apply academic knowledge directly to my work within CDNEE and its Member Organizations. In the coming academic year, I plan to further strengthen my expertise by taking courses on the Green Deal and Green political parties, which will enable me to deepen CDNEE's engagement with green partners and political organizations across the region. Alongside my interest in green politics, I am developing my language skills in French (intermediate) and Spanish (beginner), and I actively contribute to CDNEE's communication efforts by managing its Instagram platform in cooperation with the Communication Intern and Secretary General. Building on my political and academic experiences, I am eager to keep investing my skills and vision into strengthening CDNEE's role as a leading youth network in the region.



Age:
19

Gender:
female

Organisation:
Frontline Youth Network

Your E-mail Address:
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Motivational letter for Executive Committee

Dear CDN Family,

I am honoured to announce that I am running again for the Executive Committee of CDNEE for the 2026–2027 term. I am committed to strengthening our green partnerships, reinforcing regional coordination, and ensuring timely responses to regional challenges.

During my last mandate, I connected the South Caucasus region to CDNEE by collecting political and organizational updates and supporting active participation in network initiatives. I also strengthened collaboration with our sister organization FYEG, representing CDNEE at events such as GA25, SC25, CDN FYEG StS 25, and the Social Justice Lab 25. After the Canvas of Change Study Session, I co-led the “Arts and Culture” Action Team with an FYEG EC member, encouraging participants to continue their work on Zines. This resulted in the publication of Zine Vol. 2 and fostered lasting collaboration between CDNEE and FYEG. Additionally, I contributed to CDNEE’s media presence by publishing political updates and sharing insights from our activities, ensuring members stay informed and engaged.

Looking ahead, I plan to expand our collaboration with other green networks and organizations. I will represent CDNEE at the European Green Academy and the EU-funded CO-OP4CBD conference on biodiversity in April. These platforms will allow us to connect with like-minded organizations and strengthen our network for future events. I also aim to enhance cooperation with the European Youth Foundation as I will participate in their networking training days in March.

At this moment of transition within the Executive Committee and office, stability and clarity in our internal work are essential. I have developed a strong understanding of our internal structures and strategic priorities and I will gladly support our incoming EC members in navigating processes, ensuring smooth coordination, and maintaining continuity in our long-term direction.

CDNEE is more than a network to me. Over the past year, I have seen the potential that we have and the impact we can achieve when we work in coordination. I remain dedicated to my core commitments while ensuring that the network functions effectively and in favour of our member organizations.

Thank you for considering my candidacy. I look forward to continuing to serve CDNEE and contributing to its growth and impact.

Warm regards,

Maria Khachatryan

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Education

Masaryk University	GPA - 1.25/1	2025 -2028
Khoren and Shooshanig Avedisian School	GPA - 9/10	2014-2024
Musical School named after Alexander Achemyan	GPA - 10/10	2016-2022

Work Experience

Executive Committee | Co-operation and Development Network Eastern Europe 2025-present

- Coordinate with the European Youth Foundation, Federation of Young European Greens, and Green European Foundation to advance youth political participation and joint initiatives.
- Support South Caucasus member organizations on organizational development, strategic planning, and empower engagement within the network.
- Contributed to CDNEE's political communications and social media outputs, publishing updates on policy initiatives and organizational activities to a regional audience.
- Established an Arts and Culture Focus Group, produced Zines with the themes of body and Christmas. [LINK](#)
- Co-organized Breaking the Barriers: Green Economics and Youth Political Participation Study Session (Budapest, 2024).
- Engaged in youth-focused programs, including Canvas of Change (France 2025), the Resilience-Building SC (Moldova 2025), Social Justice Lab (Croatia 2025), and FYEG SC (Poland 2025)
- Served as a panel speaker for the Tbilisi Security Conference (2024), advocating for peacebuilding in Eastern Europe and highlighting the importance of fortitude in conflict-affected communities.

Ambassador, Mentor | Frontline Youth Network 2022-2025

- Contributed to the FYN Teacher Training initiative, providing school teachers across Armenia with education on peacebuilding, human rights, and conflict resolution.
- Developed the Coordination Reform Between Armenian and Georgian CSOs project to enhance minority education access, supported by the International Women's Rights Projects.
- Contributed to the dis/misinformation conference with Restart Gavar NGO, collaborating with experts and organizational representatives.

English Language Teacher | FOKUS Camps, Germany 2025-present

- Teach English in english camps in Germany to kids aged 7–17 with English levels of B1-C1

Activities

Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University Daytona Beach | Student 2024 Jun-Aug

- Received full funding from the U.S. Embassy, studied aviation and engineering at the Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University Connect Program, and won the Explanatory Speech

Mentor | American Corner Armenia, Yerevan 2022-2023

- Mentored 14 students in English, using dynamic methods like games, movie analysis, and song translation to enhance language skills.

Competitive College Club Student | EducationUSA Armenia 2023-2024

- Studied the US HEI application process with instructors from Harvard, Columbia, and NY universities, volunteered at TEDx UWC 2024, and led workshops on studying in the USA.

Activist | Green European Academy 2024 Nov

- Received full funding for the GEA 24(Brussels), engaged with over 300 activists and politicians, including the Vice-President of the European Parliament Nicolae Ștefănuță, contributed to the Activist Training Day focused on democracy and the Green Deal

Digital Citizenship Ambassador Training; American Councils Armenia (Teacher) 2022-2023

- Conducted classes about the digital footprint, phishing, and fact-checking for students.

DiliMUN Delegate | United World Colleges in Dilijan 2023/4Apr

- Represented China in ECOSOC, authored four resolutions, and won "Best Delegate."
- Represented the USA in the Historical Crisis Committee, wrote 4 position papers, and earned the "Best Resolution" award.

Researcher and Participant | Climate Uturn Initiative 2023-2024

- Completed the "Sustainable Cities" training, focusing on eco-friendly solutions and gaining project implementation and management skills.
- Presented a personal project on clothing waste management called "Two Boxes".

Member, Delegate | European Youth Parliament Armenia 2023-present

- Won the "Best Delegate" Award in National Sessions, and debated over political, economic and educational topics.
- Studied diplomacy at the "Building Resilient Future" Conference by the Understanding Europe.

Participant | UniGrowth Development Center 2024 Jan

- Designed inclusive board games for children with disabilities in the "Let the Game Begin" project and created gaming cards for the "Fast Fashion? Fast Forward!" initiative.

Student | Tumo Center for Creative Technologies 2019-2023

- Completed Filmmaking, New Media, Photography, and Music courses, founded a guitar quartet.

Participant | Regional Youth Green Camp; EU4Youth, CENN 2023 Aug

- Studied about environmental entrepreneurship and issues in the Caucasus region.

Volunteering experience

Volunteer | Armenian Tree Project 2018-2023

- Initiated creating a greenhouse at Khoren and Shooshanig Avedisian School.

Yerevan City Coordinator | Maqoor NGO 2023-2025

- Organized 6 habitat cleanings and 14 informative sessions in Yerevan, and launched the "VeramshaKIR" recycling project.

Full Life | Camp Leader 2024 Jun-Aug

- Led a summer camp for children with disabilities, provided care and support, and organized first aid training sessions, cooking nights, ceramic sessions, and disco events.

Volunteer, Coordinator | Pan-Armenian Union 2024-2025

- Opened the World Junior Boxing Championship 2024, coordinated participants' arrivals, departures, and accommodation, helped with Armenian, English, French, and Russian translations

Restart Foundation

- Conducted 10 seminars about "Political Participation" for 45+ people.
- Organized meetings for 200+ young people to discuss project planning.

Awards and Recognitions

- Newcomers Scholarship Award by Masaryk University 2025
- Third Place in the Republican French Olimpiad "La Coq Française" among 2,500+ participants. 2022
- Grand Prix Winner at the XI International Contest-Festival of Arts "Art Music". 2020
- Winner in the Malatia Sebastia's French Recitation and Public Speaking Competition. 2019
- Gold Medalist at the International Competition-Festival of Arts "Copenhagen Stars" in Denmark. 2021
- Winner in the National Competition-Festival of Musicians "Little Step". 2022
- Winner of "Sharpshooter" National Military Education Shooting Competition among 500 participants. 2022

Languages Armenian|Native Russian|C1 English|C1 French|B1 Spanish|A2

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

With this letter, I highly recommend Maria Khachatryan to be a member of the Executive Committee of Cooperation and Development Network.

Throughout her time with us, Mrs. Khachatryan was an active member, consistently volunteering for assignments and engaging in webinars.

Mrs. Khachatryan's involvement in our “Seed the change” summer schools in 2023 and 2024 was particularly noteworthy, as she not only participated but also showcased her knowledge, critical thinking, and ability to collaborate effectively with peers. Even after graduating from the ambassador program last year, she remained engaged, taking the initiative to organize a webinar for current ambassadors, demonstrating her willingness to support and guide the next generation of ambassadors.

Additionally, Mrs. Khachatryan was an integral part of the preparatory team for CDN’s Study Session in Budapest. Her contributions to the planning and execution of the session were invaluable, and she further extended the impact of her experience by holding a follow-up meeting where she shared her insights with others.

Maria also took part in the ReFocus Summer Camp by CDN Eastern Europe and was a panel speaker on peacebuilding. She has represented the Frontline Youth Network in different events, bringing a strong youth perspective.

In November 2024, Maria participated in the European Green Academy, where she interacted with politicians and activists from across Europe. She was the only participant from Armenia to receive a full scholarship for the event. She also joined the Training Activist Day, where she exchanged ideas with representatives from various European organizations.

Maria’s passion for social justice continues to grow. She was recently accepted into the Social Justice Lab 2025 program by FYEG, and next month, she will travel to Zagreb to learn and share insights on human rights and social justice.

Additionally, Maria has received a 100% merit-based scholarship to study International Relations and Development in Lithuania, which highlights her academic excellence and global mindset.

Given Ms. Khachatryan’s deep commitment to peacebuilding, her expertise in community organising and

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communications, and alignment with the values of peace, human rights, and solidarity, I am confident that she will be a valuable asset in the Executive Committee.

For these reasons, I highly recommend Mrs. Khachatryan for this position. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you require any further information.

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
1st November 2024



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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 **Maria Khachatryan** in support of her application and to briefly highlight her engagement with **Frontline Youth Network (FYN)**.

Maria became involved through our **“Seed the Change” Summer School** and continued working with us as part of our youth community. In different activities, she has supported our team during **teachers’ trainings** and represented FYN in **public settings and events**, always with a calm, organized, and respectful approach. She is dependable, communicates clearly, and can be trusted to handle responsibilities professionally.

Maria also participated in our **Ambassadors Programme**, where she demonstrated consistency, initiative, and genuine interest in learning and contributing to our work.

Based on what we have seen, I believe Maria would be a strong addition to CDN’s community and a meaningful contributor to your activities.

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
26th February 2026

