



## **General Assembly**

**Agenda and Supporting Documents**

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*Keep loving and serving Jesus.*

*I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.*

Philippians 4:13

## Agenda General Assembly 2018

21 July 2018, Wrocław, Poland

### **1. Opening and Welcome (09.30 local time)**

#### **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 2018 and Minutes GA February 2018 (see Annex 2)**

#### **4.1. Presentation Annual Report 2017-2018 (see Annex 3)**

By ECPYouth President Erik-Jan Hakvoort.

#### **4.2. Q&A**

#### **4.3. \* Vote Membership Fee 2019 (see Annex 3.7)**

#### **5.1 Presentation Country and Organisation Reports (see Annex 3)**

By the representatives

#### **5.2 Q&A**

#### **6.1 Q&A Statutes**

By ECPYouth General Secretary Floris Wagenaar

#### **6.2 \* Vote Revised ECPYouth Statutes**

*Short break (11.30 – 12.00)*

#### **7.1 Presentation Report Selection Commission (see Annex 5)**

By the Selection Commission and ECPYouth President Erik-Jan Hakvoort

#### **7.2 Presentations Candidate Board Members**

#### **7.3 Q&A**

#### **7.4 \* Election Board Members**

#### **8.1 Farewell Lizzie Francis**

#### **8.2 Farewell Gabriela Urbanova**

By ECPYouth President Erik-Jan Hakvoort.

#### **8.3 Farewell Erik-Jan Hakvoort**

By ECPYouth General Secretary Floris Wagenaar.

#### **9.1 Looking back to previous Resolutions**

By ECPYouth President Erik-Jan Hakvoort.

#### **9.2 \*\* Resolutions Members Organisations, Associates and working groups (see Annex 4)**

*Lunch (14.00 – 15.00)*

### **10 Workshop and vote on new political annual topic**

### **11 Any Other Business**

**End of the General Assembly (17.30 local time)**

## 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 procedure election Board Members**

The election of new Board Members will be by a secret ballot.

### **Voting commission**

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

### **Voting weight**

Statutes article 17.4-17.7 say:

4. In the General Assembly, the division of votes is as follows:
  - a) Member Organisations in terms of article 4.a have three votes;
  - b) Individual Members in terms of article 4.b have one vote;
  - c) Associated bodies in terms of article 5.1, have one vote 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 in terms of article 4 may cast his vote only through a representative having power of attorney to the satisfaction of the chairman of the meeting.
7. Board members representing a member in terms of article 4 sub a should aim to mandate another person to represent this organisation and vote on behalf of this organization at the General Assemblies.

## Annex 2 – Minutes General Assembly February 2018

3 February 2018, The Hague, The Netherlands

### Present

**For the ECPYouth Board:** Erik-Jan Hakvoort (EH), Dima Bluashvili (DB), Gabika Urbanova (GU), Ardjan Boersma (AB), Lizzie Francis (LF), Blazej Duber (BD)

**ECPYouth General Secretary:** Floris Waagner (FW)

### For the Member Organisations / Individual Members:

Alexandru Repida (AR) – PPCD New Generation, Moldova  
Klariska ten Napel (KtN); PerspectieF, the Netherlands  
Hans van't Land (HvL) - SGP Youth, the Netherlands  
Giorgi Papelishvili (GP) - YDC, Georgia  
Anatoliy Aleksandrov (AA)– DDF, Ukraine  
Hanna Stretovych (HS) – CDUY, Ukraine  
Wiktor Szklovz (WS) – Civic Platform (individual member), Poland

### Other Visitors

Joy ter Welle (JtW) – PerspectieF, the Netherlands  
Margreet Oele (MO) - PerspectieF, the Netherlands  
Anil Kumar (AK) – PerspectieF, the Netherlands  
Gijsbert Steenbeek (GS) – PerspectieF, the Netherlands  
Joel Visser (JK) – PerspectieF, the Netherlands  
Margreet Oele (MO) – PerspectieF, the Netherlands  
Maksim Hacek (MH) - BCD/ Working Group Politics, Belarus  
Lefteris Kalotevakis (LK) - ECPM, Financial Audit Commission  
Erwin de Pagter (EdP) – PerspectieF, the Netherlands  
Marek Stefan (MS) – Young Republic Foundation, Poland  
Pawel Kowicz (PK) - Young Republic Foundation, Poland  
Evamaria Kallistinen (EK) – Finnish Christian Democrats, Finland  
George Taktakishvili (GT) – YCD, Georgia  
Levi Vekschoof (LV) – SGP Youth, the Netherlands  
Walter Jordaan (WJ) – SGP Youth, the Netherlands  
Lisca van der Ejik (LE) – CU FICDD, the Netherlands  
Jan Henric van Vliet (JHV) – Working Group Politics, the Netherlands

### Absent

PCD Youth, France  
\*Jevp, Switzerland

## 1. Opening and Welcome

EH: *Opening reflection on Daniel and King Darius, and the examples for us as young politicians.*

EH: I gave you all a booklet containing our Agenda for the morning. I apologise for the inconvenience this morning with the venue, and this explains why we are running behind schedule.

The meeting is open for everyone to participate. Please state your name if you would like to contribute.

### 2.1. Announcements and Voting Procedure

EH: Dima, please provide the voting cards to the member organisations and the individual members.

### 2.2. Appointment Voting Commission

EH: Who is willing to be in the voting commission?

*GS and JV are appointed.*

## 3. Accepting Agenda of General Assembly (GA) February 2018 and minutes GA July 2017

EH: I will read the page numbers of the minutes from the previous GA and I would like you to make any comments if you have amendments.

HS: CDUY was a member organisation, and so Alina Koval was not an individual member.

*Point noted*

HvL: I have a question on new member organisations as stated in the minutes. Has there been any progress with expansion since last July?

BD: Yes. We are having our ISS in Poland this year, and we have representatives here from Poland (2 are represented from Wrocław today). We are not in the position to have a member organisation from Poland at the moment, but we are working on expanding our individual member base.

DB: I will also update the room about the Hungary conference that I attended, and there is a group that is applying for membership with us at the moment. This group will hopefully be present with us at the ISS, and at the next GA.

EH: Page 7.

KtN: The spelling of PerspectiveF is wrong a few times.

*Point noted*

EH: Page 12.



LE: Anil and I very much enjoyed the addition of *[laughter]* to the minutes.

EH: Do we all accept the minutes?

*Vote – minutes accepted.*

*[Applause]*

#### **4.1. Presentation of Financial Report 2017 and Budget 2018**

EH: I would like to thank Floris and our accountant, Hank, for preparing the financial records within a short time frame.

FW: Please turn to the finances in Annex 3 of the Agenda. As General Secretary, I reimburse costs and I am accountable to Hank who is accountable for the finances at ECPM. Hank assists us by reconciling accounts and providing the figures we have provided to you in Annex 3. To verify this ourselves, we appointed a Financial Audit Commission (composed of JV and LK).

LK: I would like to thank you all for your vote of confidence in giving a Greek national the opportunity to verify your accounts.

*[Politically correct laughter]*

LK: For an overview of our findings, please see the profit and loss account sheet.

FW: Our membership fees from the past year are lacking at the moment, since we did not send the invoices in time last year. We are looking into this to hopefully resolve it. We also noted other discrepancies in the accounts due to the category of ‘Board expenses’ and ‘Public Relations’, although we have reasons for this, for example for some of our trips to Brussels. In general, we had a good year with our finances. Additionally, it’s worth mentioning that we have already transferred some money to European Dignity Watch for a conference to take place in 2018.

WJ: The Jordan conference, ‘Maranatha’, had a huge expenditure. Will there be a follow-up from that event for the future?

EH: The 24,000 euros was not specifically from ECPYouth for the conference. ECPYouth was provided with a sum of 15,000 to contribute to those costs, from FICDD.

LF: It is not hugely clear on the P&L sheet, but ECPYouth only spent around 9,000 euros on the Jordan conference. We hope to follow the event up with more contact.

EH: There is also an explanation in the notes about this money.

AK: Another question – please explain the position with the special grants.

FW: One was for a conference in Georgia, and one was for the money provided for the Jordan conference.

AK: Since you know you can receive money from this ‘special grants’ route, would you consider adopting this as part of your budget strategy?

FW: I would not think this is a good idea, since we don’t know that we would get a grant each year, and would not be able to plan the amount of money. It’s therefore too unreliable to put onto the budget.

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- EH: I agree with Floris.
- AK: Another question – why is ‘education’ underpresented in the finances? Why has money not been invested here?
- EH: Our plan was to organise the Crossroads Academy last year, but it transpired that this was too difficult to organise for multiple reasons (for example logistics/ other organisations providing a similar thing). Instead, we are planning to invest in the European Dignity Watch (EDW) academy in April 2018, and also the fact-finding trip to Israel. If you see the P&L sheet again, you will notice that we have spent money from our budget last year on the EDW event, since we had to use the money before the year end.
- LF: One point about ‘education’ – our strategy is to indeed invest in education, but through different routes. For example, through partnering with EDW and by using the Young Professionals events for this.
- GU: Another thing to mention has been our effort to save money through not having speakers of our own, and instead collaborating with partners.
- KvN: Why has 6,000 euros been spent only on 2 members going to EDW academy?
- EH: This money is an investment for 2018, and was not spent on the November EDW conference.
- GS: I can appreciate that more money has been spent on cooperating with other organisations. I think that there should have been better communication with the member organisations prior to this big shift decision being made.
- EH: I agree. I will endeavour to communicate this strategy more in the future.
- KtN: I would ask that an explanatory note is added to the financial records to explain this.
- HvL: The money allocated to the Crossroads Academy has disappeared. Where did it go?
- EH: It has been re-distributed, for example into other events. You can see this decision in our previous minutes.
- HvL: I find it strange to just see this emerge in the P&L sheet. I think there should have been some communication with the members in advance.
- EH: I agree, although I would need to know the threshold for when to escalate decisions of change to the members.
- AB: I have a few suggestions. At the last GA, we discussed the Young Professionals concept which was agreed – this is now the first opportunity to present the idea to you all. The Crossroads budget is now being invested in the Young Professionals event this afternoon.
- We have learned from this session that we need to update the member organisations better regarding our finances and our strategic spending – we will endeavour to provide more updates throughout the year with our decisions.
- MO: What are the costs related to Commissions, and does this cover the Working Group Politics?
- FW: The money is for the WG Politics, for example them meeting up once per year, but I think that Hank has not included the finances related to that here.
- EH: We have noted that we need a Board member in the future especially for Finances (a Treasurer) so that we can iron out these issues and present clearer accounts to the members. This is our intention.
- AK: If these accounts were clearer, then there would be less time spent on discussing these accounts during the face to face meetings.

- AB: From a more technical point, it is our task as a Board to make decisions, and to inform the members on this and to make sure we have support for our decisions. You, the members, have to agree to this. I will also ask members to bear with us, whilst we work on getting better at presenting our figures.
- GU: I understand that we need to get better at communicating with you all, although I would note that we, as Board members, are voluntarily here and are therefore not in a position to be as professional as other organisations you may think of. We are growing and we hope you will bear with us.
- EH: I hope that you will all assist us in recruiting a Treasurer to the Board.
- AB: I will also note that we, as a Board, find communicating with member organisations to be a difficult task. We would like to know how to better communicate our decisions with you all.
- AK: Please also comment on the earlier remark of having to spend all money within the financial year. Why was there an overspend of 6,500 euros at the end of 2017?
- EH: We also have savings which are not presented on this sheet. That accounts for the overspend.
- LE: Please provide an update on the Sallux fund.
- EH: The plan to use this fund changed during the year.
- WJ: Please explain the figures relating to the ECPM GA.
- EH: We have made a few promises today. First, we will be more transparent to the members when strategic financial decisions are made. Second, we will provide more detail about our spending – we will provide this to you all.

On these promises, I would ask you to vote on the Financial Report 2017.

*11 for. 0 against. 0 abstentions.*

*Clap of approval.*

- EH: I would also like to thank our accountant, Hank.

### **5.1 Board member positions 2018-2019**

- EH: Please turn to Annex 4. I have written Board vacancy descriptions, and if you have any suggestions, please let me know. Our four positions to be filled will be President, Secretary, Events, and Treasurer. We believe that the role of the General Secretary should not involve being responsible for the finances anymore, and that is why we will have a specific Board role of 'Treasurer'.
- KtN: I understand that there are 4 defined Board roles. What about the other Board roles?
- EH: During the last GA, we announced that we will be expanding the Board by 1 new member.
- AB: Currently, under our Statutes, only the President is a defined role. We have decided now, moving forward, that we will fix the remaining Board roles to make it easier to recruit. However, we will still have the freedom within ourselves to change the roles (apart from the President), if we so decide.

- EH: We have decided upon the fixed roles but we also have the opportunity to change these if required.
- AK: Last year, we had a long discussion about the additional Board member who is not represented here today. What happened with that Board member and that role?
- EH: That Board member is not officially elected due to external work commitments.
- GS: Representing PerspectiveF, we would like to thank the Board for creating fixed Board positions – it makes it clear for us.
- EH: We have invited three candidates to be Selection Committee members – Hans van 't Land (SGPJ), Inna Panchuck (CDU), Klariska ten Napel (PerspectiveF). Does anyone have any questions to ask about these candidates?

*[Selection Committee is appointed]*

*Short break*

### **6.1 Focus strategy presentation**

- EH: As a Board, we made a plan for the coming year. We wanted to focus our attention more on certain topics, instead of organising events related to multiple events during a year. We want a clear focus now on certain topics. We also want our members to participate and engage more with choosing certain topics for our focus during the year. The idea is that we determine which topic to focus on during the ISS, and then organise events throughout the year relating to this topic.

In Annex 5, you can see an explanation of this idea using the example of prostitution.

We hope this will achieve the goals of a clear focus for the Working Group; clear focus for events; and a clear topic for the ISS. We also hope that a clear topic will help us link up better with specialists in the field.

### **6.2 Recent and future events presentation**

#### Jordan

- LF: I will present about the conference in Jordan in December 2017. Last year, we had the opportunity to partner with FICCD and some contacts in Jordan, to participate in the 'Maranatha' conference, and organise a few additional sessions for the youth and young leaders. A group of 7 of us (from UK, Slovakia, Poland, and the Netherlands) went to Amman, alongside Lisca, and attended the worship events organised by Rami from Jordan. We also gave two presentations about human trafficking and human dignity at a separate event (presenters were Andrea and Klariska), and we organised a closed meeting round table, for very important leaders in Jordan. We presented about ECPYouth and why we believe the Bible calls us into politics. It was a very fruitful time, and I hope that our contact with Rami can continue so we can both mutually benefit from cooperation and joint training.

I will now show a short video about our trip (created by Hepke), and read some reflections from team members.

KtN: I had the opportunity to participate in the conference and it was a fantastic experience for me. I gave a talk about human trafficking, and it fulfilled a heart desire to be more vocal about this topic, and train others to think about it and care about it.

LE: As a further explanation about the trip, I had the opportunity, through FICCD, to sponsor an event with youth leaders in Jordan. My contact, Rami, was keen to be in touch with ECPYouth. I am curious to find out how the follow-up will take place, but I think it's a logical thing to do.

A word about the round table – I was very proud of ECPYouth. As a non-professional organisation (ECPYouth), I thought that the participants did a very good job and were very diplomatic. Thanks to ECPYouth for their patience in organising this trip.

### ISS- Poland

BD: I will present about the ISS due to take place in July 2018. I am happy to announce that the ISS will take place in Poland this summer. I will coordinate this event with people both from the Board, and with my local team from Wroclaw. We want to prepare for this event in advance, as much as possible. Please save the dates for the ISS (19-24<sup>th</sup> July 2018) and please come forward to me/ Pawel/ Marek if you have any suggestions for this event. We hope to finalise the plans by May 2018 so you will know all details in advance. I would ask that you all to help with recruiting participants from a wide variety of countries. Please help us to enlarge the pool of participants outside the Dutch contingency.

### **6.3 Working Group Politics**

BD: Now onto the Working Group Politics. We have good news, in that we have enlarged our team, with our new members of Tomas Rypak (Slovakia) and Macksim Hacek (Belarus). Macksim has helped us prepare some of the documents you see today from the Group.

It is good to mention that the WG politics is aligned to the Board in regards to topics and approach. The WG has prepared a working document on our chosen topic for the year, 'human trafficking'. This will be discussed today. I have a presentation to show you. [*Human slavery presentation*]

Our proposal is to start an internal debate/ brainstorming session relating to this topic. I have prepared a timeline for our responses to the WG efforts, so that we can have a final debate on a Resolution during the ISS.

JHV: Please submit comments during the time frame.

BD: During the ISS, we hope to adopt the Resolution about trafficking, and to discuss how to bring this Resolution to the EU political agenda.

JHV is a main author of the document, so I will hand the floor to him.

JHV: The document presented to you today is basic since it's an outline, so I encourage you all to come to talk to me about how to strengthen it and be able to present it at ECPM GAs and our ISS.

BD: We are also proposing an event in May (Brussels) to further discuss this topic with various actors in the EU political field.

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- GU: As an encouragement, I would say that my experience is that the politicians in the EP don't have much time to explore these topics, and they are happy to let us come to them with proposals and suggestions.
- EH: Are there any comments or questions regarding what has been presented by LF or BD? You can also ask your questions in person.
- DB: Regarding the ISS, I would also like to raise the issue of registration. I would kindly ask you to register on time to make the organisation easier for us.
- KtN: A remark on the White Paper by the WG Politics – I think it is very good, so I send my compliments to the team.
- BD: Please note that there is also a Resolution proposed by a member organisation on the same topic (Trafficking) – so I would recommend that we postpone discussion of this Resolution until the ISS GA.
- EH: We will discuss this later.
- LE: Please coordinate with the European Freedom Network.
- BD: Thank you, point noted.
- EH: Thank you all. I would encourage you all to continue to partner and cooperate with us.
- A general question from us in the Board is 'how should we best contact and communicate with you all'? We would like to know whether we are doing it well, and how we can improve.
- AK: ECPYouth could consider creating an app.
- Have you requested any insights from other organisations about how they communicate? This might be useful for you.
- EH: My question is more about how we can incorporate you (as member organisations) into our ECPYouth plans. We want buy-in from you all.
- AB: For example, is it a good idea to start a phone call from the President every month to members? How can we motivate and activate you all? How can we ensure that you book flights in time?
- KtN: Personal contact is best. Perhaps calling the international secretaries is best.
- GS: It is clear that there are some well represented organisations at all events, and other less well represented (and active) organisations.
- HvL: I would say that with certain events, such as the Political Café, our SGP-Youth members were encouraged to be involved. I would recommend that ECPYouth better communicates a story about what they plan to do in Europe.
- JH: I also think it's important to talk on social media – for example through videos. I think this works well.
- HvL: it is also a good idea for everyone to post on their social media accounts about their engagement with ECPYouth.
- AK: I think that ECPYouth should also share their messages at the member organisation events.
- EH: Are there any comments from our Eastern European member organisations?
- HS: I will share my comments personally later.

### 8.1 Resolutions proposed by Member Organisations

EH: In light of BD's update on the WG Politics working document on trafficking, I would suggest that we postpone the debate about Resolution 1 until the summer.

#### Resolution No.3 –

JW: I will present the 'Licence to Heal' Resolution (submitted by PerspectiveF). We propose to limit the costs of medicine, whilst permitting research to continue.

BD: As a Board member, I would like to present a response. This resolution is sensitive and demonstrates how we can integrate social responsibility into our political life. My concerns are: subsidiarity; budget; abortion.

a) Subsidiarity. In many countries, Conservatives believe that healthcare is the responsibility of individual countries and not the EU.

b) Budget. Eastern countries do not have the same budgets as Western countries. I am not sure this resolution can be defended so much in Eastern countries.

c) Abortion. Certainly, in some countries, there may be a link with abortion and this resolution.

MO: Regarding abortion, we specifically included a note to state that this will not be an issue.

GS: Regarding subsidiarity, we inserted the words 'cooperation between member states', and therefore do not necessarily mean the EU level.

BD: I would advise that the wording of this resolution is ambiguous here and will be interpreted at the EU level.

KtN: Our intention is that individual member states bring the resolution forward to their states instead.

GU: I would advise that it is more realistic to word the resolution as 'call representatives from member states' instead of 'stimulate European member states'.

GS: Point noted.

GU: I think this mixes two things: licences (patents); and individual healthcare systems (private/ public).

EH: I don't think we can vote today on this, due to a lack of time.

BD: Let's vote to amend the resolution, and then we can vote on the text during a silence procedure.

*10 votes in favour. 0 against. 0 abstentions.*

*Note: One voter left the meeting, so there were only 10 people voting.*

#### Resolution No.2.

BD: I do not have any negative comments. I would, however, take issue with the Recommendation no. 3 (compensating carbon emissions) – which is difficult to implement. I would therefore not recommend that we include this, since we will not be able to adopt it in reality.

GU: This resolution feels like a programme plan for ECPYouth, so it doesn't feel like a resolution itself, but

an internal approach.

BD: However, I believe that this resolution sends a message.

MO: I think this resolution reflects a serious issue that we need to think about.

EH: I would like to ask the members who wrote this resolution to provide concrete solutions for how we can practically adopt it.

MO: Regarding carbon emissions, there are practical suggestions such as ticking a box relating to this when flights are booked.

KtN: We will build upon this during the ISS GA.

*Vote:*

*7 in favour. 2 against. 1 abstention.*

### **9. Any Other Business**

WS: I would like to announce a worship forum taking place in Poland at the end of May 2018. I will post the event on FB.

EH: Thank you. Please kindly send information about events to our Secretary.

LK: I would like to promote an internship vacancy with ECPM. Please contact me for me for more details.

**End of the General Assembly**



## Annex 3 – Annual Report 2017-2018

### 3.1. Introduction – Erik-Jan Hakvoort

The board of ECPYouth is thankful for a fruitful season, with many activities, initiatives and progress. We are thankful for the help and input of all members. Together, we were that group of young politicians and friends we hope to be.

In this report, the board, the members and the political working group will give a short overview over their activities from the past season, as well as the ongoing plans. The reader will get an idea of how much time and energy is devoted behind the scenes to the upkeep of ECPYouth and the respective member organisations. Also, the strategy goals from last season are included in this file, marked with colors according to their status.

First, we present an overview over the amount of Board Meetings. Second, the board members and General Secretary will present a short overview over their work from last season. After the overview over the strategy goals, the working group and member organisations will explain about their activities.

**Figure 1. Overview Board meetings ECPYouth 2017-2018**

Nr.	Face-to-face meetings	Phone call meetings
1.	17-07-2017 Odessa	
2.	02-09-2017 Brussels	
3.		02-10-2017 Phone meeting
4.		13-11-2017 Phone meeting
5.	09-12-2017 Brussels	
6.		15-01-2018 Phone meeting
7.	03-02-2018 Den Haag (GA)	
8.		05-03-2018 Phone meeting
9.	05-05-2018 Brussels	

### 3.2. Annual Reports Board Members

#### 3.2.1. President – Erik-Jan Hakvoort

It has been a privilege to work with this team in the past year to achieve the many goals we set. ECPYouth has been professionalizing in the past years and is now ready to grow. We've established a better and healthier relationship with ECPM than ever. As President, I am responsible for the board and its activities, both practically and financially and the General Secretary. In practice, this means supporting or starting almost every activity there is. Mostly, it means people management and helping to create the ideal context for a good team spirit to be able to develop. This entails clear preparation of meetings and keeping a clear direction.

After the ISS in Odessa, we set out to develop ECPYouth in a direction of growth: with a board member Lobby and clear goals on stronger relations and impact, it was clear what we wanted to achieve. Partly we did so. We went beyond our horizon and made contact with youth from the Middle East. We discussed opportunities for ECPYouth to gain more member organizations. We decided to adopt an annual political topic to be able to give focus to our events and our attempts to have impact on European politics. There is much left to achieve, but we hope that these tweaks can ensure future boards to have more political focus. Other news that might help is the addition of a Treasurer, that really can build a financial strategy aimed at growth and modernizing the financial flows.

Below you will find an overview of the general activities of the board members, often in cooperation with others. We hope you enjoy reading about what happens behind the scenes. During the International Summer school in Wrocław, Poland, on the 21<sup>st</sup> of July, members and participants can ask questions or pose ideas for a future board. See you then!





### 3.2.2. Board member Relations – Dima Bluashvili

During 2017-2018 I was the board member of relations and I visited different countries and organizations. After the international Summer School in Odessa, my first visit in November was to Bucharest, Romania, where I was invited to the Romanian National Prayer Breakfast. At this event I met a lot of politicians from all around the world - senators, members of parliaments, etc...

After the National Prayer Breakfast, I directly went to Hungary, Estergom, where I attended a conference which was organized by Salux and a local organization. At this event there were more than 40 participants from different organizations. I had an opportunity to make a small presentation about ECPYouth.

This year in May I organized a Board meeting of the Advisory Council of ECPM in Tbilisi, Georgia. Board members were discussing about new applications and upcoming elections in the EP.

2017-2018 was very interesting for Young Christian Democrats of Georgia as well. I was actively involved in different activities. I organized 2 international conferences in Tbilisi and one local event in Bakuriani.



### 3.2.3. Secretary – Lizzie Francis

I acted as the ECPYouth Secretary for the second year this past year, and my role has focused on the following two activities:

- General secretarial duties for the Board and on behalf of the General Assembly, including minute taking, liaising with the member organisations, and assisting with preparations for meetings.
- Organising the ECPYouth Jordan event in December 2017 and representing ECPYouth at the Jerusalem Prayer Breakfast in June 2018. The Jordan event was funded by FICDD and was in collaboration with our partners in Jordan – I organised for the team of 7 to stay in Amman and present about ECPYouth and human trafficking to a group of 100+ young people, and also representatives from public offices. The event was a huge success – every member had an opportunity to speak and we accomplished being able to organise a joint event with people from a very different type of culture to our European cultures and from an entirely different system of politics.



### 3.2.4. Board Member Lobby – Gabriela Urbanova

This was my second and final year, when I had the privilege to serve as a board member of ECPYouth. During this time, I had a chance to be part of a process of growth of a very dynamic organisation.

I served as a board member for 'Lobby'. Within this position, I had a responsibility to advocate and speak for ECPYouth with political representatives in Brussels and abroad. In this matter, I held plenty of meetings during the year with both the members of the European Parliament, members of our mother party ECPM and other political stakeholders.

Based on the fact that I was not only a board member of ECPYouth but at the same time I worked in the office of the president of ECPM, I had the great opportunity to represent ECPYouth on many high rank political meetings over the world where I was present due to my job.

In this regard I see as a great success of ECPYouth that we as a youth organisation could share our values and networks in the missions we did in Jordan and Jerusalem, where both I had also the honour to be present.

I am also very happy that we could organize a roundtable in the European Parliament and so to strengthen our network there.

On one hand writing this short note is quite sad for me because it is a sign the my time being a board member of ECPYouth is at the end, on the other hand it makes happy realizing how many great memories I am going to keep. In today's world young people have a lot opportunities to find an organisation to be part of. If you ask me why ECPYouth was the ONE for me, the answer is very easy - AMAZING group of people and great friendship. Therefore I would like to conclude this note with my BIG THANK YOU to all people in our network and especially other board members and sending a lot of blessing to the new board and whole organisation for the next season.

#### 3.2.4. Board member politics – Blazej Duber

My responsibility in the ECPYouth board during the last 12 months was focused on two main areas:

- 1) Politics, which was delivered among other things by:
  - i) Observing the Brussels based EU's discussion and voting in the European Parliament. Information, focus, sharing opinions and news on ECPYouth information channels and among the network;
  - ii) Coordinating the work of WG Politics that made a try to observe more on European politics in general keeping the priority on the most important task: preparing and analyzing the most important policies for youth in Europe. This year the group spent time mostly on human trafficking preparing the Working Document in this field that aimed to help the network to prepare to the Summer School on the same topic
  - iii) wrote together with others a resolution for ECPM General Assembly hold in Brussels in February 2018, presenting and defending the thesis of it
- 2) Summer School 2018 in Wroclaw; choosing the team and coordinating the project, working on the ECPYouth Summer School 2018 in details and in general aspects

I was also representing together with others the ECPYouth on European Advocacy Academy in Autumn 2017 hold in Brussels and in Jordan on the meeting with the social and political leaders of this country.

Bringing new people from Poland to the network. Some of them were present in the Hague during the mid-term General Assembly of ECPYouth, some of them are active in Wroclaw preparing the Summer School.

#### 3.2.5. Board Member Communications – Ardjan Boersma

In the season 2017-2018 I served as Board Member for Communications of ECPYouth. In this year - my third year as ECPYouth Board Member - I further developed the online and offline Communications strategy of our organisation. I designed several hard copy stuff, like business cards and booklets for events. I also worked on social media content. Some video clips were made and the content on Facebook and Twitter was standardized in terms of colours and type of text used.

Furthermore, together with the General Secretary I was in charge of organising the mid-term event in February 2018 in the Hague, including the Political Cafe and the General Assembly. These events marked the start of the campaign about human trafficking, that went on until the Summer School in Wroclaw. It has been the first time that we have developed several events in a row that have been focused around one theme. This is a great step forward in professionalizing and structuring the activities of ECPYouth.

Also I have been developing the new Working Group Communications. As Website Editor the Board welcomed Bauke Stelma (the Netherlands). For Social Media Expert, we are still looking for the right person. All in all, I am quite happy with what we as a Board managed to achieve this year. As an ambition for the next season, I would say that the Board should show more of what is done. As much work of the Board has been done 'behind the curtains', unknown to the wider world. Such as the useful trips to Lebanon and Israel by some Board Members.

For me personally this year was quite intense. Finishing my MA-thesis, an internship at the national Parliament of the Netherlands, finding a new job, local elections in the Netherlands - all this was quite difficult to combine with ECPYouth activities. Nevertheless I very much enjoyed working for ECPYouth this year and I hope and pray that ECPYouth will be blessed next year and in the years to come as it was this season. Hope to meet you all in

Wroclaw!

### 3.2.6. Annual Report General Secretary – Floris Wagenaar

After being involved with ECPYouth for some years I was very happy to become to new General Secretary in September 2018. I am very thankful for this opportunity. A few things I want to mention:

In December 2017 Ardjan and I made a trip to Brussels were we participated in the ECPM GA, went to a ECPM Conference about Israel-EU relationships, met people in the European Parliament and came to know European Dignity Watch better.

In January 2018 I represented ECPYouth at MEHR Conference in Germany were we tried to broaden our network into Germany. It was also a great opportunity to learn more about Bundnis C, a German Christian party that became a member of ECPM. In January I was also very much involved with organizing our mid-year meeting in February (The Hague, Netherlands) with a GA, Political Cafe and our first Young Professionals Event. I loved the event and was very happy we received so much visitors, also from abroad.

Besides the several things I mentioned above I had the common tasks of a General Secretary like managing the finance and arranging all kind of practicalities. I am very happy our Lord blessed us so greatly with enough financial resources and people that want to help to grow our movement. Please keep praying for ECPYouth:)



### 3.3. Overview Strategic Goals ECPYouth 2017-2018

**Figure 2. Overview Goals ECPYouth 2017-2018**

| Green = Done | Red = Not done | Orange = Work in progress |

Goals	Sub-goals	Actions	Responsibility
Christian focus	<i>Incorporate faith and Christianity into all events</i>	Have prayer/bible meetings each morning at the SS	Blazej
		Start each Board meeting with a prayer and short Biblical reflection	Erik-Jan
		Organise a prayer and praise event	Gabriela
		Prayer group for ECPYouth	Floris
Stronger Relations	<i>Internal network</i>	Publish a monthly newsletter (with updates to the Board/ plans, etc).	Floris
		Update ECPYouth Members/Associates/Friends/ Individual Members database	Dimitri
		Update External Contacts database	Dimitri
		Collect fees of members	Floris
		Develop and strengthen Working Groups	Board
		Set up a buddy system	Dimitri
		Organise a Winter GA & Summer GA	Lizzie
		Regular visit of MO's events / GA's	Dimitri
		Establish regular phone calls with ECPM (Auke Minnema) and Sallax (Johannes de Jong)	Erik-Jan, Gabriela
		One representative to Leadership Academy in Prague	Gabriela
	<i>New Members</i>	Extend the network of ECPYouth with 2 new member organisations and 15 new individual members	Dimitri
	<i>Activities in new countries</i>	Participate (give lecture/workshop e.g.) in conferences in new countries (see 4.b)	To be decided in the next BM
Impact	<i>a. Working Group Politics</i>	Be present at ECPM GA + propose motion for a resolution	Blazej, WG Politics
		Develop a political campaign, related to year theme (1.c)	Blazej, WG Politics
		Social media campaign around Odessa Declaration	Ardjan, Blazej
		Develop media campaign around the identity of ECPYouth	Ardjan, WG Social Media
		Add one more person to the WG Politics	Lizzie
		Longterm campaign with the WG Politics	Blazej, WG Politics
	<i>Events</i>	Add activism to Summer School	Blazej
		Be involved in the European Youth Event (2018)	To be decided
		Organise Summer School 2018 in Poland	Blazej, to be decided at the next BM

		Organise European Youth Prayer Event	
		Organise Israel event	Lizzie, Working Group Israel
		Organise Jordan event	Lizzie, Inna + WG Jordan
	Lobby	One meeting per month Blazej + Gabika about EU youth agenda	Blazej and Gabriela
		Internship with Acton Institute	Gabriela
		Internship at Skripek Office	Gabriela
		Policy work with Sallux	Gabriela
		Cooperation with European Economic Summit	Gabriela
		Be in touch with ECPM MEPs and Leo van Doesburg about current political issues + focus points	Gabriela
		Create a document for relationship between ECPM	Gabriela
Visibility	Social media	Develop database with Christian press contacts (newspapers/websites)	Ardjan
		Develop social media strategy to increase engagement on Facebook/Twitter	Ardjan, WG Social Media
		Share with other organisations for social media content	Ardjan, WG Social Media
		Create a Social Media WG: One expert on Social Media and one on website	Ardjan, Lizzie
		Blog (1x month), written by representatives of MO's or Board/ external contacts	Floris
Quality	Funding	Develop a long term financial strategy	Floris
		Identify new resources and put it in a database	Floris
		Budget to 80 000 Euros	Floris, Erik-Jan
		Get more donations from individuals	Floris
	Standardizing processes	Standardize procedure fees of Members	Floris
		Create an actual budget	Floris
		Start using 'slack'	Blazej
		Management and division of tasks within WG's	Roxana
		Create standard description of Board positions	Board
		Create a year clock	Lizzie
		Standardize reimbursement of travel costs for Board and participants	Floris
		Read the Strategy goals list every Board meeting	Erik-Jan
		Fix Statutes so that they are official	Ardjan

### 3.4. Annual Report Working Group Politics

This year has been a very challenging and new experience for the working group Politics. After the success of last year with the presentation of the Odessa declaration, we have experienced some difficulties along the way. Rick left our team and we had some difficulties finding capable men and women to fill this gap. Nevertheless we are very happy to have welcomed both Blazej and Maksim to the working group and they have already proven to be valuable assets to our working group.

On top of that, we have introduced an annual theme for the first time in the history of ECPYouth. As you may know this year's annual theme is human trafficking. The working group has written a working paper on human trafficking and will present a Resolution during the International Summer School in Wroclaw.

Kind regards,

Jan Henric van Vliet

### 3.5. Annual Reports Member Organisations

#### 3.5.1. CDU Youth – 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 sick children. 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 June 2016 members of the CDUY made international bonds with the representatives of Copts, Egyptian Christians and the most significant Christian minority in the Middle-East.

Next year will be the year of presidential election in Ukraine, and the CDUY hope that our political agenda will be considered in the candidates' programs and while being the observers during the election we can ensure free and transparent election process.

#### 3.5.2. Democratic Development Foundation – Ukraine

PowerPoint received

#### 3.5.3. PCD Youth – France

The main goal of this year was to revitalize the youth branch of the political movement. Following this election year, we took the time to rebuild a coherent structure, allowing an effective political action.

Firstly, we had the nomination of the new president : Jean Servin. Then was the constitution of a national political office. The stake was, first, to set up a framework for different actions, and then, it was used for the nomination of the regional leaders.

During this first political office we were able to find new actions the actions to be carried out for this year. We thus boost the party communication through a new website, and a new way of communicate.

We focused political actions on three main themes:

- The « états généraux de la bioéthique », focused on the modification of the bioethics laws. Here, we look to create a real reasonable debate, through forums and a meeting with Jean-Frédéric Poisson.
- The commemoration of May 68 which was for us the occasion to explain our opposition to the ideas brought by this movement, for today society. The quality of the debate and the mobilisation around this event are sign of a real success.
- The union of two political parties : « la droite » and « les amoureux de la France », co-directed by Jean-Frédéric Poisson and Nicolas Dupont-Aignan. It was the answer to a need, present for a few years now, to bring together « la droite », in order to be able to find a commun base. This new movement is not an alliance, but dialogue which want to better serve our country. Our participation to different events allowed us to be spearhead of the dialogue between all the youth movement of the « droite ».

These three themes were for us strong moments allowing a new beginning and the apparition of a credible political offer. Our most intimate conviction est that before any political action we must have an intellectual formation. This allow us not be simple politicians, but to be men and women at the service of the common good.

For the year to come, our ambition is to continue this momentum by an active participation to the election deadlines, such as the European election of summer 2019: to promote during this election time, our European idea.

#### 3.5.4. PerspectieF – the Netherlands

PerspectieF has had a very interesting year. As the youth organization of a coalition partner we got a lot of attention in media. But it was also a busy year, because we had municipalities elections in March. Lots of PerspectieF members were on the lists for municipality and some are now a member of the local councils. A lot happened at the local level. The three pillar points of the year were Sustainability, Technic & Education and Prestation pressure. We worked on these themes during the year, making work visits, gaining and advocating a position on the themes in media, trying to make a real difference. We could make a difference on the topic of prestation pressure under youth by gaining attention for it via media and in government.



There were of course also international activities. We co-hosted the General Assembly and the Political Café on Human Trafficking of the ECPYouth in The Hague, our own country. We have advocated for a resolution on better access to healthcare, License to Heal, and on Sustainability. We organized a congress on Israel, in search for a more nuanced story on the issue. The International Secretariat of PerspectieF organized excursions to Brussels and Straatsburg, and co-hosted The Night of Europe. These events helped us to formulate and frame our position and vision on the EU and Europe-related topics, preparing for the EU-elections next year.



### 3.5.5. PPCD New Generation – Moldova

*To be added*

### 3.5.6. SGP Youth – the Netherlands

Looking back on the past year, we cannot else than being grateful to God for the many blessing we got. Our mother party the SGP commemorated its 100-year anniversary, for instance. The amount of members we have as SGP-jongeren (SGP-Youth) is 7.652 on the 1<sup>st</sup> of July 2018, which means that we may still call ourselves the biggest political youth organization in the Netherlands. In order to give you an insight in our daily work, I just collected some highlights from the past year.

#### November 7: 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. Many of the treated themes are quite controversial. This time, the role of Islam in post-Christian The Netherlands was the topic of conversation. Director of ChristenUnie think-tank Wouter Beekers and former Party for Freedom (EAF Group in the EP) MEP Lucas Hartong commented on their own ways on this topic. The first stressed the importance of tolerance and the role of freedom of belief, whereas the latter regarded Islam mainly as a threat to our society.

#### November 24-25: SGP-Youth autumn congress

Our autumn congress was marked by two main components: our half-yearly General Assembly and a political conference about governmental and constitutional reform. Our autumn congresses use to be two-days, as our spring congress is a smaller event, although the General Assembly in springtime is more important in administrative terms, usually. During the GA, some motions have been made by our members, amongst others about the Dutch contribution to the NATO and a reflection on the sustainability paragraph of the coalition agreement. Now we are talking about the coalition, I would like to express my appreciation to the ChristenUnie, the mother party of our partner PerspectieF! They are doing GREAT! An explicit Christian party in the coalition in a secular country like The Netherlands is something to be grateful for, regardless of their slightly limited influence!

#### March 10: SGP-Youth Event

The SGP-Youth Event is a two-year event that uses to benefit from a lot of visitors and media attention. This year, the event was being held in the Beatrix Theater in Utrecht. Topic of this day was how to trade fairly and sustainably. Keynote speakers were Sigrid Kaag, the Minister for Foreign Trade and Development Cooperation and Carola Schouten, the Minister of Agriculture, Nature and Food Quality and third Deputy Prime Minister. Then board member Hans van 't Land was the Chairman that day. Together with our speakers and visitors, we have thought about fair trade, sustainability and justice. Politicians, administrators and diplomats have to take care of this, but the role of business and even consumers cannot and may not be underestimated! Looking back on the SGP-Youth Event, we can say that is was a huge success, once again.



*Minister Kaag (left) accepting flowers, after a conversation with our President Willem Pos (source: SGP-Youth photographer Jan de Rooij)*

#### May 24-25: 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. SGP-Youth won the 2018 edition! The jury praised our group for our way of negotiating with other parties, as well as our presentation in the plenary session.



*PYO-Parliament won by SGP-Youth Group (Source: facebook.com/sgpjongeren)*

### 3.5.6. Young EVP – Switzerland

The first meeting of members was the ordinary meeting of members, which took place at the 8th of April in Olten. The Annual Accounts, which was revised by Céline Trösch and Roman Rutz before, and the Annual Report 2016 passed unanimously. Both of the controller were elected unanimously for another two years. Further, the President of the \*jev, Claudia Schürch, was also elected for another two years. A new Member of the managing committee was elected. His name is Marcel Sinniger. The membership fee will be still 10 swiss francs per member. The fee is collected by the EVP Switzerland, which later transfer the amount to the \*jev. The Budget 2017, which contains a higher advertisement budget, passed unanimously by three abstentions. After the formal part, the big topic was sustainability. First, Christoph Bösinger, Member of the managing-committee interviewed Miss Earth Switzerland Graziella Rogers, who afterwards spoke about this topic to the members.

At the 19th of August was the second meeting of members in Zürich. Placed on the agenda was the vote about a new slogan of the \*jev. But the members weren't happy about the options and so the decision is moved to another date. Further there was a debate about a vote. The vote is about the revision of the old age assurance in Switzerland. Maja Ingold, further national councilor of the EVP, debated for the vote and Matthias Müller, vice president of the youth liberalism debated against. Our third meeting of members took place November the 4th in Berne. The main topic was the right use of social Media. Ruedi Löffel, EVP politician, spoke about this topic.

At the end of September all regional coordinator had a meeting with the general secretary in Olten. They spoke about the past and future year. This meeting is for the exchange between the regions and it serves also for a better collaboration between \*jev Switzerland and the regions.

The managing committee of the \*jev had five regular meetings in 2017 and in November there was a Weekend in Zofingen, where the year of 2018 was planned. The most important works of the managing committee of 2017: New Imageflyer, search of a new general secretary, create a mentoring Program, where experienced politician support people of the \*jev. In Zurich and Berne this idea of the mentoring program started. Beside the daily business, the managing committee thought also about the strategic future of the jevp.

Aargau: In Aargau there were meeting of members. But in Aargau there isn't a regional team. In the future it would be great if there would be the possibility to have a regional team. Uriel Seibert, the \*jev regional coordinator of Aargau, is also committed to the cantonal parliament for the EVP.  
Basel: Sara Fritz, Regional coordinator of Basel, organized meeting of members and is also committed to the cantonal parliament.

Berne: In Berne there is a motivated Regional team with six persons. They organized meeting of members, where the people spoke about the actual political themes/votes. Further there was a Highlight: They visited the cantonal parliament and had a lunch together with the EVP fraction. The talks between the politician and the young persons were motivating. There was the idea that always a young person makes a team with a politician and then they helped each other for the future elections. So, both parties could win something. Zürich: In Zurich there were several meeting of members. The persons also visited the court. In the region Zurich there are a lot of new members. There was also an engagement against Sunday shopping during before Christmas time.

At the beginning of 2016 a new workgroup started to create a new party platform of \*jev. In 2017 they finished their work and the party platform is finished. You can watch the new party platform on our website. The document with four sides contains the attitudes and key concerns of the jevp. Jevp supports the Walk For Freedom. This is an action against human trafficking. In Berne there was a meeting of several people to make attention to the problems of human trafficking.

Jevp helped to collect signatures for the Transparency Initiative. To our pleasure, there were enough Signatures collected and the Initiative will with a great probability come. Claudia Schürch is in the managing committee of

the initiative. Further a big topic was the deleted support from the Youth and Sports Program. So \*jevp don't ge aid money anymore.

The annual accounts 2017 wasn't yet revised. The revision will soon be done. After the revision is done, we will upload the annual accounts on our website. The Gold Supporter Club, which started in 2017, was a success. We could generate an annual income of 2&#39;300 CHF. There was a draw of prizes under the members of this club. For the next year there will be another possibility to join this club.

### 3.5.7. YCD – Georgia

2017-2018 years was very interesting and fruitful for Young Christian Democrats.

Youth organization hosted many conferences and meetings. End of the November in 2017 was a first winter school organized by YCD – Participants was from different regions of Georgia. Topic of discussion was “Youth organization – support for mother party”

YCD has started active preparation process for upcoming elections which will be in 2020. In youth organization received new membership applications and more than 20 person joined YCD.

Organization also hosted International Events, with a great help of ECPM and SGP Netherlands. Also attended International events which was organized by ECPYouth in Odessa and in The Hague.

YCD started new educational project for young people from Georgia, very famous lectures and teachers from all around of Georgia gathered and made interesting discussion about several topics.

Middle of the May in 2018 YCD hosted another regional conference near Bazaleti Lake, where was 25 participant from Youth organization. Topic of discussion was “Political situation in Georgia before and after Soviet”

## 3.6. Proposal Fee Members 2019

**Figure 3 Proposal fee 2019**

	<b>Individual Members</b>	<b>Member Organisations</b>
<b>EU Countries</b>	20 Euros	130 Euros
<b>Non-EU Countries</b>	10 Euros	40 Euros

## Annex 4 – Resolutions of Member Organisations and WG Politics

### Resolution 1: Prostitution & Human Trafficking

Submitted by: SGP Youth (member organization), PerspectieF (member organization)

Topic: Prostitution and human trafficking

#### The General Assembly of ECPYouth,

##### **Noting with concern that:**

- 84% of human trafficking to Europe is for sexual exploitation (prostitution)<sup>1</sup>;
- 62% of women in prostitution report having been raped <sup>2</sup>;
- 9 out of 10 women in prostitution would like to exit the system but feel unable to do so;
- 68% of the women in prostitution meet the criteria for Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder in the same range as victims of torture undergoing treatment <sup>3</sup>;

##### **Considering that:**

- Legalizing prostitution inevitably leads to an increase of human trafficking;
- Since Sweden implemented a zero-tolerance for buyers of sex in 1999;
  - Rape and domestic violence have not increased;
  - Violence against prostitutes hasn't risen;
  - The percentage of Swedish men who buy sex has dropped significantly;
  - Prostitution has not been hidden from police, hence sellers have to advertise in order to get buyers;
  - Human trafficking has declined<sup>4</sup>;

##### **Believing that:**

- Every person should be protected from any form of mental or physical abuse;
- Every person should have the right to determine his or her own future;
- Sexuality and intimacy are inextricably linked to love and do not belong in exploitative situations;
- According to the principles of equality, freedom and inviolability in the Odessa Declaration, all people are equal and valuable, therefore no person should be able to buy another person's body, this violates the freedom and dignity God has given every human being;
- God created the human being in His own image, and every human body is a temple of the Holy Spirit;

##### **Calls upon ECPYouth and its members to urge national governments to:**

- Criminalize the buying of sex;
- Set up and subsidize effective exit programs that provide men and women working in prostitution

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<sup>1</sup> "Trafficking in Person to Europe or sexual exploitation" In *The Globalization of Crime – A Transnational Organized Crime Threat Assessment Report*. UNODC, 2010.

<sup>2</sup> Farley, Melissa. 2018. "Risk of prostitution: When the Person Is the Product." *Journal of the Association for Consumer Research* 3(1): 97-108. <http://www.journals.uchicago.edu/doi/pdfplus/10.1086/695670> (also available via <https://prostitutionresearch.com>).

<sup>3</sup> "200 civil society organizations launch European debate on the abolition of prostitution", European Women's Lobby, accessed January 22, 2018. URL: <https://www.womenlobby.org/200-civil-society-organisations-launch-European-debate-on-the-abolition-of?lang=en>

<sup>4</sup> Bramham, Daphne. 2016. "Outlawing the purchase of sex has been key to Sweden's success in reducing prostitution," *Vancouver Sun*, September 21. Accessed January 22, 2018. URL: <http://vancouversun.com/opinion/columnists/outlawing-the-purchase-of-sex-has-been-key-to-swedens-success-in-reducing-prostitution>

with all necessary means to exit this industry;

- Set up and subsidize effective programs that provide these men and women help with employment, housing, training and give debt assistance;
- Roll back the legalization of prostitution;
- Aim for effective criminal justice approach by specializing law-enforcement, public prosecutors and judges in the arrest and prosecution of pimps and human traffickers;

**Stimulates** ECPM and its member organizations to take the above-mentioned measures as well.

## **Resolution 2: Political prisoners**

Submitted by: CDUY Ukraine (member organization)

Topic: Political prisoners

### **The General Assembly of ECPYouth,**

#### **Noting with concern that:**

- The war takes place in the center of Europe for the 5th year;
- In March 2014, the Russian Federation (here and after - RF) occupied and annexed part of Ukraine's territory - the Crimean peninsula and proclaimed it the territory of RF, grossly violating international law and virtually destroying the global security system;
- RF started a war on the Ukrainian region of Donbass, proclaiming the DPR and LNR republics and providing them with permanent military support. Since 2014 about 5,000 Ukrainian military and 2,000 civilians were killed, and about 1.5 million people were displaced;
- On July 17, 2014 armed pro-Russian terrorists shot MH17 passenger aircraft, killing 298 people;
- RF is conducting a hybrid war not only against Ukraine but also against the whole democratic world;
- 23 Ukrainian citizens are sentenced to prison in RF for the crimes they never made, 53 under investigation, just because they refused Russian citizenship and provided patriotic gestures on the territory which is a part of Ukraine by international law but not by RF view;
- The reaction of the international society to the behavior of RF is very loyal.

#### **Considering that:**

- Jesus teaches us to Love your neighbor as yourself. Matthew 22:39;
- Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Matthew 5:10;
- The actions taken by RF violates 4 out of 10 commandments:
  6. You shall not murder.
  8. You shall not steal.
  9. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.
  10. You shall not covet.
- Different organizations and celebrities all over the world have already supported the political prisoners with their resolutions and statements; f.e. The European Film Academy, British directors Mike Leigh, Stephen Daldry and Ken Loach; German filmmakers Volker Schlöndorff and Wim Wenders; British actor Patrick Stewart; Hollywood star Johnny Depp; American author Stephen King;
- One of the political prisoners, Ukrainian-Crimean film director Oleg Sentsov, on May 14 announced a hunger strike until all the political prisoners on the territory of RF are freed.

#### **Believing that:**

- No person should be accused of a crime he never made;
- Every person should have the right to respect for his/her dignity.

#### **Calls upon ECPYouth and its members to urge national governments to:**

- Make a statement of support for the political prisoners;
- Demand the release of the political prisoners;
- Put additional sanctions on RF until all the political prisoners on the territory of RF are freed.

**Resolution 3: Human trafficking**

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*Resolution to be provided later.*



## Annex 5 – Report Selection New Board Members

**The selection committee 2018-2019 consisted of Inna Panchuk (South Africa), Hans van 't Land (Netherlands) and Daniel Blackman (UK).**

*Report to be provided later.*