

# 4th Virtual Board Meeting 2021/2022

10.02.2022 Online Meeting

Minutes taker: Paola Lupi

Moderator: Chiara Magrelli



## Agenda

1. Secretariat update (Tanya)
2. RTs and RM update (Chiara)
3. Other points? :)
4. Next Board meeting (Tanya)
5. AOB – Board bonding activity? (Chiara)

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## Participants

### Board Members 2020–2021:

- Chairperson – Orkhan Bayramov
- External Relations Officer – Paola Lupi
- Project Officer – Chloe Mikolajczak
- Member Organisations Officer / Vice Chairperson – Chiara Magrelli
- Treasurer – Nais Ohayon-Louisor
- Communications Officer – Gagik Harutyunyan

### Secretariat :

- Secretary General – Tanya Stadnyk
- Communications Manager – Eva Kloudova
- Advocacy Manager – Nathan Metenier

### Abbreviations:

AM – Annual Meeting

AOB – Any other business

BM – Board Member

VBM – Virtual Board Meeting

EEB – European Environmental Bureau

EYF – European Youth Forum

YE – Youth Exchange

TC – Training Course

AWG – Advocacy Working Group

WP – Work Plan

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- **Secretariat update (Tanya)**

- Tanya: In the process of hiring a new PM (today is the first interview) – Alice, Pegah, Chloe and Nathan will be joining some of the interviews
- Tanya: Started the application for Pegah to come to Prague for her full time position. Needs some time to go through national and EU database
- Tanya: Working on making sure we take a closer look at our tasks and how they fit our mission and how long each task takes. Started personally to time tasks since December → not everyone in the team was super happy but it is only until March
- Chiara: reminder than Tanya from now til May will not work on Fridays

- **RTs and RM update (Chiara)**

- Chiara: Just had the regional meeting for the north.
- Chiara: During the last regional team meeting there were some concerns on pressure and how to present their regional teams. Now things are better, YEE team will also work more on presenting during the meetings to relieve the pressure
- Chiara: trying to make sure that we link regional projects to the contact people and not just Chiara
- Chiara: there is interest from an organisation in Belgium which may be a potential new member of YEE
- Eva: How does it work for people to join the network?
- Tanya: there is the “how to join” page with a deadline and application. They need to be approved by the GA. when people express interest however we try to engage them immediately (another organisation seems interest, from Slovenia and sent them immediately a link to our workshop on climate litigation)
- There are issues with how organisations are active and engaged and considering whether there are members that will have to be discharged. We are also looking for organisations in Poland, so we will contact the RCP for the East on that

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- Chloe: Someone contacted YEE for a project (they have already collaborated with us) and they want to apply to an Erasmus project with us. A bit unclear as of now will follow up
- Chloe: There is going to be a big campaign on taxonomy in the next few weeks and lobbying will be big there. Have been identifying the relevant MEPs (the Parliament is the only one that can shoot it down). Organisations can work on this → could this be of interest for YEE membership? The lobbying period should last until early April. There will also be a social media campaign happening.
- Chiara: seems to be of interest. Could keep an eye out for the regional meetings and see if it comes up.
- Paola: updates on AWG and new LOs as well as intersectionality project
- Nathan: Every month we have a meeting with other green young organisations → we have been meeting for a year and a half. Recently we have been talking about a few joint projects: can we apply for it on Erasmus +. One is on biodiversity with GYBN and Y4N or one on an in-person training on environmental law.
- Tanya: we can apply in the next deadline (now we are writing a few applications already in February)
- Nathan: could start applying for the deadline in May
- Orkhan: there are ongoing conversations on pesticide use and there is talk of a press conference, for which it is important to have an organisation on the group focusing specifically on the topic. They are demanding a stop to the use of chemical pesticides. CAN Europe is also their main partner. Who would be willing to take part in this? Press conference is the 28th of Feb
- Chloe would possibly be available → not sure if there is a knowledge on pesticides specifically
- Orkhan: they seem to want us to be generic.
- Chiara: if it is about making a very generic statement, we might as well not do it. If we are not bringing any expertise to it it could be done by anyone else.
- Chloe: in agreement. There could be an actual youth expert there.
- Tanya: there is a youth student organisation called IAAS that could be contacted instead

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- Orkhan: advisory board. There has been a meeting on how it would look like recently. It would consist of professionals and there would be 6 members.
- Orkhan: In order to create a space for organisational knowledge → there could be meetings twice a year. They can be part of our channels if they want to. Responsibility to advise us on questions and matters we may have. Would sign NDAs so that the meetings between the advisory board and the board would be confidential.
- Orkhan: There are suggestions on who could be part of it which have been compiled by the team.
- Nathan: next steps – sending an email on Monday to the people who have been thought of. The letter would be by the Chairperson. If they are keen we could plan a meeting with them in May/ June with maybe some bilateral meetings before that.
- Tanya: What is the long term strategy of engagement of the advisory board? What is the length of their mandate?
- Nathan: It is a two years mandate but can be changed by the next board. Would check the correct formulation of this.
- Nathan: the engagement will consist of at least two meetings a year with the board and for general engagement it depends on the team and needs and wants from both sides.
- Tanya: in a few months a new board will be elected and thus we need to make sure guidelines are clear with a more general and less person to person basis to ensure a good collaboration long term.
- Nathan: extremely useful feedback: there would be 6 members, minimum 2 meetings of 1h30/ 2h, organised by the Chairperson but with the whole board. This would be the basics.
- Tanya: good! Would also advise writing down who would prepare the agenda, who would be in charge of what etc.
- **Next Board meeting (Tanya)**
- The date of the next board meeting is the 10th of March at 11AM CET
- Orkhan: will be in the project in Poland and will try to join
- **AOB – Board bonding activity? (Chiara)**
- The board wants the bonding activity!