

APPLICATION FOR FYEG MEMBERSHIP

Are you applying for candidate membership, observer membership or full membership (you need to be a candidate member to apply for full membership)?

We are applying for candidate membership.

Name of the organisation (in native language): Budoucí

Name of the organisation (in English): The Forthcoming

Postal address: U Kříže 729, Vřesina 742 85, Czech Republic

Website: budouci.cz (work in progress)

Organisation's contact email: info@budouci.cz

Main social media channels (links):

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/budouci/>

Twitter: <https://twitter.com/budempak>

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/budouci/>

Other: <https://www.tiktok.com/@budouci>

Is your organisation officially registered? (if yes, indicate the legal act and attach the proof)

We are in the process of becoming a registered association according to Czech law. We have applied with the necessary documentation and are waiting for the approval by the appropriate court.

Date of the founding of the organisation: 21. 6. 2020

Geographical region (e.g region, country) where your organisation is active:

Czech Republic

Is your organisation, officially or unofficially, the youth wing of a political party, of an NGO or is it an independent organisation? (please elaborate)

We are a youth wing of Budoucnost, a left-wing progressive political movement rooted in fighting for climate justice and the rights of the working class.

Is your organisation based on direct membership of individuals or an association of organisations?

Direct memberships of individuals.

How many members does your organisation have? If applicable, how many groups or member organisations does it have?

Right now we have two local member organizations in Ostrava and Brno and another is being formed in Prague. Currently, we have around 25 members, however, the membership numbers haven't stabilized yet as we have formed very recently.

What is the average age of your members? Does your organisation have an official age limit?

The average age of our members is 22.5. We have an official age limit of up to 30 years.

<p><i>What are the conditions (if any) in order to become a member of your organisation?</i></p> <p>Anyone under 30 who shares our values can become our member.</p>
<p><i>Do you have employed staff? If yes, how many?</i></p> <p>No.</p>
<p><i>What was your annual budget last year and what is your planned budget for this year (in €)?</i></p> <p>This question is not applicable as our organization has been formed this year. For this year, we will be probably working with around 500€, and in the coming years, we will receive 5 % of the party's revenues in addition to membership fees and donations.</p>
<p><i>Is your organisation a member of other national or international structures (e.g. CDNEE, Youth Councils, Political Coalition, etc..)? If yes, which ones?</i></p> <p>Not yet, but we would like to become a Partner organization of CDNEE.</p>
<p><i>Have members of your organisations taken part to FYEG Activities in the past or been members of an FYEG structure?</i></p> <p>Most of our members have been members of Mladí zelení (The Czech Young Greens) which in the previous years took part in many FYEG Activities such as the FYEG GA (2019), MO Forum (2019), Summer camp (2018) and Study sessions (Glass ceiling is not your limit). Some of our members are or have been active in FYEG Working Groups. For example, Johanka Waldhansova is currently a co-coordinator of the Just Transition WG.</p>
<p><i>Can you tell the history of your organisation, indicating its mission, its political priorities and main goals? (max. 1 page)</i></p> <p>Our organisation may seem new, but our members are not at all new to green and socially just politics. Our main personal base consists of former members of Czech Young Greens, who dissolved in June 2020, and their member base split in two groups, one following the newly found political movement Budoucnost, and the other following the Czech Green Party.</p> <p>The split was caused by (for us) unsatisfactory behaviour of the former mother party, Czech Greens, with whom we have broken up last year over a disagreement about making coalitions with conservative right-wing parties and compromising their green and socially-oriented political stance. Since then, the Czech Young Greens were trying to find their future calling, resulting in the aforementioned split, as part of the member base took part in founding a new political movement Budoucnost, formed on the ideals of climate justice, economic democracy, workers' rights and protection of human rights. We, the Forthcoming see hope in this movement and thus we became its youth organisation.</p> <p>Now we're in the beginning, establishing our organisation and gaining new members. In concert with our mother movement, our priorities are making sure our solution of the climate crisis is just to working class people, ending the for-profit debt collection mafia, starting massive investments into council housing to fix the housing crisis in cities, starting a just transition of heavily industrialized and underdeveloped areas in the north of the country, decreasing the tax load of labour and taxing capital instead, reforming agriculture to be sustainable and give life to rural areas, fighting against the oligarchy present in the state and the economy and making sure</p>

that healthcare and education is accessible and stays that way for all citizens.

We understand all the aforementioned goals or solutions are connected and we aim to take a holistic and intersectional approach that does not patronize but takes the concerns of citizens to heart.

In our short existence we managed to start cooperating with Ostra Zielen and Grüne Jugend in Dresden, as we plan to co-host some events emphasizing cross-border solidarity together. Our movement doesn't start and stop in gentrified and affluent districts of the city. The majority of our members are working class or working students, and we operate in areas such as the high-unemployment formerly industrial north of the republic and the largest socially excluded area in the country, the Brno Bronx.

Our nearest goals are increasing the number of members and creating new local organizations in other Czech cities, help the Budoucnost candidates in the upcoming senate and regional elections, cooperate with other organizations in (Central) Europe and organize events together with them.

Can you describe your activities in the last few years and give an outlook of your upcoming activities? (max 1 page)

Our organization was formed in the summer of 2020, as such, we have not had any major public events yet since we are in the process of getting registered at the court and establishing local organizations in the three major cities of the Czech Republic. However, for a glimpse of the actions our members have organized in the past, one can look at the events held and co-organized by Czech Young Greens (Mladí zelení) in the past approx. two years, since the founding members of Budoucí are former active members of Czech Young Greens.

The actions organized by our members in the past, briefly: Ostrava Pride (first pride march in this city, 800+ attendees), a hackathon on affordable housing (co-organized with FYEG), series of documentary screenings (Brno, hundreds of cumulative attendees), the establishment of a community garden (Brno, Brněnská káznice), European Solidarity Corps grant in Ostrava (year-long actions continuing through this year). The ESC grant enabled the Ostrava group to organize events such as a whole-day zero waste conference and a debate on environmental topics in the city.

The actions we are planning to organize in the coming near future:

- international conference on sustainable cities in Brno
- senate coalition candidates for Budoucnost Jiří Dienstbier and Michal Šmarda
- international actions with Ostra Zieleń (PL) and Junge Linke (AT)
- screenings of documentaries and pandemic resistant actions
- anti-coal actions in cooperation with Limity jsme my
- Vegan Fest and Festival of Young Roma Culture in Ostrava

Who takes decisions in your organisation? Can you describe your internal functioning (board, Assemblies, etc..)? (max ½ page)

The supreme body of the association is the General Assembly (GA) and in between the GAs the whole member base.

The general assembly elects the Executive Committee (EC) of Budoucí for a one year term. The EC has five to nine members, two of which are the co-spokespersons and one of the EC members is a representative of Budoucí in the Executive Committee of Budoucnost political movement. The EC is composed of at least ½ non-male identifying people, and one of the co-spokespersons is non-male identifying.

The supreme inspection body is the Overview Committee (OC) formed of three people, one of whom must be a non-male identifying person. Honorary members may be in the OC.

Organization bodies under the General Assembly are the individual Local Organizations (LO), whose highest decision-making body is their members meeting. In the time between members meetings, the Local Organization Board carries out the decisions of LO meetings and conducts meetings.

Working groups carry out the tasks specified for them according to the GA and EC and are advisory bodies.