

Young Greens of Georgia

Executive Committee Assessment of application for full membership

Context

For many years, the Georgian Young Greens have been a member organisation of FYEG, actively participating with delegates at statutory activities, sending participants to camps and events and taking part in debates both online and in person.

For a long time, the Georgian Young Greens have had the ambition to sooner or later form into an actual political party in order to be able to establish and strengthen a truly progressive green voice in Georgia whose politics is largely dominated by a neoliberal and conservative political sphere.

In 2020, the organisation took the final step and transformed into a movement/proto-party (named *Mtsvaneebi*) which will openly work on establishing a green party in a short period of time. Though the *Mtsvaneebi* is still largely dominated by youth both in the Political Committee and in the central office, it is not a youth organisation anymore as everyone who aligns with the political stances can join. Following this, a new, independent and autonomous youth wing, called *Young Greens of Georgia*, has been established. The new organisation did at the end of March 2021 hold their first constitutional General Assembly, where an executive committee was elected and all statutory documents just as well as a political platform were adopted. The statutes, the political platform, the IRPs and the activities of the organisation is very much in line with the respective of the old organisation, and a majority of the members have remained the same.

Analysis

Membership criteria

The conclusions of the FYEG are that newly formed Young Greens of Georgia does, just as well as the old organisation, meet the Membership Criteria outlined in Article 1.1.2. of FYEG's Internal Rules of Procedure.

The Young Greens of Georgia has adopted statutes, internal rules of procedure and a political platform that is very similar to the ones of the former Georgian Young Greens. It is active at the national level in Georgia, and is planning to continue in the path of the previous organization, mainly focusing on educational activities.

YGG is undoubtedly a youth organisation and consists mostly of young people. Most of its members and its leadership are in their 20s or below. According to their statutes, one can be a member between 16 and 35.

The Young Greens of Georgia's activities and existence builds on six main objectives:

1. Environmentalism, social justice, solidarity, equality, sustainable future, establishing democratic principles and green political course in Georgia.
2. Increasing awareness with the members of YGG on the following issues: ecology, equality, democracy, global solidarity, class issues, mental health and social justice.
3. Increasing the participation of youth in the decision-making.
4. Creating opportunities for those young greens who are interested in Green Politics in order to take part in the struggle against systemic changes.
5. Encouraging young people living in the regions to become interested in green politics and other issues connected with social justice.
6. Mobilising Caucasian young greens for cooperation and common coordinated activities; development of common vision and solutions of problems.

Recommendation

The FYEG Executive Committee recommends the FYEG General Assembly to grant the Young Greens of Georgia full membership in the FYEG. The statutes, the political platform, the IRPs and the activities of the organisation is very much in line with the respective of the old organisation, and a majority of the members have remained the same. As the organisation is legally and formally a new organisation, the GA however needs to vote on remaining as a member organisation of the FYEG. The FYEG EC assesses that it does, due to the nature of this situation, exist any need for the Young Greens of Georgia to go through the candidate membership process, and therefore recommends the above proposed procedure.