

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): Mladí a zelení

Name of the organisation (in English): Czech Young Greens

Postal address: U Mincovny 3, 586 01, Jihlava, Czech republic

Website: <http://www.mladizeleni.cz/> (outdated one of the former organisation)

Organisation's contact email:

Main social media channels (links):

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

Twitter: https://twitter.com/mladizeleni_CZ

Instagram: https://www.instagram.com/mladi_zeleni/

Other:

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

No but we are in the process of registration

Date of founding of the organisation: 11. 7. 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)

Independent organisation cooperating with the Czech Green Party

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

Direct membership of individuals

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

about 25 members and supporters (who expressed the will to become members during our upcoming meetings)

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

Age limit is 30 for joining and 35 for membership, average is age is 24

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

Age limit, compliance with our statutes, sympathies with green politics or membership in green movements; membership in a political party or movement who is not a member of EGP is a criteria for exclusion from MZ

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 had none, because we are newly created and we need to wait for splitting finances of our last organisation, planned budget needs to be developed

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?

Yes, several our members have taken part to different FYEG activities (summer camps, working groups, educational events), two were members of the last FYEG EC and some, who are no longer members due to their age, but are supporters, were in ECs in the past as well.

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

Czech Young Greens were established in 2001 and thus have a long history of being active on Czech activist scene, as well as at the political level in cooperation with the Czech Green party and FYEG. In the past, we have organized and took part to any civil society actions including demonstrations, protests and acts of civil disobedience. We have also cooperated with the Greens party and had our own candidates running in European, local, regional and national elections. However in the last two years people in the leadership of Mladí zelení happened to alienate themselves from the Green Party and focused more on local activism in cities of Ostrava and Brno. After some time, some of them started to sympathize and wanted get aligned with another political movement – Budoucnost -, which was being established at that time. This was, among others, because they were disappointed by the electoral coalition the Czech Green Party chose for the European elections (which also many of our current members criticized and actively tried to prevent). That created a rupture within the organisation – some people preferred Mladí zelení aligns with Budoucnost, some wanted to stay apolitical and some wanted to stay connected to the Green party and strive for change inside of the party, continuing with what Mladí zelení most of those 20 years of existence were. This has led to hours of discussions at an ideological conference and ordinary General Assembly and resulted in an extraordinary General Assembly, which was meant to decide the political path of the organisation. However, with both camps being equally strong, the GA ended with several rounds of indecisive votes. As both groups saw themselves as rightful successors of Mladí zelení and none was willing to leave the existing structure, a decision was taken to abolish the organization and start two new organizations from the scratch. We, as the ones affiliated with the “Green” group, thus had to establish Mladí zelení again with a temporary name Mladí a zelení (until being officially abolished we can't use the same name). We feel to be the continuation of the “old” Mladí zelení and we adhere to the same values, goals and history (more specified in our statutes). We want to focus on better cooperation with the Green Party and try to have a stronger voice within it which we think is possible with regard to the composition of the current board which includes people with European experience and also one of our very own members. This of course does not mean being uncritical of the party as we have been many times in the past and as can be demonstrated not the least by the fact that some of the strongest voices against the European elections coalition are actually our members. We want to build a youth organization of a European format – independent, autonomous, but in solidarity with the party which we consider a representative of Green politics in the Czech republic.

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

The last development was described above. At the time most of our energy is being used on the establishment of our organisation and creation of a new and more detailed memorandum with the Green Party. For next months, we plan some international actions (exchange with German Young Greens or visit of a Green MEP in Brussels, which was offered to us) or help in Czech regional election campaigns (some members are running and there is a plan to bring some German Young Greens to help us in the campaign – which region is still being decided) or campaigns to the Senate. Another important aspect is recruitment, which we will have to focus on in the next months.

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

The highest decision making body is the Assembly, which has to take place once a year. During the one year period the highest executive body is the Board. In regions or cities local organisations can be established and they elect local coordinator, or local board when having at least 10 members. Whole functioning of the organisation is being overseen by the controlling committee, which also gives advice.