



FEDERATION OF YOUNG
EUROPEAN GREENS

Mladi Zelenis' application for candidate membership Executive Committee Assessment

Context

For several years, FYEG had a member organisation in Czech Republic called Mladi Zeleni and who was collaborating with the EGP member party Zeleni. In 2019, Zeleni decided to run for the European Elections as part of a coalition with 2 center-right political parties, TOP09 and STAN, both affiliated to the EPP. As a result, Mladi Zeleni decided to revoke its memorandum of understanding with Zeleni and stopped cooperating with them.

After the elections, a new leadership got elected in Zeleni, including former members of Mladi Zeleni and FYEG structures. This new leadership wanted to rebind ties with Mladi Zeleni. The members of the organisation were split between some who wanted to start working again with Zeleni and some who wanted to work on building a new green-left political movement. The organisation agreed to split and finally decided to dissolve itself and to create two new organisations, one of them being Budouci, founded by those who want to work with Zeleni again.

Mladi Zeleni is a new organisation that takes the name of the previous MO of the same name, and its members, currently at around 25, include previous members of the old organisation, including those who have been in FYEG's Executive Committee. It is working within Zeleni, but is an independent organisation.

The new Mladi Zeleni sees itself as a continuation of the old, dissolved organisation with the same values, goals and history. They aim to be independent and autonomous, but to work closely with the Zeleni, the Czech Green Party, while being critical where required.

Analysis

Membership criteria

The analysis of the documents submitted by Mladi Zeleni for their application shows that Mladi Zeleni overall meets the Membership Criteria outlined in Article 1.1.2 of FYEG Internal Rules of Procedure.

As a very recently formed organisation, Mladi Zeleni have not yet been very active in politics and events as they are currently forming their internal structures and on recruitment. They

have plans to organise events including visits to the European Parliament and MEPs, Czech regional election campaigns, and senate campaigns.

The structures of Mladi Zeleni include the Assembly as the highest decision making body, which elects the Board for one-year mandates as the highest executive body. Local boards can be established in regions or cities with 10 or more members, or with a local coordinator elected. A controlling committee oversees the functioning of the organisation.

Mladi Zeleni supports climate action, social justice and equality, which are in line with FYEG's political platform.

Political Criteria

Due to its members being active in the now dissolved Mladi Zeleni, they are familiar with FYEG's work and activities, and many have previously attended FYEG events. This will be an important element to make sure Mladi Zeleni can fully benefit from their membership to FYEG.

Their desire for close cooperation with Zeleni as the official youth wing, while remaining an independent and critical partner, is very important in our work with the European Green Party, and for supporting young greens to take positions within their parent parties and in our campaigns to get greens elected locally, nationally and at the European level.

As a very recently formed organisation, they still have many tasks to complete to increase their membership and define their goals. If accepted as a candidate organisation, Mladi Zeleni will have several challenges to face: they will have to demonstrate that they can attract new and younger members, while dedicating time to establishing its structures and goals, and close cooperation with FYEG.

FYEG Executive Committee is willing to support the development of the new Mladi Zeleni as we believe it can contribute, on the long term, to reinforcing green ideas in Czech Republic.

Recommendation

FYEG recommends the GA to vote in favour of Mladi Zeleni becoming a candidate organisation.