

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)?

Candidate Membership

Name of the organisation (in native language):

Giovani Europeisti Verdi

Name of the organisation (in English):

Young Green Europeanists

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Main social media channels (links):

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

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/giovanieuropeistiverdi/?hl=it>

Other: Tik Tok <https://vm.tiktok.com/JL1eceV/>

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

Not Yet

Date of founding of the organisation:

November 2019

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

Italy

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

Giovani Europeisti Verdi is unofficially the youth wing of Europa Verde, a coalition of green political parties (Federation of Italian Greens and Greens of South Tyrol) and independent people that took part to the 2019 European Parliament Elections. Europa Verde is becoming a political Party and as Giovani Europeisti Verdi we will be officially recognized as youth wing in the next national congress.

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

Direct Membership

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

Around 100 members and 7 local groups

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

The average age is 25 and the official age limit is 35.

What are the conditions (if any) in order to become a member of your organisation?

The limits to become member are to:

- be aged between 16 and 35;
- have accepted Giovani Europeisti Verdi's regulations and statements;
- not to be subscribed to any political Party, except for "Europa Verde" and "Federazione dei Verdi".

Do you have employed staff? If yes, how many?

No

What was your annual budget last year and what is your planned budget for this year (in €)?

We were born in November 2019, we still do not have a planned budget. We collected around 1500 euros to organize our first camp in November, and since then, we have organized events without a national planned budget but only with local sources from each local group.

Is your organisation a member of other national or international structures (e.g. CDNEE, Youth Councils, Political Coalition, etc.)? If yes, which ones?

No

Have members of your organisations taken part to FYEG Activities in the past or been members of an FYEG structure?

Events:

- Summer Camp 2019 in Borsko Jezero
- Italian Youth Movements Meeting in Brussels
- MO's Training in December in Brussels

Activities:

- Hackathon
- Joint CoronBonds letter

Working Groups:

- Social Europe

Can you tell the history of your organisation, indicating its mission, its political priorities and main goals? (max. 1 page)

Our organization was born thanks to the commons efforts of some of us during last summer. We felt the need to start a green youth organization in Italy after we discovered in FYEG summer camp a green youth european family that was strong and amazing . After that we work hard to organize in November an eco-camp in a small town near Bologna, Crevalcore and our project started. We laid the foundation of one of our most important documents: the mission statement. Our group has grown ever more, and we worked on our mission statement and on our statute. In July we finally had our first General Assembly and we are going to be formally registered soon.

Our mission is to bring green ideology inside institutions, to build a greener society, more equal, careful of social and climate justice and of leaving no one behind, even who is now “invisible”.

We think that the political arena in Italy and Europe needs a young, fresh and progressive vision to win the challenges that we will face in the future.

Our organization is born from the need to channel the energy unleashed by movements asking action against climate change, like Fridays For Future or Extinction Rebellion, into concrete political action and polling choices. Sentiments of distrust, when not of open contempt towards politics is very widespread in Italy and abstention rates are sky rising, especially among younger voters. One of our top priorities is going to be to show young people how politics can be good and trustworthy and how the best way to win a better future and defeat bad politics and rogue politicians is to get involved.

Our main goals are to connect young people to politics and to share our vision with other organizations all over Europe and to be, starting from ourselves, the change that we want to see in the World.

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

We started our activities in November 2019, with an eco-camp in Crevalcore (BO), Italy. Young ecologists from all over Italy came to the camp and we talked about climate, ecology, economy, civil and social rights, setting the basis for our political platform and for the Mission Statement. After that, some local groups were founded (in Roma, Milano, Torino and Bologna) and some volunteers constituted a national coordination group, which continue writing the Mission Statement that was started in November during the eco-camp. Later it has been discussed and approved by all members. Meanwhile, GEV members took part in several events: climate strikes, lectures and debates in high schools about environmental themes, political demonstrations against populist right parties (with Sardine), against the agreements between Italy and Libya, against EU inaction in Lesbo, pro disarmament, for the liberation of Patrick Zaki, also contributing to the organization of some of them. During the dramatic initial phases of Covid-19 pandemic, GEV organized some online activities like CulturaVirus (music, books, movies, artworks, advices about different themes like climate, discriminations, education, work), and AperiGreen, a series of interviews with climate experts (Mario Tozzi) and political activists (Elena Grandi and Alexandra Geese).

We also took part to the Black Lives Matter demonstrations in Italy and we organized the one in Rome.

On Saturday 4th July we organized the first General Assembly of Giovani Europeisti Verdi and we elected the provisional National Executive Committee and the two Co-Spokesperson, Beatrice Rosica and Luca Boccoli

For the next future we plan to expand our organization with the foundation of more regional and local groups. We also plan to organize the “Stati Generazionali”, a political event with several youth political organization, and we will continue to support the Black Lives Matter movement. We will become the official youth organization of Europa Verde, participating to its congress.

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

Until last June there was a national coordination group, composed of volunteers which represented the promoting committee that has lead the structuring of Giovani Europeisti Verdi. Therefore, they were also temporarily entitled to take decisions and organize and coordinate national and local activities.

Since July we have an elected Executive Board composed by 15 members and 2 Co-Spokesperson. Currently, this is the main body entitled to take decisions and set Giovani Europeisti Verdi's political line.

When the next congress is over, the main institution will be the Council. It will be appointed on a territorial basis and will hold a monopoly on the political power of the organization. One of its functions will be to appoint the Executive Board to implement its decisions. The same institutions will be developed at both national and local level.

Also important will be the role of the assembly, which will be a place of meeting and discussion of all members, both at local and national level.