



We the Young Greens from the South Caucasus gathered in Gori, Georgia for the first regional meeting of green member organizations of CDN titled “Young Green European – Shaping our Common Future” to discuss the current situation regarding the development of Green ideology in the region. As a result of the discussions we came up with our position regarding the following:

Democracy

We the young greens of Caucasus recognize democracy as the most acceptable form of governance. Currently our society is lacking the means of control of governments, which then tend towards corruption. As far as civil society, transparency, independent media, Youth Participation in politics are the bases of the democratic development of our region. Providing youth by freedom of expression, freedom of assembly and freedom of association, work out legal means for struggling against corruption and its consequences. Also, ensuring security of mass media workers in region can lead to transparency of all political and social processes.

Strictly fulfill requirements of the corresponding fields of human rights, legislation, public involvement in the political and social developments under ENP plans in order to come closer cooperation with EU and finally integrate into the EU.

Peace

Three ongoing conflicts in the region in between countries and also inside countries make peace building a key point for us.

We assume that forces, such as observers from neutral sides can play important part in conflict resolution and peace building processes.

We highlight the responsibility of the Media on giving an objective reflection of the situation from hot spots of the region. The civil society should be motivated to monitor and regulate the current developments.

We strongly believe that young generation of Caucasus can launch changes in relation with reconciliation processes between the nations of Caucasus. Thus, the cooperation between NGOs on local and regional levels is the basis of the peace building in Caucasus.

Human rights

Young greens of South Caucasus acknowledge the importance of protection of basic value of human rights which has to be considered in every aspect of development of civil society. Including, protection of rights of ethnic, sexual, religious and political minorities. Our first mission is to promote equality and struggle against any forms of discrimination towards people



with different ethnicity, gender, self-expression and perception. Insure access to information and legal support of the victims of sexual, domestic and psychological violence, thus supporting promotion of tolerance, social liberties and healthy lifestyle.

We Caucasus Young Greens claim that healthy living environment is one of the major rights of every human being.

Mobility

We strongly support to open any legal or artificial borders inside the region, to provide free movement in South Caucasus. This will result in development of economic and social life of whole region. We need a strong support from EU institutions for struggling against ethnic and religious prejudices and other subjective reasons, which cause denials for issuing visas especially for pupils and students with educational and touristic purposes. We require simplifying procedures and reducing price of getting visa to EU and other countries, followed by complete visa liberalization.

Ecology

Caucasus young greens emphasize the importance of reorganizing economic legislation for further ecopolicy development within our countries. We think it is necessary to reorganize economic legislation, that can be reached by integration of environmental issues with other fields of legislation and by active participation of civil society in the formation of these policies. It is of utter importance that South Caucasus countries should be financially and technically supported by EU institutions towards the creation of ecofriendly environment .

We as Young Greens of Caucasus claim that we are against nuclear energy and for the development of renewable energy sources.

