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He says, "Be still, and know that I am God;

I will be exalted among the nations,

I will be exalted in the earth."

Psalm 46:10

Agenda General Assembly 2020

18 July 2020, Zoom meeting

Waiting Room (open at 8.45 AM CET)

1. Opening and Welcome (09.00 AM CET)

2.1. Announcements and Voting Procedure (see Annex 1)

Items marked with * require a vote of the Individual Members and the Member Organisations. Items marked with ** require a vote of the Individual Members, Member Organisations and Associates.

2.2. *Appointment Voting Commission

3. **Accepting Agenda GA July 2020 and Minutes GA February 2020 (see Annex 2)

4. Presentation Annual Report 2019-2020 (see Annex 3)

By ECPYouth President Klariska ten Napel

5.1. Presentation Country and Organisation Reports

By the representatives

5.2 Q&A

6.1. Presentation Report Selection Committee (see Annex 4)

By the Selection Commission Representative and ECPYouth President Klariska ten Napel

6.2. Presentation Candidates Board Members

6.3. Q&A

6.4. *Election Board Members

Short break

7. Farewell Board Member Secretary Marysia Skwarcan

By ECPYouth President Klariska ten Napel

8. Presentation on 'Artificial Intelligence' from Working Group Politics

By Working Group Politics Representative

9. **Choosing new year theme (see Annex 5)

10. **Resolutions Members Organisations and Associates (see Annex 6)

11. Any Other Business

End of the General Assembly (12.30 PM CET)

Annex 1 – Voting Procedure

Voting procedure

All representatives of Member Organisations receive a red card. All Individual Members receive a blue and Associates receive a green card. Associates can only vote on issues considering political content.

Every vote exists out of three rounds of voting.

1. In favour
2. Against
3. Abstain

Voting commission

Will be proposed and installed at the beginning of the meeting.

Voting weight

Statutes article 16.3-16.7 say:

3. Every member of the association who is not suspended shall have the right to cast a vote.
4. In the General Assembly division of votes is as follows:
 - a. Members within the meaning of article 4.a have three votes each;
 - b. Members within the meaning of article 4.b have one vote each;
 - c. Associated bodies within the meaning of article 5.1 paragraph 1, have one vote on issues concerning political content.
5. The number of votes by individual members and associates can only make up for forty-nine percent (49%) of the total votes. If the votes of individual members exceed forty-nine percent (49%) of the total votes then the chairman of the association (or his substitute) is allowed to determine an alternative division of the votes that ensures that the individual members will receive forty-nine percent (49%) of the total votes.
6. A member within the meaning of article 4.a may cast his vote only through a representative having power of attorney to the satisfaction of the chairman of the meeting.
7. Board members also being a member of a member within the meaning of article 4.a., should aim to mandate another person to represent this organisation and vote on behalf of this organization at the General Assemblies.

Minutes General Assembly 2020

29 February 2020, Zagreb, Croatia

Present

For the ECPYouth Board: Klariska ten Napel (KtN), Magdalena Vakulova (MV), Hanna Strekovych (HS), Maria Skwarcan (MS), Jan Henric van Vliet (JHvV), Eduard Andreev (EA)

ECPYouth General Secretary: Floris Wagenaar (FW)

For the Member Organisations / Individual Members:

Eszter Párkányi(EP) - Hungary
Walter Jordaan (WJ) - SGP Youth, the Netherlands
Hanna Stretovych (HS) – CDUY, Ukraine
Bina Chirino (BC) – PerspectieF, the Netherlands

Other Visitors

Iris van Tilburg (IvT) - Working Group Politics, the Netherlands
Arjen Klein (AK)- SGPJ, the Netherlands
Ivan Posylnyi (IP) - Ukraine
Jure Habensus (JH)- Hrast, Croatia
Srecko Perkovic (SP) - Hrast, Croatia
Simon Cehic (SC) - Hrast, Croatia
Tvrtko Balic (TB)- Croatia
Hepke Deelstra (HD) - Financial audit committee, the Netherlands

Absent

PCD Youth - France
*Jevp - Switzerland
DDF - Ukraine
PPCD New Generation – Moldova
Young Christian Democrats - Georgia

1. Opening and Welcome

KtN opened with a few verses from the Bible. James 1, 1-8 and prayer.

KtN: I think this word is connected with our yesterday's discussion. It is important to have faith. You need to be full of faith. This is what God asks from us - to do that it is important to know God. You cannot really trust someone if you don't know him.

2.1. Announcements and Voting Procedure

KtN: I would like to explain how we will vote. Green for the MO, orange for IM. If there is someone who still does not have a card please let us know. Each member organisation has 3 votes, each individual member - 1 vote.

2.2. *Appointment Voting Commission

KtN: Now we will vote on voting commission - as there are not many visitors I would like to propose Arjen Klein and Iris van Tilburg. Do you agree to take this role?

Arjen and Iris accept their candidacy.

All voters are in agreement.

3. ***Accepting Agenda GA February 2020 and Minutes GA July 2019 (see Annex 2)**

KtN: We need to accept the agenda - do you want to add or change anything?

WJ: I think it would be good to have Q&A Session for budget and then for financial report

KtN: Yes, of course we can add a separate Q&A session.

JHvV: We should do the financial audit report first, then move to financial report and budget for 2020.

KtN: Ok, let's do it in this order. Are there any other motions? (*silence*) Then I would like to vote for the agenda.

Agenda approved unanimously.

KtN: And now the minutes GA July 2019 - do you see some mistakes?

BC: Yes, on page 8 there is "coalition eye" instead of "Y". Besides, two GA participants have the same initials - Magdalena and Mathias - MV. Could you please add one letter to Magdalena's or Mathias' name in order to distinguish their statements ?

MS: Yes, of course. I will change both.

WJ: On page 13 we see that we have adopted resolution and I would like to know what we have done with it later.

JHvV: Yes, we will come back to it later, but now we are just checking if everything was written correctly.

KtN: So I see there are no other comments. Let's vote on minutes.

Accepted minutes (12 in favor, 1 abstain)

4.1. Presentation Audit Commission

By Walter Jordaan & Hepke Deelstra

WJ: Me and Hepke were in audit commission. We were being led by saying "Trust but verify". In general the outcome of the audit is positive, however we have some reservations too. The conclusion is that the board is solid and sound. Nevertheless, there were some receipts that were not proven, we don't know for what purpose money went.

HD: I think it is the first or second time that the audit committee is really appointed by the GA and this is a good transparent solution. It gives us freedom to act on behalf of all members. I think if you just look at the numbers it is 1 % of expenses which were problematic. But still all the cost must be checked. So this is also why we have some recommendations. When we checked the balances we saw that some documents were missing. Our first recommendation would be to show last year's results of previous year. It is good to have budget and results to compare it. The second point, second

recommendation is to match all categories and headings, because now some of them are misleading. Floris has already said he will do it.

WJ: Yes, and there were some costs that we didn't know where it went. For instance, you paid deposit for Breda board meeting - but we couldn't see that you got money back (EUR 350).

HD: Not all of the receipts were not sent to the financial administrator. Apparently, the communication problem appeared between Floris Wagenaar and the financial administrator.

EA: I have a question to this remark. So do you think it is something technical?

HD: Everytime you pay you just need to have a receipt. Because when we see that something was paid but we don't have any proof for which purpose it went, it is not right.

FW: Ok, I see. However, one must remember that there are some transactions for which you don't receive receipts - for example when you pay for visa, you don't get any proof of payment.

JH: I will come back to it later.

HD: Ok, but we are not talking about visa. There were some expenses like ticket trains when you always get receipt. Although Floris correctly said, it also happens. Besides, it could be that still there are some costs that come from a previous year, 2018 and there are not any rules how to treat them and accounted for.

JW: There is another recommendation that we would like to share - in the future it would be good to remove category "Salary etc". It is not clear what "etc" means and includes.

HD: We don't understand what kind of expenses are included in this category, and looking at last year results I would recommend to be more realistic with the category Salary, because from last year's experience you were apparently not as realistic as should be. Real costs exceeded visibly the initial budget for it.

JW: Moreover, I would recommend to start collecting fees earlier and also to let people know what are the consequences for not paying them. We would advise to think about it. Now there is differentiation in fee payment based on EU membership/ non-membership. EU members pay certain amount and non-EU members pay less. We understand the idea of fairness, which is good. But despite the fact Switzerland is not in EU it is a rich country, and it seems more reasonable to treat this country as other EU members. Consequently, we believe the criteria for differentiation should be changed to provide greater fairness.

HD: Yes, and now another thing. The problem is that people don't pay fees and don't come to the events anymore. So maybe it would be better to make paying fees more positive, to motivate people positively, that if they are present they will have discount .

WJ: The next remark concerns business cards. We wonder if 350 cards for each board member is really thoughtful, if it is sustainable.

HD: What is missing is explanation for each expense. Please next time explain why you need a cup of coffee.

In general it is very good financial report. A lot has been done to improve the financial situation. It would be wise for next financial audit committee to have an access to previous reports and all necessary documents.

WJ: Compliment to the board - Floris thank you for having time for us, because we had a lot of questions and you patiently answered all of them.

KtN: I would like to thank you for this very in-depth report. Are there any questions?

EP: I think it was very good point to differentiate the fees rate in different way. We can make distinction between countries which are part of EU, European Economic Area and the rest.

KtN: What about writing a resolution today and adopting it?

EP: I can draft it.

BC: I would like to add that in by-laws some mechanisms of discounts already exist.

EP: I think these are two separate things. I am just proposing to think about a change of fees rate.

KtN: We have already discussed this within the Board so it would be good to make some changes at ISS.

WJ: Yes, there are two things - amount of the fees and the mechanism of motivation.

HS: Can we make a decision just on implementing this kind of mechanism, but to decide on content of the mechanism later?

BC: It's already in by-laws.

MS: I think we can adopt the resolution on the distinction even today, but for the second part we need more time. It must be well-thought what kind of mechanism of motivation will be the most efficient.

The board undertakes to present in the summer GA a concrete plan for penalties for members who fail to pay their fee in time and a mechanism of motivation for members who do.

KtN: Yes. Are there any other questions, comments?

BC: Yes, I have question to audit committee. Do you have some recommendations on website?

HD: It is not our mandate to say anything about website. In general we see some categories in budget are too broad - so in PR category there are business cards, website etc.

AK: For the financial year do we have any deadline to reimburse the costs from the previous year?

JHvV: Actually we have this kind of rule - till 31 January of following year we reimburse expenses from the previous year.

WJ: So it was not applied for 2019.

JHvV: It works within the board.

FW: I will show you what it looks like on example. There is transaction in 2020, but you want to pay for something that was done in 2019. The transaction will be seen in the results of 2019.

BC: Is there legal deadline?

KtN: I don't know about legal deadline, but for sure it is our practice that we have time slots to pay. We do it because it is also good to know how much you still can spend the particular year. Are there more questions? (*silence*) Thank you very much.

4.2. Presentation Financial Report 2019 and Budget 2020 (see Annex 3)

By Board member Treasurer Jan Henric van Vliet

JHvV: I would like to divide my presentation in 3 parts. First I will talk about financial report, then I will say a few words responding to the recommendations and comments of the audit committee and then will talk about budget.

You see that last year we had a budget of EUR 72 000 , this time we had to adopt our expenses on the changed situation, because we received less money than expected. This year we received less money from the foundation related to ChristenUnie, last year it was EUR 29 000. Moreover, this year we changed headings with the financial administrator- we tried to reduce the number of categories in the budget, but still we need to work on transparency of the costs categories.

Now a small comment on the website - we didn't foresee website costs at the beginning of 2019, so it was not foreseen in the budget.

If you have any question according to this document (annex 3) please let me know.

4.3. Q&A session

HD: I should notice some things as a member of the Audit Committee - what do you mean by "Conference"?

JHvV: This is one of the category that I also don't understand. Henk just addresses it that way.

BC: Thank you for presenting this. We couldn't think on this document before, because you didn't send it to us before the GA. It is difficult to ask questions now if it is first time we see it. Could you please explain what is included in board activity?

JHvV: Board activity - that is difficult part for me. For the board meetings as you see the costs are higher after change of the board because we are almost all from different countries so usually all of us need to take flight. Usually we try to meet somewhere in the middle.

HD: Yes, but objectively it is visible the board tries to limitate te expenses. It is worth-saying that some members of the board traveled for board meeting with Flixbus, I think there are two members wh do it, for sure Magdalena traveled by bus several times.

FW: What is also important, we introduced time slots for booking flights. So when we plan board meeting in two months, all of the board members must book tickets at least a month or more before the meeting, when tickets are cheaper. If they couldn't make it then they pay themselves for tickets, cannot reimburse them.

BC: So the number of categories in the budget will be changed or has been changed already?

JHvV: As I said, I have talked with Henk and we tried to reduce the number, but it will be visible in the results, At the end of this year. It will be much more transparent.

BC: Floris, How do you communicate with Henk to which category it should go?

FW: Each category has its number. I put a number of the category for the transaction. But sometimes when the transaction is made on the location, then Henk decides where put this cost.

BC: So it will change somehow?

JHvV: Yes, we will communicate more effectively.

BC: Why was there a delay with sending financial documents? How was the financial audit normally done if not all the documents were provided ? What about the deposit?

JHvV: As we need time to put together all costs in right place it took some time. We depend on other organisations which give us the funds. Without knowledge how much money we will get the particular year we cannot prepare the budget. Of course we are not happy with this situation and always try to send you all documents as soon as possible. When it comes to the deposit - we paid a deposit, but it turned out we didn't have sheets and pillows so we paid from the part of the deposit. for them.

JHvV: Now let's talk about the financial audit report. There were some costs such as petrol cost of Klariska's friend car for which we didn't have receipts. I paid for visa to Jordan and didn't get receipt neither. These are small expenses for which we do not have proof of payment.

WJ: But we don't talk about it. We don't have receipts for train tickets.

KtN: Probably it is me, whose tickets receipts are missing. I have many meetings and always take trains. i am sorry, I will take care of it more next time.

JHvV: I would like to refer to salary "etc." - it is social welfare benefits for Floris. We can delete "etc." in our current budget but then you will know that it includes salaries + benefits. So, this is just technical change. Now referring to fees - We should alert who pays and who don't. I think that if we send emails starting from autumn it is sufficient time. Now we'll have additionally an option on our ECPYouth website to pay online. Business cards - yes, it is true we do not use all of them. I think I've used so far 25 cards, we have 400, each of us. Floris said it was almost the same price for smaller amount. That is why he thought it is better to have more than less for almost the same money. Coffee is something we need during board meetings, when we meet it takes a whole day to discuss everything. Next time we will write one short sentence his what's the occasion, the context, date and place.

JHvV: Now the Budget. The board decided to lower the number of hours for General Secretary. It is the main sad announcement for this budget. So you can see that we saved several thousand EUR thanks to which we have similar money left for our whole activity.

FW: As you can see the budget is smaller (around 7000 smaller) , but thanks to cutting my salary we can keep organising the events the same way.

WJ: Why February GA costs more than usually?

JHvV: Of course it is because of the fact that we organize it here in Croatia, not in Amersfoort which is obviously cheaper, as we have venue and part of board members there, they don't need to take flight. But we chose another destination which is Croatia due to the fact that we wanted to be closer with our upcoming members - Hrast in Croatia.

WJ: Who is supposed to pay for summer school ?

JHvV: We applied for specific money for ISS and also applied for the general purpose from FICCD.

FW: Yes, and planning Moldova event this summer we predicted to receive 5000 eur from them for this purpose, which was reasonable. But we didn't receive it in fact. So as consequence we had to change our budget and devote 10000 eur for Summer school, not 15 000 as usually.

HD: Have you already considered other organisations to cooperate with on one event and to apply for funds to other organisations?

JHvV: For both the answer is yes. Actually, we didn't finish our application for EU funds as you said it is time consuming and no one could devote as much time to complete it. Another thing is Christian Change Makers Programme, our new event. It is actually made in cooperation with other organisations - including Jubilee Center.

WJ: The biggest cost is for Jordan Event. So tell me more what it is, for what purpose it goes

JHvV: It is conference during which we promote activism, political skills among young people in Middle East. And this amount of money does not come from our budget but it is transferred from the external source and can be spent only on the Jordan event. So we don't pay for it at all.

BC: I read in the bylaws it is 15 days before the GA to receive all documents. Do you think it is reasonable?

JHvV: It is absolutely reasonable as far as we talk about Summer GA. And we usually have no delays then, because we don't need to wait for any external documents or data. However this deadline is not reasonable for February/March GA. Maybe a solution would be to organise GA a bit later, but it doesn't seem a good one, because we cannot functionate without budget for several months. What I promise you is that we send everything as soon as we get all documents but sometimes we just cannot make it on time.

WJ: Do you think the decision of cutting salary to Floris is irreversible?

KtN: For now yes, we just cannot pay him the same amount of money. Otherwise ECPYouth would not be able to organise the events. To make it more clear we limited Floris' tasks. So now we all work more. Till now Floris was available for us 6 days a week, we could write him everytime with everything, now it changed - we as the board need to cope with more things ourselves.

WJ: What about changing number of days of ISS? Maybe this is the good way to save money?

kTn: We have already done it this year. Making 3-day long event does not seem attractive and reasonable. And it would not change the situation. When you look at the numbers then you will see that it was necessary to cut the salary so dramatically because Floris' salary was a huge part of our whole budget, which this year dropped dramatically.

JHvV: It is a major change in direction of ECPYouth, which is very difficult also for us.

KtN: We need to vote. I would like to express my thankfulness to all of you for your engagement, questions. Thank you!

4.4. *Vote Financial Report 2018 and the Budget 2019

Individual Members and Member organisations: 12- for, 1 - abstain

The financial report and the budget 2020 are accepted.

5.1. Proposal Candidates Selection Committee (see Annex 5)

By Klariska ten Napel

KtN: I would like to present the candidates to the selection committee. First it is good to explain what they are going to do here. So for 5 board members the term will end this summer, so of course there is a need of new board members. The selection committee prepares and performs the whole procedure on behalf of us all.

The first candidate is Chritoph Boesinger, he is a good candidate as he has professional background in HR, next one is Elina Foinska from Ukraine. She has been a board member for ECPYotuh in the past, she has capability to choose right persons, the last is Ardjan Boersma - he was a board member too and knows the ECPYouth quite well. If you want please ask questions.

If there is no question then I will move to voting. .

5.2. Q&A Session

No questions

5.3. *Appointment Selection Committee

All the candidates are accepted unanimously.

6.1. Overview vacancies Board positions

KtN: It doesn't mean that we all want to leave, but of course we will need to reapply. So please let me go through the position description. First one is my position - President, then vacancy for Communications, Treasurer, Secretary, Events.

I would like to ask you to share the information on vacancies with people.

BC: I have a question, why some of the positions are specified that are non-paid and the rest don't mention it?

KtN: All of them are non-paid. In the past there was a misunderstanding that one candidate for President position thought it's paid job, that is why we stressed in the President position description this element. However, we will specify it in all of the descriptions before they will go online. To sum up - All of the positions are non-paid.

Short break

7.1. ECP Youth in the future

By Klariska ten Napel and Board member Communications Eduard Andreev

EA: I'd like to show you our website. According to me it is much better, it is safer, it is secured. The website was made by Dutch company. It is still in process of updating. We would like to ask you to send us short update.

EP: I can't see the GDPR clause - we have been doing the same thing within our organisation that is why I pay attention now. It is a good idea, actually it is necessary to adjust the website to the EU rules.

EA: Yes, of course, I am not sure we have it, but I will add it to the list of things that need to be fixed.

BC: In general I like it a lot, what parts are still being worked on?

EA: Can you see the sections: Join us, Working groups? They do not work well. We need to change pictures too.

AK: When I am in section Network I don't have menu sign.

EA: Ok, thank you for this remark.

BC: I also saw that contact information for Perspectief is not updated. and the secretary is still Lizzie.

EA: You can send me to my emails all of your remarks.

KtN: Thank you, Eduard. As you can see we have 3 words that describe us - Inspired. Equipped. Connected. We really want to inspire people, and from my own experience I see how this network inspired me through conferences, meetings, discussions. What we also want to do is to equip - we want to provide you with some political skills, within the network. Being bridge between you and your members. This year we had an EU event - panel discussion on fake news. I think it is also nice to hear from you what you are doing, But also from you, Eszter.

8.1. Updates from Member Organizations

WJ: We don't have elections in the Netherlands this year, but next year. We are trying to give input to our mother party to the program. What we have been working on was Silk road in China. What is coming is our biggest youth event - thousands young people are coming - the date is March 21.

JHvV: We will join you!

WJ: Please bring the banner. A few words about the event itself - this is event during which we stress important issues - pro life, anti-abortion, anti-euthanasia perspective.

JHvV: Who are the speakers?

WJ: Ex-Prime Minister, Chair of the Parliament, and many other interesting speakers.

BC: Our main topics - UN, international corporate social responsibility, diversity in politics. We changed the structure of the organisation, we will organize our Brussels trip again and we will start collaborating with Sallux and FICCD. We will go to the European Youth Event in Strasbourg, trying to find other people to travel with. We would like to find group to go to Moldova and maybe extend it a bit.

KtN: Can others join you?

BC: Yes, of course.

MS: Diversity in politics - what do you mean by this phrase?

BC: It includes education , migration. Besides, we have million people who are members of different churches so we want to represent them.

EP: Some of you know , I used to be very active in youth movements in Hungary, but I had to resign because of my job. I work for think tank promoting fundamental rights. We are expecting 300 participants in May on our event (CPAC Conference).

EA: Moldova is slipping more into Russian influence recently. For last 10 years the society divided into two groups - 50% are pro-Russian, 50% are pro-EU. However, recently people are more directed towards Russia, also national airport was bought by Russian oligarch.

MV: In Slovakia we have parliamentary elections today . The leading party will probably lose. We have diverse scale of political parties.

MS: In Poland we had elections in autumn. The leading party Law and Justice won one more time. Actually they got more votes than 4 years ago, but received less seats, because more parties reached threshold and got seats. Law and Justice is dominant in Lower Chamber, but in Higher Chamber it is opposition which has more seats in total. In May we'll have presidential elections, everything is possible, but currently Andrzej Duda, our current President has biggest chance to win.

HS: During parliamentary elections a lot of youth became active. Now we are preparing for local elections, hopefully new faces will appear in local politics. Maybe I will also get seat.

9.1. ECPYouth Events

By Hanna Stretovych

HS: The reason for which we would like to organize Summer School in Moldova is fact it is much cheaper. The second reason is our new cooperation with Moldovan organization, we would like to tighten our relations. We decided to make a 5-day long event thanks to, which it will be easier to accommodate all lectures, workshops. We will announce soon what are the practicalities. Save the dates - 16-21 July.

KtN: Stas Ghiletchi was supposed to give us lecture but due to coronavirus he didn't come and one of our board members will present his presentation.

9.2 Christian Change Makers

By Klariska ten Napel

KtN: Now a few words on CCM program. Originally the idea came from Jan Henric and Floris. So far Floris has worked a lot on that but due to our financial situation the situation has changed and we are thinking about announcing the vacancy for internship or volunteer position of the project leader. There are 3 important elements of the program, first is Biblical worldview - then political skills, we will focus on debating, media training, campaigning, public speaking, writing. Another thing is Christian character - how do you act as a Christian politician. We want to connect with Christian Change Makers . After Summer School - if you are selected for the program then you can stay for 2 days more, the following year there will be another 2 events . In the meantime we will have some online courses. We

realized that since the change of the situation with Floris we need a person who will run the project. There are several options - if you have someone in mind that really wants to do it please let us know. Are there any questions?

BC: Have you already opened the application for the project leader?

KtN: No, It will be announced via Internet and you will be informed.

10.1. Presentation of Resolutions

By Magdalena Vakulova

Resolution 1: Corporate social responsibility

Submitted by: PerspectieF (Member Organization)

Topic: Increasing international corporate social responsibility

The General Assembly of ECPYouth,

Noting that:

- The realization that (international) entrepreneurship and economic activities entail risks of violating rights and damage to the environment has grown in recent decades;
- Corporate social responsibility is the responsibility of enterprises for their impact on society;
- National policy so far has not been sufficient to encourage all companies in all relevant sectors to make the OECD (Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development) guidelines the standards for their actions.

Considering that:

- Human beings are created in the image and likeness of God, and as such they have intrinsic value and have the right to be respected;
- European governments should effectively promote and protect human dignity in society;
- Our Social responsibility to improve living conditions and society implies also to be respectful of the earth and nature which is God's creation as well;
- Broad European regulation is ultimately needed to achieve this for all companies in all sectors, because the playing field for companies would then be equally levelled throughout the EU.

Calls upon the board or ECPYouth:

- To emphasize the **OA 3 ACCEPTED:** ~~great~~ importance of international corporate social responsibility in European politics;
- To activate the Working Group Politics to issue statements, **OA 2 ACCEPTED: submit resolution at the ECPM GA and discuss with ECPM MEPs** on how actors who are not involved in the agreements should be encouraged **OA 1 ACCEPTED: or forced by legislation** to adopt RBC (Responsible Business Conduct) principles according to the OECD guidelines and the UNGP (UN Guiding Principles for Business and Human Rights) within the existing legal frameworks and new avenues within the EU.

The resolution is adopted(12 in favour, 1 abstain)

Resolution 2: Annual fee REJECTED

Submitted by: Maria Skwarcan, Individual Member

Topic: Changing membership fee rules

On behalf of ECPYouth members,

Considering that:

- Distinction between EU and non-EU countries is not merely indicative for the amount of money that can be paid by ECPYouth members for their ECPYouth membership;
- Current distinction results in inequity and unfairness among ECPYouth members;

Calls Upon the **OA 3 ACCEPTED:** ~~General Assembly~~ **Board** of ECPYouth:

- To **OA 2 ACCEPTED :** ~~reconsider or establish fairly balance in the fee rate based on the distinction~~ **in the fee rate** between ECPYouth Individual Members and Member Organisations coming from the EU countries, European Free Trade Association countries, **OA 1 ACCEPTED: European Economic Area countries** and ECPYouth Individual Members and Member Organisations coming from non-EU countries.

*The resolution is **NOT** adopted. (12 votes against)*

Resolution 3: Annual report ECPYouth ADOPTED

Submitted by: PerspectieF (member organization)

SGPJ (member organization)

The General Assembly of ECPYouth

Noting that:

- There is no official deadline for when financial documents need to be sent to all members of ECPYouth in preparation for a General Assembly;
- The financial documents are needed by members to make a well considered judgement about the budget of ECPYouth.

Considering that:

- Members prefer to attend our wonderful General Assemblies of ECPYouth fully prepared;
- Proper finances are in the best interest of the ECPYouth Board and all members.

Calls upon the Board of ECPYouth:

- **OA 1 ACCEPTED:** ~~To specify the conditions set in the bylaws for the documents of the GA~~ by adding that financial documents, specifically the actual results, budget of the previous year and budget of the next year, will be shared with members 15 days before the GA.

The resolution is adopted (8 in favour, 3 abstain, 3 against).

Resolution 4: The GA of ECPYouth - Annual fee; ADOPTED

Submitted by: SGPJ (member organization)

Noting that:

- The amount of the membership fee of a member organization is dependent on whether this organization is from an EU country or a non-EU country

Considering that:

- That differentiation is about financial fairness, non-EU countries from Western Europe should pay the same fee as other Western European countries

Calls upon the Board of ECPYouth:

- To make a distinction in the membership fee between members from EU, EFTA and EEA countries and members from non-EU, non-EFTA and non-EEA countries.

The resolution is adopted. (12 votes in favour)

11. Any Other Business

KtN: We ran out of time, unfortunately. My proposal is to end the GA, have lunch break after which Magdalena will tell you more about Working Group Politics and our annual topic - Artificial intelligence. Thank you for being here, participating in the GA. Thank you for your engagement, very fruitful discussion.

End of the General Assembly

Annex 3 – Annual Report 2019-2020

Introduction - Klariska ten Napel

It is a strange time we are living in now. We are, as a political youth organization from all over Europe, not able to do one of the things we hold so dear within our network. That is, to connect youth from all over Europe in person. To meet, learn, make friends and expand your network and knowledge. A value we believe is important for the youth in our network in order to grow in politics. I speak on behalf of all the board when we say we are really sad we cannot meet with you this summer during our annual summer school. Although it is not possible to host any offline event right now, we had a range of nice events during this political year. Below you can read the annual reports per position of the board.

We worked very hard as the board of ECPYouth to keep the organization stable in order to have an impact on politics, youth and our societies. Our goal throughout the year was to strengthen the internal structure and our ties with our members, associated organizations and individuals in order to expand our network and political impact. We worked individually in our position, but moreover we worked together as a team for this fantastic organization. By having regularly meetings we were able to pull off a great team work. As a board we are grateful to have worked together for ECPYouth, which provided us with a great opportunity to grow and learn. Hereby an overview of our meetings:

	Online Board Meeting	Offline Board Meeting
1		14 September 2019 Breda
2	7 October 2019	
3	7 November 2019	
4		3 December 2019 Brussels
5	3 February 2020	
6		27 February 2020 Zagreb
7	6 April 2020	
8	18 May 2020	
9	20 June 2020	
10	17 July 2020	

All the Board Members of ECPYouth have written an annual report on their individual position, which you can read below. They will give you a general overview of all their activities. Secondly, the Working Group Politics present an annual report of their work. And after that we present you annual reports of Member Organisations. Together we are this wonderful network called ECPYouth.



Board Member President - Klariska ten Napel

The past year has been challenging for everyone in the world. In March almost every country in Europe went into some sort of lockdown and since then every organization had to pause their activities and seek for new ways. ECPYouth is no exception. We were faced with decisions about hosting activities or not. When the corona crisis proceeded, we realised that we were not able to host a Summer School in Moldova this year and had to cancel our process of planning. The last year we strived to *connect*, *inspire* and *equip* the youth in our network. To do this online is much more challenging than in person, but not impossible. The past months we organized online events such as webinars and a prayer night, since we wanted to stay connected with all our members, associates and friends. Through these online events we also strived to inspire and equip youth in the political realm. To equip politically interested christian youth we were working on launching this summer our Christian ChangeMakers program. Due to the current crisis we had to decide to postpone the start of the program. But I am hopeful that we can start this fantastic program in the future, since I believe it could bring many good things for young christians who want to work in politics.

Just before Europe closed down, we were able to host a event and our financial General Assembly with one of our associated organizations Hrast in Croatia. This gave us the opportunity to get to know Croatia and Hrast better. During the event we had a board meeting, our financial General Assembly and lectures and workshops on our yeartheme Artificial Intelligence. We met one of our goals as a board by combining all these different events and objectives in using our money in the most efficient way possible. Throughout the year we have strived to combine different objectives and activities to keep the costs as low as possible. The past year we had to work with a tight budget, but with precise planning we were still able to pull of everything that makes ECPYouth. Unfortunately our income for 2020 was lower than anticipated, which put us as an organization in the position of tough decisions for our future. As a board we decided it was the best solution for the organization's healthy future to cut the hours of our General Secretary. We were sad we had to do so, but the whole board agreed to take on the extra tasks.

Last year we decided not open the vacancy for the position of Relations due to the financial situation of the organization. As a board we promised to divide the tasks and evaluate this process after a year. I can state that the past year the whole board proactively worked on the relations of ECPYouth. Every board member participated in the process of building on on our current relations and being on the outward for new relations. We were very to happy welcome our new Member Organization Academy for Integrity in Leadership from Moldova. Through our trip to Israel and our event in Brussels and Croatia we were able to meet with several organizations and individuals who were unknown to ECPYouth. As long as we keep Relations on top of our priorities list as a board, we can do without a board member Relations. Networking, building relations and connecting people should be in the DNA of every board member for a healthy and stable future of the organization.

Despite the crisis we are living in right now, we had a good year as an organization. We had events and learned a lot in Georgia, Brussels and Croatia, trips to Israel and Jordan. We got a new Member Organization, made new friends and associates. The internal structure as a board was strengthened and we learned a lot about Artificial Intelligence throughout the events, webinars and debates. Our hope and aspiration will be to put our knowledge on AI into political impact in Brussels and our societies, now the parliaments are back in motion again. It is unsure what the future will hold, but I pray that everyone in our network will be safe and healthy. And I hope from the bottom of my heart that we are able to meet in person somewhere soon, but until then we will meet online. Stay safe, healthy and God bless you all.



Board Member Politics - Magdalena Vakulova

As a current board member politics I would like to provide an overview of my position for year 2019/2020.

I have been newly selected in the summer 2019 and officially took over the position during the first board meeting in Breda. The main tasks of the position was to manage and administrate the Working Group Politics (WGP). Working group has two different groups, where one of the groups focuses on writing of short political statements for the social media and second group is engaged in writing a research paper on yearly topic of ECPYouth. My main role in the WGP was to come up with current political questions to be addressed in short comments writings, coordinate the group and check, evaluate the short comments. Furthermore, I have facilitated the WGP for the research paper on Artificial Intelligence (AI) where my main task was to coordinate the group in collective work, review of the individual parts of the paper and contribution to the paper as well. The aim of the yearly topic was not only to present different angles of AI from Christian perspective in written form, but also to give people platform for interaction and further elaboration on the topic. Therefore, with the help of the board we have organised online Zoom events on AI where I have invited speakers from the field and/or from the WGP. The AI topic have also been theme topic for our GA in Croatia where I gave presentation on the AI and its challenges. As a final act the me together with the WGP and ECPYouth board plans to come up with resolution on AI.

Alongside the management of the WGP I took part in the Youth Conference in Jordan. During the conference me and the board treasurer gave a presentation on the ECPYouth in relation to young people in politics.

Later in the year I have helped to organise the panel discussion on Fake News that was a last year yearly topic of ECPYouth. The panel discussion attendees were experts from different areas of the field that gave their speech on Fake News challenges along the lines of the report that was written by WG in the year of 2018/2019.

Furthermore, the ECPYouth board has attended a political visit organised by Israeli government, where we had the opportunity to closely debate and observe the situation in Israel and Middle East. As a result of the visit I have drafted a resolution on Israel - Palestine normalization process. I have also let a discussions in relation to the Israel- Palestine resolution and communicated the aim of the resolution to ECPYouth members and parties concerned. The resolution has been drafted and finalized with the help of the ECPYouth network and Sallux and will be tabled in the summer GA.

In relation to resolutions, I have been present in the ECPM GA where I have advised on the voting on the tableted resolutions together with the president of ECPYouth.

As a board member politics, I have been approached by a member of SGPYouth that have called upon the ECPYouth board to write a political statement on the topic of Gender Ideology on basis of resolution on Gender Ideology that was previously accepted. I have worked on statement together with the ADF International in order to publish the official version on our social media.

Moreover, I am active in solidarity campaign where my task is to contact and inform the speaker for the launch of the campaign and organise a Zoom online event on the launch of the EU solidarity campaign. I will also cover the part of expansion of the campaign and communication of the aim to the Members of Parliament.

Last but not least, I have been communicating with ECPYouth members to inform them on current political dealings of ECPYouth, to help them with their political activities. Also I have reached out to experts in different fields, political figures and members of European parliament in order to communicate to them the political work of ECPYouth.



Board Member Events- Hanna Stretovych

We started this year in Summer School in Sakartvelo with new topic of “Artificial Intelligence: Blessing or Curse”, but we still had final event on presenting the previous year’s report “Tell the truth: How to deal with fake news” to be held. We held an event in the form of panel discussion “Fake news: A human problem or a political and technological problem?” on February 6th in the European Parliament in Brussels. With introductions by ECPYouth and Sallux members and a number of expert speakers and guests, that event was organized in cooperation with Board Member Politics and Board Member Secretary.

We held the first event on our yearly topic in Zagreb, Croatia on February 28th –March 01st. The two-days event that started on Friday evening with a Bible study and a short discussion on Artificial intelligence and continued with the GA on Saturday morning and introduction to the topic and debates in the afternoon. On Sunday we visited a main Cathedral of the Old Zagreb Town with a mass in Croatian language.

We were very lucky to have our event in the beginning of March as less than two weeks after the event the whole pandemic disaster started and we were trapped inside our homes and countries.

Announced International Summer School 2020, which we planned to have in Moldova was postponed and then finally moved to online format. As part of ISS2020 in May and June were held several zoom webinars on the yearly topic and we hope to continue that practice till the end of summer.



Board Member Communications - Eduard Andreev

During the past year, ECPYouth implemented its vision statement into ECPYouth's media, transitioned to a new website, and faced the pandemic challenge with a series of online events. Our vision is shortly expressed on our website as "Inspired. Equipped. Connected". As for the new website, it is modern-looking and serves as a contact card for all who are interested in ECPYouth. These updates went as planned, however, something that we couldn't have planned was the pandemic. Nevertheless, during Summer 2020, God blessed us with two online events about Artificial Intelligence from a Christian perspective. These online events connected youth from different parts of Europe and brought ECPYouth to hundreds of viewers online.

Besides updates and challenges of 2019-2020, ECPYouth's has been posting on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter & YouTube. Follow ECPYouth online!



Board Member Secretary - Maria Skwarcan

For the second year of my term I focused on promoting WG Politics Manual on Fake News and strengthening ties among members within ECPYouth network.

As Secretary of ECPYouth, I've been continuing my role as the center of communication within Board and between ECPYouth and its members and associates. I've been responsible for spreading official announcements and communicating events of ECPYouth (among others GA February 2020 in Zagreb, Board Vacancies, Fake News Panel Discussion, GA July 2020).

At the beginning of 2020 I reactivated ECPYouth Newsletter, which is sent every month/two-month to our members, friends and followers and includes information on our activity and the upcoming events. Thanks to newsletters our network can be well-informed, more integrated and willing to participate in the organisation activity.

Moreover, I became a first-contact person, which practically means I've received all external correspondence from organisations and individuals interested in cooperation. I was responsible for interviewing prospective new individual members and coordinated the selection process of new Board members, being in a constant contact with the Selection Committee.

With regard to ECPYouth activity of year 2019/2020 I consider organizing the Panel Discussion on Fake News at European Parliament as my biggest success. This event, which was attended by experts in the field of freedom of speech and combating disinformation, was a great culmination of the ECPYouth WG Politics work on the manual.

And finally, 2020 is a special year - this is my last year in the ECPYouth Board. Unfortunately, I won't have the opportunity to say goodbye to you personally in July, at GA time, but I believe that we will meet more than once at splendid events organised by ECPYouth.



Board Member Treasurer - Jan Henric van Vliet

As the Treasurer of ECPYouth I am looking back on the past year with mixed feelings. On the one hand, I am very proud of the work that has been done by the entire board in cutting our expenses and in maintaining the high level of our (virtual) events and webinars. On the other hand, there has been quite a significant decline in our revenues. The relapse in our financial resources has been caused by lower fees from our sponsors like FICDD and Vereniging Oost Europa (VOE). This relapse among other things resulted in the reduction of the hours of the General Secretary and less budgetary room for board expenses. Although the board of ECPYouth doesn't expect that in the upcoming year our financial resources will grow sustainably because of the COVID-19 crisis, we are confident that in the long term we will be able to be a more financial stable and healthy organization.

Despite these financial challenges, ECPYouth has been able to grow and reach out to many young people both within our network and outside of it. Through our fact-finding mission to Israel, our (virtual) events on artificial intelligence and our upcoming Christian Change Makers programme ECPYouth remains a political force to be reckoned with both now and in the future.



General Secretary - Floris Wagenaar

As the General Secretary it is my task to reimburse expenses for board members and others, write yearly financial reports, develop a budget proposal for the following year and assist the board wherever I can. As the General Assembly discussed during our last GA, due to decreasing income, because of lower budgets for international development at ChristenUnie and SGP, we had to lower the number of hours I am available for ECPYouth.

The year 2020 developed differently than expected. It is great to see how we used this crisis to develop more online content. I hope some of you enjoyed our recent online webinars. Due to the corona crisis I am working from home since March. Once per two weeks board members sent me task I can assist them with.

I really hope we will be able to meet each other face-to-face in the near future on one of our conferences. Our conferences will still be the center of what is going on at ECPYouth, even after the corona crisis. May the Lord bless you, your family and your country leaders with His guidance and wisdom.

3.4. Member Organizations' Annual Reports

Young Christian Democrats - YCD (Georgia)

Young Christian Democrats of Georgia started preparation for upcoming local elections very early, from September 2019. One year before elections.

8th of October organization had first big meeting with all members from different parts of Georgia.

YCD members together made a "Year Map". Which we usually do every year, then we are following the map. Making conferences, board meetings and different activates.

14-17 December was the first Regional Conference of the year. Topic was "Preparation for election and youth roll" Party leaders were involved in the conference and they were sharing their experience to the young generation.

Unfortunately Covid-19 stopped our plans. From February we couldn't gather and make any conferences but YCD actively started to make a Zoom Conferences. This was another opportunity for organization. During pandemic YCD organized 4 different Zoom conference with the attendance of 35 people. Different speakers with the different topics made a very interesting lectures for YCD Georgia.

17-20 June YCD with the help from ECPM and SGP made a first international conference. YCD members from different regions of Georgia gathered in Tbilisi. Topic of the conference was : "Workshop on DCFTA in a Post Corona Context and shifting to a Fully proportional Electoral System"

Christian Democratic Union of Youth - CDUY (Ukraine)

During the last year CDUY was involved in different volunteer projects, including providing help for orphanages, army and hospitals.

Among them: "Wednesdays in OHMATDYT"(the biggest children hospital in Ukraine). The aim of the project is to involve blood donors to donate blood for children who need it. Our members invite people to take part in this donation as much as support donors before, during and after the blood donation. The other project our members were involved in is Tabletochki Charity Fund <http://tabletochki.org/en> that provides help for children with blood cancer in Ukraine.

CDUY as well makes events for children in orphanages that include concerts, movies and theatres visits.

We also organize and take part in the events to help the army which defends our country from Russian aggression in the East of Ukraine.

In October 2020 we hope to have regional elections in Ukraine, and the CDUY takes active part in the election process.

SGP Youth (Netherlands)

Looking back on the past year, we are very grateful to God for the many blessings we received. SGP-Youth is, with more than 7000 members, a vital organization which stands for Christian values in the Dutch society. Before the corona epidemic, we had many activities, like debate events, political meetings, guest lessons on schools and conferences. Moreover, we voiced our opinion on several topics like migration, education and the rise of China in Dutch media. To give you an insight in our work, I collected some highlights from the past year.



Internal debate event

In order to sharpen our political core ideas, SGP-Youth strives for organizing two debate events a year, which aim to be for our members only. The themes are usually good subjects for discussion. In October, the rise of populism and a Christian view on populism was the topic of conversation. We invited Stefan Paas and Henk Jan Prosman, two politically engaged theologians with conflicting opinions about this topic, to present their perspective. We debated the call for nationalism, the influence of Christian culture and the political responsibilities of Christians.

SGP-Youth autumn congress

Our autumn congress was marked by two main components: our half-yearly General Assembly and a political conference about the need for rest in a burnout culture. During the GA, motions were discussed and new board members chosen. Arie Rijnveld, who acted as interim chairman, was chosen as chairman for the coming year. After the GA, several speakers discussed the causes and effects of

our burnout culture and the measures that could be taken to lift the burden of high expectations amongst youngsters and students.

Israel

International secretary Harm-Jan Rouwendal joined other ECPYouth members and representatives of other European political youth organizations in a weeklong visit to Israel in November. The Shema institute had arranged an interesting and insightful program. Without agreeing with everything that Israel does, we were strengthened in our vision that Israel deserves our support and voice in Dutch and European politics.



PYO-Parliament

The PYO-Parliament is a yearly debate event for Dutch Political Youth Organizations, held in the Dutch House of Representatives in The Hague. We joined again this year and negotiated with other parties and presented our plans during the plenary session.

Spring

After a successful new year event and several meetings SGP-Youth was also affected by the worldwide corona epidemic. The SGP-Youth Event, a two-year event where we invite well-known Dutch politicians like ministers, had to be postponed until December. Other events had to be cancelled but we also organized several online meetings. As committee International, we wrote a report about the New Silk Road, a Chinese project to connect the world with China to increase trade. We presented this report to the SGP representative in the Dutch parliament and had an online meeting with Bert Jan Ruissen, member of the European parliament to discuss the political effects of the New Silk Road. In June, we held an online GA in which two new board members were chosen. We hope to be able to continue our normal work and physical events after the summer, praying for blessing!



PerspectieF (Netherlands)

PerspectieF has enjoyed a year with several notable political successes. As a founding member of Coalition-Y, PerspectieF has brought about a landslide in the debate on student loans. Where, previously, a majority of Parliament opposed a system of student grants and favoured a system of loans, this has now changed. Most likely, this will result in the reintroduction of a system of student grants in the coming years.



Also, PerspectieF has made a significant contribution to the debate on the trade treaty CETA. Unfortunately, due to cabinet pressure, without the intended result of blocking the treaty. However, important commitments were made by the minister to meet the requirements of the ChristenUnie, of which PerspectieF was an important vocal part.

As representation in politics was one of our yearly themes, members of PerspectieF have developed classroom material to promote diverse representation in politics.



Of course, also PerspectieF has been impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic and the measures take to mitigate the impact of the virus. All our activities have successfully been moved online, resulting in several interesting online debates on migration, integration, and Coronabonds. Our final major event of this political season, the general assembly, was also online and could in parts be followed via YouTube. During this Assembly, PerspectieF has chosen its new executive committee, chaired by former executive international, Bina Chirino. Also, PerspectieF has selected its new yearly themes, being sustainable travel, innovative housing solutions and the inclusivity and diversity of our own organisation.

We look forward to an inspiring political year in which we will be able to participate in and contribute to the election campaign of the ChristenUnie, with elections being held in March 2021.

Academy for Integrity in Leadership

Total Budget for 2019 - **EUR 9,923.12**

Number of projects implemented - **2: Summer School 2019 and Policy and People**

Support for young leaders to improve their skills and capacities: The Global Leadership Summit

Total number of participants - **100 professional young Christian leaders from all over the country.**

Project 1: Summer School 2019

Academy for Integrity in Leadership organized the Summer School 2019 on the topic: Christian values in Democratic Governance. The Summer School was held in Vadul lui Voda on July 25 - 27, 2019. The project was supported financially by the SGP and ECPM.

The School was attended by 40 participants from various cities around the country: Chisinau, Balti, Cahul and Criuleni.

The main objective of the summer school was to provide advice and knowledge on Public Policy theories, concepts and methodologies and train young Christian leaders to apply the Judeo-Christian moral tradition to critical issues of public policy. The program also included diverse approaches, research methods, case studies, round table discussion and working group sessions. The Summer School tried to answer the following questions:

- Analytical approaches. How can Christian values shape governance and produce democratic policy change and innovation?

- Tools of policy innovation. What are the innovation tools in public policy formulation? Why Christian should set an example in being the best?
- Policy learning. How to design policies in order to generate change in society in line with Christian principles and views?

Session 1: Ethics and Public Policy

The first session was presented by Stanislav Ghiletschi - Executive Director of the Academy for Integrity in Leadership.

The session answered the following questions: What is ethics? What are ethical dilemmas? How can leaders solve ethical dilemmas? What are the techniques for ethical deliberations? What is the difference between the world's approach and Christian approach to dilemmas? The moral compass and moral vision versus economic needs and personal interests.

Session 2 - Nudge Power

The second session was presented by Eugen Ghiletschi - Economic analyst at one of the leading economic think tanks in Moldova Expert Group.

The session answered the following questions: What is nudging? Why government nudges motivate good citizen behavior. Is nudging a cost-effective way for governments to get their citizens to do the right thing? Do people like government nudges? Should government invest more in nudging? What would be good nudges for Moldova?

Guest speaker: Titus Corlatean

The first guest speaker was Titus Corlatean - A Christian member of the Romanian Parliament and a former Minister of Foreign Affairs. Mr. Corlatean shared the testimony of his life. The first part related to the struggles and challenges in his private life and how God used those to change and transform his life. The second part of his presentation related to his active role in the public life. Mr. Corlatean shared interesting details of how political deals happen and his interactions with other high level politicians. The presentation was followed by a very active Q&A session.

Session 3 - Panel discussion: Moldova's Europeanization in the context of the Western Cultural Revolution

Speakers:

Valeriu Ghiletschi - former deputy speaker of the Parliament, President of AIC

Maria van Oost - ECPM representative

Ghenadie Vaculovschi - journalist and former politician

The session was moderated by Lucia Hmelic, AIC board member.

The panel discussion presented the clash of values that the countries face on their path towards European Integration. For example, the condition for Moldova's Visa liberalization program with the EU, the Government had to adopt an anti discrimination law. The discussion answered the following questions:

- Is European integration the best way to transform our country?
- On the cultural-value level, what major challenges could Moldova face in the Integration process?
- Is there a risk of losing cultural identity and values in the process of adhering to EU values?

- Is there a risk of dilution of values and subsequently of moral decay? What would this decline look like?
- Is it possible to transform Moldova into the path of European Integration without paying the price of losing cultural and moral values?

Guest speaker: Adriaan Otte

The second guest speaker was Adriaan Otte. In the first part of the presentation, Adriaan described the political realities from the Netherlands. Most of the participants were surprised to learn that the Netherlands has a long tradition of Christian parties and Christian members of the Parliament and how Christian values still shape and influence public life.

In the second part, Adriaan described Christian leadership principles. Each principle was accompanied with concrete examples, that helped participants better understand how each principle is applied in our daily life, but also in the public arena. The presentation was followed by an exercise on ethical dilemmas. In groups, the participants had to decide how to solve an ethical dilemma and then had to justify why their selected solution is the best to solving the dilemma.

Project 2: Policy and People

The policy debate project was organized during November - December by the Academy for Integrity in Leadership (AIC) with the financial support of ECPM. AIC organized two policy discussions. The events had the format of an informal conversation with national and international public officials. The intent of the project was to broaden public understanding on a specific issue. Each topic was introduced by a guest speaker and then participants had a chance to debate and discuss. Topics chosen for the debate revolved around Christian leadership and politics. All discussions were held based on a strong conviction and awareness of the main Christian values and principles. The project was an opportunity to encourage an open dialogue, to interact with political factors from Moldova, as well as to meet Christian professional young people.

The policy debates were attended by 60 people from all over the country.

First policy dialogue discussed the Council of Europe Convention on preventing and combating violence against women. This Council of Europe instrument is designed to combat domestic violence and violence against women. However, despite well-intentioned objectives, the convention contains several flawed provisions. For example, the text of the convention, very subtle, refers to the gender ideology that contradicts the biological basis of man and woman, stating instead that gender is a sociological construction. In other words, the text states the position that any person can choose to be a man or a woman. During the event, the President of AIC, Valeriu Ghilețchi discussed and presented the risks of adopting this flawed legal instrument and what could be viable alternative solutions that would really reduce domestic violence.

The second policy debate featured Robert Sighiartau, a member of the Romanian Parliament and Secretary General of the National Liberal Party. Among other speakers of the policy debate were: Mrs. Constanța Belciug, President of Children's Emergency Relief International; Mr. Ion Groza, Member of the Parliament of the Republic of Moldova and Mr. Valeriu Ghilețchi, President of AIC and former Speaker of the Moldovan Parliament.

The policy debate brought together political and civic activists and graduates of the schools of the Academy for Leadership Integrity. The discussions addressed several questions that young Christians and professionals with political aspirations face, such as:

- Is it possible to define what equality, freedom and rights are when each social group has its own interpretations?
- Being left out more frequent when these topics are discussed, what actions should Christians take in order to be able to influence political processes?

The Global Leadership Summit

The Global Leadership Summit is a yearly event organized by the Willow Creek Community Church from Chicago. It represents an opportunity to access a wealth of leadership insight from a world-class faculty ready to equip and inspire Christians all over the world.

AIC strongly believes that when Christians grow in their leadership and use their influence for good, they can strengthen their relationships, maximize the impact of their church, business or organization, or ignite transformation in their community!

AIC financed the tickets of 4 young people and offered them the possibility to attend this great event held in Chisinau on 21-22 February 2020.

***jevp**

1. Member Assemblies

At the beginning of 2019 the *jevp joined its mother party (the EVP) in their festivities around the 100-year jubilee of the EVP Switzerland. The mother party celebrated the special year on the 9th of March 2019 on the Gurten mountain above the capital Bern. A few weeks later the *jevp held its first member assembly of the year on the 30th of March in Olten. The members discussed regular affairs and voted on the tabling of the tax reform and the financing of the national compensation funds regarding retirement provision (STAF).

On the first extraordinary member assembly of August 24th in Zürich the *jevp raised the discussion concerning an extension of the anti-racism penal bill. The present members also voted on the revision of the party's constitution. Elias Appius, Sarah Bach, and Rebecca Renfer were elected as new members of the *jevp's board. Samuel Hilty resumed his position to be the party's auditor for two executive years. Raphael Hählen withdrew from his position in October 2019 and handed the office of general secretary over to his successor Rebecca Renfer.

The second extraordinary member assembly of the year was held on November 24th in Bern. The members voted in favor of the popular petition demanding more affordable housing in Switzerland.

2. *jevp Board

During the year 2019 the board of the *jevp Switzerland met for six regular meetings and a staff-weekend. The *jevp Switzerland focused on the following affairs in 2019: The board revised the party's constitution and the regulations for the party's section, the board's tasks were discussed, revised, and newly allotted, different task forces working in the field of environment, social media, international affairs and collaboration, civilian service, and the revision of the compensation funds for retirement provision were built, and general tasks for board members were newly formulated and assigned.

The board was also freshly constituted in 2019. At the first extraordinary member assembly in March, the current co-presidents of the *jev, Uriel Seibert and Dominic Täubert, were voted into office. They replaced former president Claudia Schürch, who led the party for six consecutive years. Matthias Joss (August 2019) and Claudia Schürch (December 2019) resigned from their position as members of the board. The board won new members with Benjamin Zürcher (March 2019), Elias Appius (August 2019), Sarah Bach (August 2019) and Rebecca Renfer (October 2019).

3. National Elections 2019

The election in 2019 was a successful one for the mother party (EVP) as well as the *jev. The EVP won three seats in the National Council due to a voter turnout of 2,1%. The *jev had its own lists of candidates for the cantons of Aargau, Bern, Thurgau and Zürich, which added to the success in the percentage of the voter turnout of the mother party (EVP). The *jev voter turnout per canton lists as follows: Aargau 0,4% ; Bern 0,6% ; Thurgau 0,51%; and Zürich 0,34%. The strategy of investing in cantonal task forces, that work towards distributing the content and focus of our campaign, and that therefore engaged in local activities to promote our campaign, has proven to be effective.

4. Member statistics

	End of 2018	End of 2019
Members	426	482
Male	251	280
Female	175	202
25 years of age or younger	116	130

5. Thanks

We are grateful to the many helping hands and minds that have invested in our work and cause during the year 2019. Their financial support, their prayers, and the gift of their time, thoughts, and labor has been a rich blessing. With great joy and expectation we are looking forward to 2020.

Annex 4 - Selection Committee Report

4.1. Board's response to Selection Committee Report

This summer the term of five of ECPYouth's board members will end. The positions of Secretary, Treasurer & Lobby, Communication, Events and President will open up and we started a selection procedure for these vacancies. This left the Selection Committee with an immense task in finding new board members. We are very grateful for the work of the Selection Committee consisting of Ardjan Boersma (SPGJ, The Netherlands), Christoph Bössinger (*jevp, Switzerland) and Elina Foinska (CDUY, Ukraine). They delivered fantastic work in short time. In their first report they have made their recommendations for candidates for every vacant position. Only after the release of the report the proposed candidate for the position of Secretary withdrew his application. After conversations between the board, Selection Committee and candidates we found one candidate prepared to apply for two positions and the Selection Committee presented the board a new report. This gave us a complete list of candidates for every position, which we want to present to the General Assembly.

With this list of candidates we believe to have a great team to continue the work of ECPYouth. For the position of President we want to propose Dennis Fransen (Germany) and Klariska ten Napel (Perspectief, The Netherlands), for Secretary Giorgi Labadze (Georgia), for Treasurer Jan Henric van Vliet (Individual Member, The Netherlands), for Events Hanna Stretovych (CDUY, Ukraine) and for Communications Eduard Andreev (Individual Member, Moldova) and Giorgi Labadze (Georgia). For two positions we propose two candidates, naming President and Communications. We believe that for the President position both candidates are suitable and fully trust that the General Assembly will choose the best one. Giorgi Labadze initially applied for the position of Communications, but is also willing and looking forward to become ECPYouth's Secretary. The Selection Committee and the board believe he has capabilities to fulfill both positions well, that is why we propose him for both positions. We are looking forward for the General Assembly making their choice of new ECPYouth board members.

On behalf of the board,

Klariska ten Napel

4.2. Selection Committee Report - Summary

Sent separately

Annex 5 - Yearly theme proposals

1. *Perspectief*

On behalf of *Perspectief*, I propose the following yearly theme: sustainable international travel. As people in Europe are increasingly reluctant to travel by plane, given the obvious environmental impact thereof, politics needs to look towards alternative modes of transport as to ensure sustainable travel in the future. Recently, especially in Western Europe, this has resulted in proposals for mayor investments in international railroads. Others focus on increasing the density of the network of charging stations for electric cars. As European Christian Political Youth, we are well positioned to come up with relevant proposals which recognize the worth of nature as God's creation yet which also value the desire to travel abroad. Therefore, sustainable international travel is the best choice for EPCYouth's next year's yearly theme.

2. *SGPJ*

Theme proposal I: Family First

As Europe is secularizing, the traditional family of father, mother, and children is becoming less and less normative. We believe that the marriage between one man and one woman is the true foundation of a blossoming family, as is put forward in the Odessa Declaration. Since families are the cornerstone of a healthy society, we should make it a priority to promote Christian family values.

Theme proposal II: Priorities in the new reality of COVID-19

The Corona epidemic has and will have enormous consequences for the our societies. Many people suffer, both in terms of health and in terms of their economic and social position. The sobering economic outlook forces us to think about our priorities. What policy topics do we think are most important? Which people need help the most? How do we arrange help in the long term? How can our Christian world-view and traditions guide us in the new reality of COVID-19?

3. *Giorgi Labadze*

"Christian lives under threat - a worldwide challenge". I offer this topic as it is very problematic issue in Middle East, China and even in Turkey today, but their rights aren't properly protected.

Annex 6 - Resolutions

Resolution

Together with SGPJ, PerspectieF would like to submit the following resolution for discussion.

Resolution #: Against racism

Submitted by: PerspectieF and SGPJ (Member Organizations)

Topic: Statement against racism

The General Assembly of ECPYouth,

Noting that:

- George Floyd's death, added to the list of other examples of the use of excessive force and killings by police officers, has sparked massive demonstrations and protests against racism and police brutality all over the US, as well as around the globe, also in Europe;
- Numerous reports conclude that racism, especially institutional racism, is a significant problem in European countries, limiting those of colour, minority ethnicity, and minority backgrounds in their access to, among other things, jobs, housing, and making them more vulnerable to, among other things, violence;

Considering that:

- Every single human being has been created in the image and likeness of God, and as such has intrinsic value and the right to be respected, regardless colour, ethnicity, cultural background or any other identity marker;
- The Gospel is proclaimed over every single human being equally, regardless colour, ethnicity, cultural background or any other identity marker, implying the intrinsic value of every single human being, regardless colour, ethnicity, cultural background or any other identity marker;
- The Spirit has been poured out over people, regardless colour, ethnicity, cultural background or any other identity marker, implying the intrinsic value and potential of all, regardless colour, ethnicity, cultural background or any other identity marker;
- The Bible envisions multitudes from all over the earth before God's throne in the Heavens, implying the intrinsic value of all nations and peoples, regardless colour, ethnicity, cultural background or any other identity marker.
- As Christian political youth, we have a responsibility as role models to set a good example by explicitly denouncing racism and by, self-critically, striving for a political climate of inclusivity and mutual respect;

Calls upon the board or ECPYouth:

- To publicly denounce racism in all its forms, and against black people in particular, on behalf on the member organisations of ECPYouth;
- To investigate and report on how ECPYouth can further foster a political climate of inclusivity and mutual respect.