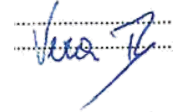
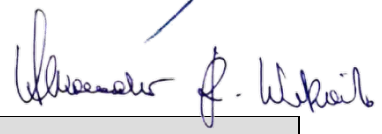


Minutes of the YEN Extraordinary General Assembly 2023



Minutes Takers: Alexander Wukovits and Vera Buranits (HAK)



<p>Time</p>		<p>Extraordinary General Assembly of YEN 2023</p> <p><i>Online, 6th May 2023, 9.30 am (CET)</i></p>
<p>9:30</p>	<p>1.</p>	<p>1. Opening of the General Assembly</p> <p>Welcome from Andor Barabás (YEN President). Dear delegates, I would like to officially welcome you to the YEN Extraordinary General Assembly 2023. Warm greetings to everyone present online and in Berlin. As you know, this General Assembly is taking place because at the regular GA last month in Oberwart, Austria, some delegates had to leave, and we didn't have the quorum anymore for reaching decisions and to vote.</p> <p>According to our Rules of Procedure, part K, point 1, paragraph c), "In the case of absence of more than half of the votes required, an extraordinary General Assembly, which constitutes a quorum in any case, shall be convened". This means, this General Assembly does not need a quorum for the votes. However, we will do a roll call to see which organisations are present. I am happy to see so many delegates here and I am sure that even without this rule, we would still constitute a majority quorum.</p> <p>Today, we have the following items on the agenda:</p> <p>Election of the position of Treasurer and Auditor Election of the Working Group Members Vote on the hosts of our future events</p> <p>This being said, I would now proceed with a few technical information for this GA.</p> <p>Interpretation</p> <p>The spoken language during the extraordinary GA will be English. Interpretation in German is not available today given the short time and technicalities for preparing this extraordinary GA. Therefore, I would like to ask those who will not understand something from the discussion points, to mention this in the chat and someone from the Office or Board will help with the translation. For those online, please make sure your name is visible in the zoom, with your name and the organisation that you are representing.</p> <p>Interventions</p> <p>We welcome every kind of intervention during the meeting and encourage you to ask questions. If you would like to contribute, please announce this in advance:</p>

If you're following the GA online, announce this please in the chat.

For those in Berlin, I would like to ask you to announce the chair of the meeting. As soon as the chair of the meeting gives you the floor, state your name, last name and organisation.

We are not recording the GA but we will take pictures, so if you don't want your picture we ask you to keep your video off or write to office@yeni.org to inform us about it.

Explanation of voting procedure

Every minority in a country, represented by an ordinary member, has 6 votes and if there are more organisations belonging to one minority, the 6 votes of the minority are spread among them.

The votes are all decided by simple majority, but the vote on accepting new members and elections of the Board is decided by absolute majority.

For the votes and elections, we propose to use a tool called Nemo Vote, both for those joining online and for those joining in person. As soon as the election leader opens a vote, every delegate with voting rights will receive an Email with the link to access the vote, the question of the vote and the answer options.

There will be automatically generated protocols of the voting.

Let us proceed to a voting test:

Voting test

We proceed to a voting test.

Please go to your inboxes, where you should receive the link for the vote. If you don't see the Email please check your spam folder.

Eva Schubert (YEN Secretary General): There was a problem with the voting links. Now we are still waiting for Kenstroll Breizh and South Tirol to vote.

The office suggest that we go on with the Roll Call.

Andor Barabás (YEN President): No one ist against the propositions. So we will go on we the Roll Call and NemoVote.

Test vote:

IS IT SUNNY WHERE YOU ARE?

Please enter a YES if you agree with the proposal, NO if you don't agree or ABSTENTION if you want to abstain. Please submit your vote.

The vote has ended.

We will post the results now.

The results are: **90 YES, 0 NO, and 0 ABSTENTIONS.**

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10:00	2.	<p>2. Establishing the Quorum – Roll Call.</p> <p>We now turn the attention to establish which organisations with voting rights are present at this GA.. This only applies to ordinary members.</p> <p>Which organisation delegated you to the GA?</p> <p>17 organisations signed up their delegation for this GA.</p> <p>Ordinary Members: 17</p> <table style="margin-left: 40px;"> <tr><td>1. KSŠŠD –</td><td>3 Votes</td></tr> <tr><td>2. MOSP –</td><td>6 Votes</td></tr> <tr><td>3. Mlada EL –</td><td>3 Votes</td></tr> <tr><td>4. SdU –</td><td>6 Votes</td></tr> <tr><td>5. FYK –</td><td>6 Votes</td></tr> <tr><td>6. HAK –</td><td>6 Votes</td></tr> <tr><td>7. SJR –</td><td>6 Votes</td></tr> <tr><td>8. Kenstroll Breizh –</td><td>6 Votes</td></tr> <tr><td>9. PAWK –</td><td>6 Votes</td></tr> <tr><td>10. ViFO –</td><td>6 Votes</td></tr> <tr><td>11. Junge Spitzen –</td><td>3Votes</td></tr> <tr><td>12. DJN –</td><td>3 Votes</td></tr> <tr><td>13. JdR –</td><td>6 Votes</td></tr> <tr><td>14. GiuRu –</td><td>6 Votes</td></tr> <tr><td>15. ADJ -</td><td>6 Votes</td></tr> <tr><td>16. CTArm -</td><td>6 Votes</td></tr> <tr><td>17. MIERT -</td><td>6 Votes</td></tr> </table> <p>Total votes possible are 144. For this Extraordinary GA we don't need a quorum according to the Rules of Procedure.</p> <p>Votes present: (90)</p> <p>Absolute majority: (46)</p> <p>$\frac{2}{3}$ majority: (60)</p>	1. KSŠŠD –	3 Votes	2. MOSP –	6 Votes	3. Mlada EL –	3 Votes	4. SdU –	6 Votes	5. FYK –	6 Votes	6. HAK –	6 Votes	7. SJR –	6 Votes	8. Kenstroll Breizh –	6 Votes	9. PAWK –	6 Votes	10. ViFO –	6 Votes	11. Junge Spitzen –	3Votes	12. DJN –	3 Votes	13. JdR –	6 Votes	14. GiuRu –	6 Votes	15. ADJ -	6 Votes	16. CTArm -	6 Votes	17. MIERT -	6 Votes
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10:10	3.	<p>3. Election of the Chair of the General Assembly</p> <p>Andor Barabás (YEN President): The next three votes will be based on recommendations of the Board considering the practicality of the further GA. I hope you understand.</p> <p>Election of Chair: The Board proposes Felicia Touvenot (Convenor for Member Integration) to chair the GA.</p>																																		

		<p>Are there other proposals? <i>(Wait a few seconds)</i></p> <p>We proceed to the voting point of the agenda.</p> <p>Vote:</p> <p>DO YOU AGREE WITH FELICIA TOUVENOT AS CHAIR OF THE EXTRAORDINARY GA2023?</p> <p>The vote has ended.</p> <p>The results are: 90 YES, 0 NO, and 0 ABSTAIN.</p> <p>The proposal has been adopted.</p> <p>Andor Barabás (YEN President): I will give the floor now to Felicia. Please remain in the voting app, we have 2 more votes to do.</p> <p>We proceed to the election of the minute takers.</p>
<p>10:15</p>	<p>4.</p>	<p>4. Election of Two Minute Takers of the General Assembly</p> <p>The Board proposes Vera Buranits and Alex Wukovits (both HAK) as the minute takers of the Extraordinary General Assembly 2023.</p> <p>Are there other proposals? <i>(Wait a few seconds)</i></p> <p>We proceed to the election.</p> <p>Please go to the voting app if you haven't done so.</p> <p>Vote:</p> <p>DO YOU AGREE WITH ALEXANDER WUKOVITS AND VERA BURANITS AS MINUTE TAKERS?</p> <p>Please validate your vote.</p> <p>The vote has ended.</p> <p>Please show the results.</p> <p>The results are: 90 YES, 0 NO, and 0 ABSTAIN.</p> <p>The proposal has been ADOPTED.</p> <p>Please go back to the zoom. Now we proceed through the agenda.</p>
<p>10:20</p>	<p>5.</p>	<p>5. Election of the Counters of Votes of the General Assembly</p> <p>Chair: We vote with the help of the NemoVote tool. The results will be shared with you after each vote. So we don't need vote counters, because</p>

		<p>we have a protocol after each vote.</p> <p>Our office staff will review the voting process using the NemoVote tool.</p> <p>Vote:</p> <p>DO YOU AGREE WITH THIS PROCEDURE?</p> <p>The vote has ended.</p> <p>The results are: 84 YES, 0 NO, and 6 ABSTAIN.</p> <p>The proposal has been ADOPTED.</p> <p>Now we proceed with the agenda.</p>
<p>10:25</p>	<p>6.</p>	<p>6. Adoption of the Agenda</p> <p>Are there any comments on the agenda? We open the floor for any comments.</p> <p>Andor Barabás (YEN President): There is point in the agenda/number 8. We don't need it on the agenda because it already happened in the council of Europe. It is already decided.</p> <p>I would like to add something before the Varia. I would like to give a Statement and Update to the Members regarding the decision on the last GA's vote "Should Andor Barabás as president of YEN continue to take part in the FUEN Presidium meetings under the regulations set up by the YEN Board".</p> <p>We proceed to the voting point of the agenda.</p> <p>Vote:</p> <p>DO YOU AGREE WITH ADOPTING THE PROPOSED AGENDA?</p> <p>Please place the vote. Please validate your vote.</p> <p>The vote has ended.</p> <p>The results are: 75 YES, 6 NO, and 9 ABSTAIN.</p> <p>The agenda has been ADOPTED.</p> <p>Now we proceed through the agenda.</p>
<p>10:30</p>	<p>7.</p>	<p>7. Adoption of the Minutes of the General Assembly 2023</p> <p>Chair: Are there any comments on the Minutes of the GA 2023? We open the floor to any comments.</p> <p>We proceed to the vote on the adoption of the minutes.</p>

		<p>Vote:</p> <p>DO YOU AGREE WITH THE ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2023?</p> <p>The vote has ended.</p> <p>The results are: 90 YES, 0 NO, and 0 ABSTAIN.</p> <p>The minutes of the General Assembly 2023 have been ADOPTED.</p> <p>We proceed with the agenda.</p>
8.		<p>15. Election of Treasurer and the Auditor</p> <p>Chair: The procedure of the elections is the following: First for each position, we will present the applications we received and ask the membership if there are other candidates. Afterwards the candidates get the chance to present themselves.</p> <p>When all the candidates have had a chance to present themselves, the GA will be invited to ask questions to the candidates. When the questions to all the positions have been answered, we will proceed to the voting of each position.</p> <p>15.1 Treasurer</p> <p>We have received 1 application for the position of Treasurer from Luka Olip from Mlada El.</p> <p>Would anyone else like to put forward the candidature?</p> <p>Luka Olip (Mlada El) shortly present yourself to the GA.</p> <p>Are there other people who would like to candidate as Treasurer? <i>(Give a few seconds.)</i></p> <p>Luka presents himself. He is very into finance and would like to support Yen with. He like to be in contact with the member organisation.</p> <p>Now, we would like to proceed with the possibility to ask questions to the candidates.</p> <p>We would now like to open the floor for any questions towards the candidates.</p> <p>15.2 Internal Auditor</p> <p>We have received one application for the position of an Auditor. Martina Jazbec, former Treasurer and member of DM+ will run for the position.</p> <p>Are there other people who would like to candidate as an Auditor?</p> <p>A short video presentation is shown from Martina.</p> <p>Are there any questions for the candidate?</p> <p>Alex Wukovits (YEN/HAK): HAK wants to express that HAK supports the candidature for both Luka and Martina. Also as a member of the YEN</p>

		<p>board he is looking forward to work with them.</p> <p>Roman Roblek (FUEN): 7 Years ago, he left the board of YEN. He is very happy that Luka candidated and he is very happy that Luka wants to take over this position and he supports him.</p> <p>Andor Barabás (YEN President): Is looking forward to work with Luka and happy for his candidature. Thanks to Roman for getting new people at Mlada EL. He is happy to be able to work in a completed board.</p> <p>We proceed to the elections of the Treasurer.</p> <p>Vote:</p> <p>ARE YOU IN FAVOUR OF ELECTING LUKA OLIP AS THE TREASURER OF YEN FOR THE REMAINING YEAR OF THE MANDAT 2022-2024?</p> <p>The vote has ended.</p> <p>Please show the results.</p> <p>The results are: 90 YES, 0 NO, and 0 ABSTAIN.</p> <p>Luka Olip has been elected as Treasurer.</p> <p>We proceed to the election of an Auditor.</p> <p>Vote:</p> <p>ARE YOU IN FAVOUR OF ELECTING MARTINA JAZBEC AS INTERNAL AUDITOR FOR THE MANDAT 2023-2025?</p> <p>The vote has ended.</p> <p>The results are: 78 YES, 6 NO, and 6 ABSTAIN.</p> <p>Martina Jazbec has been elected as an auditor.</p> <p>Congratulations to the newly elected Board. The new Treasurer and Internal Auditor or the mandate 2022-2024 are:</p> <p>. TREASURER: Luka Olip (Mlada EL)</p> <p>. AUDITOR: Martina Jazbec (DM+)</p>
<p>9.</p>		<p>16. Election of the Working Group Members</p> <p>Chair: The election of the working group members will be like the election of the board and the auditor. We have received several applications for the working groups. All candidates will have the opportunity to introduce themselves shortly for the Extraordinary General Assembly.</p>

Of course, it is also possible to nominate new candidates today. These can then also introduce themselves afterwards.

The candidates can introduce themselves briefly afterwards.

16.1 Election of the WG Communication

We have 5 applications for this working group.

- Nantke Toben (SdU)
- Polina Wolkowa (JDR)
- Andjelo Pavloski (VYCM)
- Jakob Schäfer (PAWK)
- Stine Korff (Junge SPitzen)

Are there more people who would like to put forward their candidature?

All candidates are asked to present themselves in a short sentence.

16.2 Election of WG Member Integration

We have received 10 applications for this Working Group.

- Olesia Vdovina (JDR)
- Mojca Petaros (MOSP)
- Linea Kopf (SdU)
- Clara Carstensen (SdU)
- Petra Strejcek (PAWK support)
- Martina Jazbec (DM+)
- Filip Jan Buder (PAWK)
- Leah Rajchlin (supported by PAWK)
- Ema Šimala (supported by PAWK)
- Aaron Clwyd (supported by PAWK)

Would anyone else like to put forward their candidature?

All candidates are asked to present themselves in a short sentence.

Eva Schubert (YEN Secretary General): As there are 10 people wanting to candidate for the WG MI, we would need to vote on people individually if there is another candidature.

Leah Rajchlin presents herself. She is Jewish and not a member of a MO but is very much interested in minority topics.

Linea Kopf (SdU) presents herself. She was part of the board and wants to still be a part of YEN.

16.3 Election of WG Minority Rights and Politics

We have received 3 applications for this working group.

	<p>Helena Lupinc (DM+) Lea Vouk (KSSSD) Katharina Kley (Junge SPitzen)</p> <p>Are there more people who would like to put forward their candidature?</p> <p><i>All candidates are asked to present themselves in a short sentence.</i></p> <p><i>Lea Vouk (KŠŠŠD) introduces herself. She is looking forward to joining the Working group for minority rights and politics.</i></p> <p>Are there any questions for the candidates? Please raise them now.</p> <p>If the number of candidates for a WG are under 10, we are voting on them as a group, and not the individual candidates according to the RoP.</p> <p>We go to the vote.</p> <p>First of all, we vote on the Working Group for communication. Here once again the names of the candidates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Nantke Toben (SdU)- Polina Wolkowa (JDR)- Andjelo Pavloski (VYCM)- Jakob Schäfer (PAWK)- Stine Korff (Junge SPitzen) <p>Vote:</p> <p>ARE YOU IN FAVOUR OF ELECTING THE PROPOSED MEMBERS OF THE WORKING GROUP FOR COMMUNICATION?</p> <p>The vote has ended.</p> <p>The results are: 90 YES, 0 NO, 0 ABSTENTIONS.</p> <p>The proposed Working Group Members are elected.</p> <p>Next, we will vote on the Working Group members of the WG Member Integration. Here are the names again as a reminder:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Olesia Vdovina (JDR)- Mojca Petaros (MOSP)- Linea Kopf (SdU)- Clara Carstensen (SdU)- Petra Strejcek (PAWK support)- Martina Jazbec (DM+)- Filip Jan Buder (PAWK)- Leah Rajchlin (supported by PAWK)- Ema Šimala (supported by PAWK)- Aaron Clwyd (supported by PAWK) <p>Vote:</p> <p>ARE YOU IN FAVOUR OF ELECTING THE PROPOSED MEMBERS OF THE WORKING GROUP FOR MEMBER INTEGRATION?</p>
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		<p>The vote has ended. The results are: 90 YES, 0 NO, 0 ABSTENTIONS. The proposed Working Group Members are elected.</p> <p>Chai: Next we vote on the Working Group members for Minority Rights and Politics. Here are the names again as a reminder:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Helena Lupinc (DM+) - Lea Vouk (KŠŠŠD) - Katharina Kley (Junge SPitzen) <p>Vote:</p> <p>ARE YOU IN FAVOUR OF ELECTING THE PROPOSED MEMBERS OF THE WORKING GROUP FOR MINORITY RIGHTS AND POLITICS?</p> <p>The vote has ended. The results are: 90 YES, 0 NO, 0 ABSTENTIONS. The proposed Working Group Members are elected. Congratulations to the newly elected members of the working groups. Please go back to Zoom. We proceed to the next point of the agenda, candidatures for the events 2023/2024.</p>
<p>10.</p>		<p>17. Events 2024/2025</p> <p>Due to our 40th Anniversary we won't have a Diversity Festival in 2024, as we are planning other festivities in the summer to celebrate it. Furthermore, there will not be a Kick-Off Seminar 2024, even though we voted on GiuRu to host it at last year's GA. The reason for this is, that Easter is very early, and it is not possible to prepare to Seminars that close to each other. We were in contact with GiuRu about this issue, and they are okay with it.</p> <p>17.1 Presentation of Candidatures for Easter Seminar 2024</p> <p>Are there interested Member Organisations? (We give the floor to the representative of PAWK).</p> <p>Jakob Schäfer from PAWK presents the candidature for Easter Seminar 2024. They propose to have it in Bautzen in Lusatia/Germany and show impressions from the region and Sorbian traditions. A further idea is presented for the excursion day to show the coal mining sites nearby, which is a big problem in their region.</p> <p>17.2 Presentation of Candidatures for Autumn Seminar 2024</p> <p>Are there interested Member Organisations? – there are no candidates</p>

		<p>17.3 Presentation of Candidatures for Kick Off Seminar 2025 Are there interested Member Organisations? – there are no candidates</p> <p>17.4 Vote on the Presented Candidatures</p> <p>We proceed to the voting.</p> <p>Vote: ARE YOU IN FAVOUR OF PAWK AS HOST OF EASTER SEMINAR 2024?</p> <p>The vote has ended. The results are: 90 YES, 0 NO, and 0 ABSTAIN. Pawk has been elected as the hosts for the Easter Seminar 2024.</p> <p>Chair: Because we couldn't vote on a host for the Autumn Seminar 2024, there is the possibility to give the power to vote on the host for the seminar to the board of YEN. The consequence of this would otherwise be, that we cannot have an Autumn seminar.</p> <p>Vote: ARE YOU IN FAVOUR OF GIVING THE YEN-BOARD THE POWER TO VOTE ON THE HOST ON THE AUTUM SEMINAR 2024?</p> <p>The vote has ended. The results are: 84 YES, 0 NO, and 6 ABSTAIN. The YEN-board gets the power to vote on the host of the Autumn seminar 2024.</p> <p>The chair proposes to move the vote on the hosts of the Kick Off 2025 to the General Assembly 2024, there is no contradiction to this proposal. The voting on the Host of the Kick Off 2025 is postponed to the General Assembly 2024.</p> <p>Chair: Congratulations to the elected hosts. The hosts for 2024/2025 events are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Easter Seminar 2024: PAWK - Autumn Seminar 2024: The YEN board can decide on the host - Kick-Off Seminar 2025: Voting postponed to GA 2024 <p>With this we have ended the voting for today. We proceed to the last two points of the General Assembly.</p>
11.		<p>11. FUEN-YEN relations</p> <p>Chair reads out Andor Barabás' (YEN President) written statement. See appendix</p>

	<p>Andor Barabás' (YEN President) The decision of the last General Assembly is isolating us. Andor proposes to discuss this issue.</p> <p>Eva Schubert (YEN Secretary General) informs the people present that comments can also be made in German and that she will summarise and translate the German comments in English.</p> <p>Laszlo Szepessy (MIERT): He is right now in South Africa. He heard about this and would like to share his thoughts. He is new in the community. The goal of Yen is that everything functions well. It is important that the current president and future president represent the members, expand the influence and impact on our organisation and society. He knows about the working relation of Andor and Loránt Vincenz (FUEN) and he thinks that we should use this to influence FUEN.</p> <p>Jakob Schäfer (PAWK): Finds it a pity that it is being discussed and voted on again, against our integrity. And that everyone understood everything at the last GA as it was discussed at length. Good to have a break between FUEN and YEN and see what we as YEN want.</p> <p>Ydwine Scarse (FYK): Hasty and inconclusive is against the whole course how it all started, very undemocratic that we didn't receive this in advanced and that it is sneaky that the members didn't know this discussion would be opened again. She supports Jakob's statement that it is against the decision on the last GA.</p> <p>Nelli Artes (JDR): It has already been said in the last GA that we have not found a solution and that it is important that we have a voice in the FUEN. If we don't give the vote to Andor, we lose the vote in the FUEN. and that shows that we don't have confidence in Andor. Andor is doing quite well. and we just need to discuss how to move forward.</p> <p>Eva Schubert (YEN Secretary General): The decision was in the minutes that were sent out.</p> <p>Sophie Hajszan (HAK): Agrees with Jakob and Ydwine and that we should respect the decision made at the last GA, and that the wording is deceiving.</p> <p>Lea Vouk (KSŠŠD): She has the feeling that the members who were at the GA knew what they were voting on. Lea speaks from her expertise as a lawyer: She thinks that how the statement is framed is too black and white and that is very problematic. She says that we must distinguish between a voting and a consulting right in the FUEN board and that those are different things. And that we let someone vote who appears to be biased is a different thing from the concept that someone is there for giving input on youth related topics. In general, she doesn't know what Andor's</p>
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	<p>work relationship looks like but thinks that in most cases if there is the appearance that someone is biased then they are unfit to represent an organisation. That is just an international standard that should be followed from a professional point of view.</p> <p>Tanja Rainer (SJR): We should be careful that we are not completely away from FUEN because FUEN also deals with minorities. And if we weaken each other, they don't think that's okay because we are also representatives of minorities. Therefore, we should think carefully about how best to proceed and weigh up at the next seminar what the relationship with FUEN should look like in the future. Tanja asks the question: How problematic is it for us if we are no longer represented in FUEN? We are the future and should not split.</p> <p>Eva Schubert (YEN Secretary General): YEN did not decide to leave the FUEN (last GA). Andor's statement: It is only about Andor as a current president and not about future presidents.</p> <p>Alex Wukovits (HAK/YEN): From his perspective as a board member: The board was surprised by the outcome of the vote at the GA and did not expect it to happen in this way. He says that criticism is important at such assemblies, also here now and that there needs to be an open discussion about all of this. He finds it questionable to reproach the delegates of the last GA for not having thought about their election decision, as there was a big discussion there. He thinks that it is important to acknowledge how the voting decision went and that it would be important to talk about this matter in person at a YEN event where there is also more time to think about this. Alex admits that the statement was not fleshed out as clearly as it probably should have been but that this is simply due to the time constraint at the GA. Nevertheless, he thinks that the statement is still something that everybody voted on and that the decision that was made by the delegates should be respected.</p> <p>Lea Vouk (KSŠŠD): (statement in the comments) One should have a right to consult in the FUEN, but not to vote if there is an appearance of bias (for English-speakers: I just repeated what I said in German because I think some people did not understand)</p> <p>Ydwine Scarse (FYK): She is missing the information of what steps the board has taken since then and how the board has informed FUEN on the decision which was made at the GA in April. She also asks: Were there no steps taken to try to overturn this decision?</p> <p>Andor Barabás (YEN President): He says that he used the word 'hasty' because it became clear to him after discussions with MOs and delegates that were present. Andor says that he did not use the word to undermine the GA or to say something against the delegates. He does not propose a vote now, he just wants to make sure that everybody knows about the consequences and wants to raise the issues that came up because of the vote. He asks the extraordinary GA for a reconsideration and to have a</p>
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	<p>discussion, because sometimes impacts of a decision cannot be measured right away. After he communicated the decision of the GA Andor received feedback and questions about why he should not be part of the FUEN presidium or participate in the meetings.</p> <p>If we still came up with the statement, it's difficult for YEN's external partners to follow this. Why are we pulling the YEN president back from the FUEN presidium meetings if we have these two objectives?</p> <p>The measure that the GA has taken - it's a lot more than it should have been in this regard. If this working relationship is seen critically, we could find measures to mitigate the working relationship but not to have a decision that is pulling the YEN president completely out from the FUEN meetings. And I still find it important in the future/in the next few months there are many decisions to be taken in the FUEN presidium that were also read out by Felicia. We will not be there - that is something that nobody has thought about or very little because we talk about time now - that it was done quickly.</p> <p>At the GA, PAWK made it clear to take back the request to pull Andor out from the FUEN presidium meeting. So that is why we are having these discussions today, Andor is asking for reconsideration of the vote and that everybody should think about it.</p> <p>Jakob Schäfer (PAWK): He suggests that, for example, the position in the presidium could also be left in abeyance for a year. Jakob says that if we come to the decision that we will vote on it again, it would be a huge damage to our image; not only for the general assembly but also for YEN, as it shows that we could not stand by our decisions and that we would have to correct them. One must also consider the external impact that this could have on FUEN, but also on FUEN's members and partners. Jakob emphasises that there is full confidence in Andor, but that the working relationship with Loránt Vincze must be viewed critically. In other companies, employment relationships are also critically questioned, and consequences are drawn from this. In this case, too, consequences should be drawn. Jakob says that it is not about Andor personally, but about the position of the FUEN President and that the YEN President has a working relationship with the FUEN President. In general, he says about the current debate: 'Only goulash tastes reheated'.</p> <p>Christoph Graf (PAWK/YEN): He says that FUEN is informed regarding this decision. For further steps there is no unanimous decision of the board, also with respect to the newly elected board members. Christoph states that the board is still in the process of deciding on how to go on with this topic. He thinks that this discussion can still be held today.</p> <p>Eva (YEN Secretary General): She states that FUEN has been informed about this topic. There has not been any wider communication because the YEN board and office thought there is still a need to discuss possible future steps, also on how to continue this. This discussion was not planned by the YEN board, which is why it was not on the agenda. It was a spontaneous decision by Andor to ask to include this topic.</p>
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Linea Kopf (SdU): Linea addresses Ydwine's question on what the further steps were and how the board proceeded. She says that at the GA it was decided that it is kind of a loose statement and there are no concrete actions on that topic yet because the discussion did not go further. She also adds that it was only a month ago and is still a process. She is not a part of the board anymore, but she followed the discussion and can say that there is not yet a decision from the board.

Ydwine Scarse (FYK): She thanks the board for answering. Ydwine asks if she understood correctly that the new statement was thrown out by Andor and Andor alone and that it was not discussed with the board before and therefore was also not shared with the MOs. She asks Andor what he wants to achieve with this statement.

Andor Barabás (YEN President): He thinks that the new statement makes it clear that it is important for YEN to be part of the FUEN presidium meetings especially in the coming months as there are a lot of important decisions to be made. He is happy that at the last GA it was at least possible to come up with two points: that there is a need to change the statutes of FUEN to also allow other board members to be part of the presidium meetings.

He wants: that everybody knows that if we are not present at the FUEN presidium meetings it will be difficult to lobby for statute changes. He also wants to make it clear that he is ready to do as the GA wants. If the GA gives him the power to say something against the FUEN decisions he is up for the task regardless of the working relationship. He does not see a problem in this. The board said in its statement in December that he can separate his working relationship from his volunteering one. In Andor's opinion what went bad at the last GA is that some delegates or MOs did not clearly understand the fact that he is there to talk about their concerns and talk about their problems. He is willing to do it and does not want the delegates to feel bad or to insult anyone. Andor wants to expose the problems that he thought of. This happened mainly this week, that is also why the read statement was not given to everybody before the extraordinary GA. He thinks that it is his duty as president to talk about this and he knows that in the board there is no consensus on this issue. That is also the reason why he wanted to open this debate for everybody to know, to express his thoughts on the issue and to have a better communication with the delegates and the MOs. Andor also expresses that he is ready to say what the MOs want him to say. He warns that if we as YEN take this break in the FUEN presidium until his mandate is finished, we will miss out on many opportunities that we could get from presidium meetings and he also says that he does not approve of this circumstance.

Chair: Christoph, Linea and Eva already made the points and answered questions coming from the delegates. Felicia proposed to Andor to read this statement in his name, because of everything that is regarding personal involvement and confusion in this discussion. Felicia thinks it is important to look into the future and focus on YEN's goals. She thinks it is important to strengthen YEN from within and keep having discussions. Felicia states that Andor is always willing to have the feedback from the member organisations. She thinks that we have to work on our own

		<p>network and that we should bring our discussions further and be specific about our demands. To FUEN, Felicia thinks YEN should make it clear what the organisation wants, to also achieve the change.</p> <p>Ydwine Scarse (FYK): She says that it is quite shocking to hear that these are decisions and statements from Andor alone. She advises to listen to the MOs and discuss fairly and openly, but also listen to the other board members, because it is shocking to hear that their opinion was not heard. She also asks why this discussion was opened again.</p> <p>Christoph Graf (PAWK): This discussion is open again because the board is also struggling with this decision and is in the moment looking for the right path. In general, the relations between YEN and FUEN, also in recent years, were always a discussion. It is not a completely new topic.</p> <p>Andor Barabás (YEN President): He thinks it is okay to have these discussions. The board is struggling with this decision. His main concern is that the YEN voice will not be present in FUEN presidium meetings, especially the fact that there will be many events happening in the future which we will not get the information from. In this regard Andor does not know how YEN can move forward with the statute changes if there is nobody there to communicate these demands. He thinks that YEN will be seen as an outsider. Andor states that if he does not have the trust to be part of the presidium meetings, the presidium won't have the trust to listen to him. The lobbying work for the relationship and the statute changes will not be done by Andor, which he thinks is a pity. All the work will fall on the other board members. He will of course give input and important information if needed. He wanted to have this discussion to make his opinion clear. He thinks that reconsidering a decision should never be seen as a weakness and that it is good to think about and evaluate decisions. He thanks everybody for the discussions. The next FUEN presidium meeting will be on May 22, that has been announced just the day before this Ex-GA. Andor will inform the FUEN presidium about this decision. He wants to highlight that participating in the FUEN presidium is confirmed by YEN's Rules of procedure and that is why the vote from the GA is also questionable in that aspect.</p> <p>Eva Schubert (YEN Secretary General): She wants to restate Felicia's point that it is important to look forward. Eva thinks that good things can come out of this discussion, e.g. the board gets some clarity on how to continue, because it has been difficult to figure out the next steps. She says that wanting to respect the decisions of the GA but then also finding steps to go further is something we can take out of this discussion. Eva says that everybody has to acknowledge that the board is also new and it is not the easiest time to directly take new steps and decisions.</p> <p>Laszlo Szepessy (MIERT): He says that in a democratic organisation it is important to open a discussion if there is a topic raised by someone, that is also why we are here. He heard a lot of arguments from both sides. Laszlo states that he thinks at this time of the discussion we can vote again to see what delegates think of this issue. He also thinks that it would be</p>
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	<p>important to show that YEN has power, that we should increase our influence in FUEN. With the next meeting coming soon, this would be an important opportunity, so Laszlo.</p> <p>Andor Barabás (YEN President): He wants to highlight the aspect that the right of the YEN president to take part in the FUEN presidium is confirmed by YEN's Rules of Procedure and therefore the YEN GA cannot decide that the president cannot participate in FUEN meetings because firstly the RoP should be amended so that the GA receives the power to revoke this right from the YEN president. Andor says the statutes and the RoP are the base of our organisation and that if you see it from this perspective the vote from the last GA was against the RoP. He states that he wants to take note of the discussions and that he presented a lot of things. Andor proposes that we should dedicate time at the next seminars to talk with FUEN to have better communication on this topic.</p> <p>Chair: She says that this is how YEN will move on and states that more discussions will be needed to know how the relation to FUEN should look like in the future.</p> <p>Andor Barabás (YEN President): He does not think that it is necessary to have a vote on this and states that he thinks we enjoyed the discussions that we had. He says that it was also good input for the board to see how to move forward and this was just here so that he could express his opinion and to see what future steps can be taken.</p> <p>Eva Schubert (YEN Secretary General): She summarises the discussion for the YEN board to take to the next meeting: The YEN board will make a strategy on how they will lobby for the statute changes at the next FUEN congress in autumn, so that not only the president can be part of the FUEN presidium but also other board members - to avoid future situations like this. The board will also discuss future steps on how they want to continue keeping up the relation with FUEN in general and also taking input from discussions that will be held at the next seminars to FUEN.</p> <p>Andor will take part at the next FUEN presidium meeting to take these decisions to the FUEN presidium and communicate the recent developments.</p> <p>Ydwine Scarse (FYK): She asks that if she correctly understood that even if the GA states that he should not take part he will still attend the FUEN meeting. She does not think that this is in line with the decision made at the GA.</p> <p>Andor: He states he will respect the decision and only attend to communicate the decisions and inform the FUEN presidium members about the discussions.</p> <p>Ydwine raises that he also should not participate as this is not in line with</p>
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		<p>the GA decision.</p> <p>Eva: She says that Andor will be at the next FUEN meeting to inform about the decision and then not take part in the rest of the meeting. Andor confirms this.</p> <p>Felicia thanks for the participation and the contributions and closes the discussion.</p>
	<p>12.</p>	<p>12. Varia</p> <p>We have reached the end of this online extraordinary GA. Would anyone like to speak for questions or comments?</p> <p>Ydwine Scarse (FYK) asks for an update as soon as possible on how the presidium meeting went and that the MO's will be informed.</p> <p>Chair informs that the board will inform everyone ASAP.</p> <p>People thank the board.</p> <p>Alex Wukovits (YEN/HAK) informs that we will take a group picture. If one does not wish to be present, please turn off the camera.</p> <p>A group picture was taken.</p>
	<p>13.</p>	<p>13. Closing of the Extraordinary General Assembly.</p> <p>Herewith we officially close the online extraordinary GA 2023.</p> <p>We would like to thank all delegates for joining and invite you to follow our events this year and our social media channels.</p> <p>Thank you for your patience and participation, and we hope to see you again very soon.</p>

Statement of Andor Barabás (president of YEN) on the YEN-FUEN relations made during YEN's extraordinary General Assembly 06th May 2023.

In the interest of YEN and on behalf of Andor, the chair of the General Assembly (and member of the YEN Board Felicia Touvenot) reads out a statement by Andor Barabás, referring to the statement that we came up with at the General Assembly on the 6th of April and on some facts regarding to the final vote.

To sum it up, the statement sees the working relationship between Lorant Vincze and Andor Barabás as critical and also identifies two clear goals :

1) to change the FUEN statutes, so that other YEN Board Members can take part in the FUEN Presidium;

And 2) to take time to rethink the relationship with FUEN.

However, the vote we made at the GA removes our decisional power in FUEN's Presidium which makes it harder to reach these goals and to express our concerns.

It was a hasty decisions that can have a negative impact on the future of our organization, which even next YEN Presidents will have difficulties to restore. This decision leaves us without a voice in the FUEN Presidium and without the ability to express our concerns regarding projects and events that FUEN will organize until March 2024. This includes the FUEN Congress, future decisions on the Minority SafePack Initiative, Europeada football championship and many other European and regional activities. This is clearly not optimal for YEN. We want to make our voices heard and to take part in the decision making to ensure that the young people from minorities are considered in every activity and future steps.

A lot of things are included and being mixed up into this vote. We should first strengthen our own organisation and lead more discussions among each other before taking decisions to be really specific and focused in the expression of our wills and concerns as youth organisation and to make things change outside of YEN.

The final discussions and vote were made quite fast and regarding to some feedbacks we had, it seems that not everybody was conscious about the vote that was made.

+ We did recognise in December (through a letter sent by the Board) that Andor represents our interests independently as president of YEN in the FUEN Board regardless his work life and we still think that it is the case.

We need to remember that YEN is a youth organization, and it is our duty to make sure that our voice is heard. If we do not have a seat at the table, we cannot ensure that our interests and concerns are taken into account.

Since we would like to move forward, many of us think that a few proposals are necessary:

- For him to continue attending the FUEN Presidium meetings until the end of his mandate;

- As the YEN Board proposed at the last general assembly, his decisions in the FUEN Presidium will be taken only after thorough consultation of the YEN Board Members and organisations concerned;
- As it was made clear in the statement of the GA, he will lobby for the statute changes in the FUEN, so that other YEN Board Members can join the Presidium and to avoid future situations like this;
- Ask for multiple meetings between YEN Board and FUEN Presidium to address the issues we didn't like in the FUEN development in the past months;
- Dedicate time at the next two YEN seminars to talk with MOs to see what they expect from FUEN in order to rethink this relationship in a proper manner.