



CAN EECCA

Climate Action Network Eastern Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia

Narrative Report 2020

CAN EECCA Organizational Development

1.1 Our Structure

CAN EECCA (Climate Action Network Eastern Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia) is coordinated by the Board and the Secretariat. The main decision-making body is the General Assembly of Members.

Members of the Board:



Alexey Kokorin
(WWF Russia)



Nataliya Idrisova (The Little Earth, Tajikistan)



Amaliya Ambartsurmyan (Khazer, Armenia)



Svitlana Romanko
(former 350.org EECCA)

Members of the CAN EECCA Secretariat:



Olha Boiko — CAN EECCA Network Coordinator



Tatiana Shauro
Communication Officer



Yevheniya Zasiadko
Climate Policy Expert

CAN EECCA is not registered legally, thus it does not have its own resources available. Coordination and activities are conducted on voluntarily basis owing to support from member organizations or through direct support by donors for implementing specific projects.

1.2 Regular Meetings of CAN EECCA Members

We could not hold the CAN EECCA General Assembly due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Instead, every 1,5-2 months all interested persons could connect to regional calls where the latest news from members and the Secretariat, as well as further events were discussed.



CAN EECCA Strategic Meeting was held online at the end of the year. The first part of the Meeting was broadcasted and its record is [available for viewing](#). The Meeting became a platform for discussions of the Network's Vision, strategic guidelines, as well as meeting point for all partners, donors, and our supporters.

1.3 Network Members

Nowadays, the Network consists of 59 non-governmental organizations from 11 countries of Eastern Europe, Caucasus, and Central Asia region.

| No | Name of NGO | Country |
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| 1 | Eco Club Lore (ECL) | Armenia |

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| 2 | EcoTeam | Armenia |
| 3 | Tapan | Armenia |
| 4 | Khazer NGO | Armenia |
| 5 | Third Nature | Armenia |
| 6 | Country Water Partnership | Armenia |
| 7 | Biosophia | Armenia |
| 8 | Armenian Women For Health and Healthy Environment | Armenia |
| 9 | “Green Armenia” Environmental, Educational NGO | Armenia |
| 10 | Climate Change and Development NGO Alliance | Azerbaijan |
| 11 | Woman, Development, Future Public Union | Azerbaijan |
| 12 | Ecomed | Azerbaijan |
| 13 | Centre for Environmental Solutions | Belarus |
| 14 | Ecopartnership | Belarus |
| 15 | Ecoproject | Belarus |
| 16 | Green Network | Belarus |
| 17 | Ecovision | Georgia |
| 18 | Green Alternative | Georgia |
| 19 | Greens Movement of Georgia | Georgia |
| 20 | World Experience for Georgia | Georgia |
| 21 | Gamarjoba | Georgia |
| 22 | RICDOG | Georgia |
| 23 | Socio-Ecological Fund | Kazakhstan |
| 24 | Angel | Kazakhstan |
| 25 | BIOM | Kyrgyzstan |
| 26 | UNISON | Kyrgyzstan |
| 27 | MoveGreen | Kyrgyzstan |
| 28 | Institute for Sustainable Development Strategy Public Foundation | Kyrgyzstan |
| 29 | Gutta-Club | Moldova |
| 30 | Renasteria Rurala | Moldova |
| 31 | Terra-1530 | Moldova |
| 32 | Buryatsk regional union on Baikal | Russia |
| 33 | Center for Environmental Initiatives | Russia |
| 34 | Ecodefence | Russia |
| 35 | Friends of the Baltics | Russia |
| 36 | Greenpeace Russia | Russia |
| 37 | International Socio-Ecological Union | Russia |
| 38 | Russian Socio-Ecological Union | Russia |
| 39 | Ural Ecological Union | Russia |
| 40 | WWF Russia | Russia |
| 41 | Aetas | Russia |
| 42 | Goal Number Seven | Russia |
| 43 | Russian Bureau of Environmental Information | Russia |
| 44 | Green movements EKA | Russia |

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| 45 | Little Earth | Tajikistan |
| 46 | Youth Ecological center of Tajikistan | Tajikistan |
| 47 | EcoClub | Ukraine |
| 48 | Environment-People-Law | Ukraine |
| 49 | Legal Analytics | Ukraine |
| 50 | National Ecological Centre of Ukraine (NECU) | Ukraine |
| 51 | Ukrainian Youth Climate Association (UYCA) | Ukraine |
| 52 | Our home - Manyava | Ukraine |
| 53 | The Voice of Nature | Ukraine |
| 54 | Ecodiya | Ukraine |
| 55 | Khmelnyskyi energy cluster | Ukraine |
| 56 | Ecoclub Green wave | Ukraine |
| 57 | 350.org EECCA | Ukraine |
| 58 | Ekoltava | Ukraine |
| 59 | SREDA.UZ | Uzbekistan |

1.4 Participation in CAN Strategic Session and Coordinators Meeting

Olha Boiko, the Network Coordinator, Maria Kolesnikova from MoveGreen NGO, Kyrgyzstan, and CAN EECCA Communication Officer Tatiana Shauro took part in the annual Strategy Meeting and CAN Coordinators Meeting in February 2020.



More than 150 participants from all over the world were discussing strategic priorities of the Network and strategic goals for 2020. Nobody had the idea, of course, that the pandemic would correct plans and make them revise certain goals on national and international levels. CAN gradually becomes more and more inclusive and driven by regional subdivisions. Network members work on more qualitative activist and public involvement at local level. At the same time, advocacy at international climate events continues to be one of the strongest merits of CAN due to the experience of coordination at COP and other platforms for many years.

Network Members' Capacity Building

2.1 Climate Dialogues

In light of the pandemic outbreak, the CAN EECCA team together with partners: Friedrich Ebert Foundation, Friends of the Earth Germany, and Ecodiya, as early as in April 2020 moved a big conference “Climate Dialogue Between Sectors in Eastern Partnership Countries” to online.

The first “Climate Dialogue” has gathered public from Eastern Partnership countries and Russia together with international experts to update knowledge concerning the review of Nationally determined contributions (NDCs) to the Paris Agreement and opportunities for public participation. Further, representatives of ministries and proactive MPs were invited for the second part of the conference. In that way we provided that representatives of various sectors gathered and heard each other on a single platform. Selected session records can be watched [here](#).



The second Climate Dialogue was held in autumn 2020 and was called “Green Recovery for Central Asia”. CAN EECCA members from Central Asia countries prepared their [position](#) on how just and green recovery of their countries’ economies should look like after pandemic. Session records are available [via the link](#).

In general, Climate Dialogues turned out to be a good ground for discussing the most burning issues of climate policies and post-pandemic recovery for CAN EECCA members. We managed to engage more than 20 representatives of the government, present positions and researches of the public, listen to different parties and consolidate cooperation among civil society, government authorities, and international experts.

2.2 Webinars and Experience-Sharing

On the Earth Day on April 22, CAN EECCA along with 350.org EECCA, and Green Network (Belarus) held a joint online event “[Climate, Coronavirus, Economy — How](#)

[to Recover After the Pandemic?](#)". Together with Santiago Lorenzo, Head of Sustainable Finance CAN International, we sought for a just way of overcoming crisis: economic, climate, social, and energy one.

In June, 2020, our Network along with CAN South Asia (CANSA) conducted a series of webinars on building a strong network of organizations able to affect authorities in a developing democracy. Many parallels between Central and South Asia were found, particularly in dealing with government and gaining authority being an NGO.

Aside from Sanjay Vashist, the CANSA Coordinator, there were speakers from the region: Oksana Aliyeva from Heinrich Boell Foundation and Nataliya Idrisova from an NGO "Little Earth". They covered the climate justice in Central Asia topic in theory and through practical cases. The record of this discussion is available [via the link \(in Russian\)](#).



CAN EECCA AND CANSA

**THREE
ONLINE
MEETINGS**

10.06 "The Journey of CANSA building power in Asia"

17.06 "Climate Justice" (in Russian)

24.06 "Subtle Advocacy in Developing Countries"

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National and International Activities in Climate Policy

3.1 EECCA Countries' Climate Policy Analysis

On December 12, 2015, the historical climate agreement was signed in Paris, which united all nations in the world in the desire to decrease greenhouse gases emissions, turn to clean energy sources, and adapt to climate change consequences. How did these 5 years look like for the EECCA countries? To discover this we have analyzed available data on commitments taken by region countries, created strategies, and statements at COP.

On December 12, 2020, we published the report “Analysis of Climate Policies of the Countries of Eastern Europe, Caucasus, and Central Asia”. It demonstrated that the commitments and plans of no country of EECCA region considered seriously decreasing greenhouse gases emissions by 2030 at that time. Meanwhile, the EECCA region was severely exposed to climate change influence, and its countries have already faced economic losses in various sectors. Similar developments will aggravate the climate crisis and create perils for agriculture and drinking water supply for population.

The analysis can be found [here](#).

3.2 #WorldWeWant Campaign

In 2020, CAN launched the #WorldWeWant campaign to enhance through short films voices of people who spearhead fight with climate crisis, demanding that governments respond with urgent activities protecting people from climate change consequences.



Videos from EECCA region were shot about:

1. [Droughts in the east of Ukraine](#)
2. [Perils of HPP and floods in Georgia](#)
3. [Coal mining risks in Kuzbass](#)
4. [Forest wildfires in Russia](#)
5. [Droughts and highland communities in Tajikistan](#)

Apart from video stories, in cooperation with +1 media portal, we presented the story not only about each of the video characters from the region, but also about other videos from all over the world. 17 stories from the whole world were released in total. They could be found [via the link \(in Russian\)](#).

Drawing Mass Media Attention

4.1. Work with Media

During 2020, 16 pieces of news in Russian and 5 in English were published on our [website](#). We translated and distributed CAN International position on Green Post-COVID-19 Recovery.

In the course of 2020, we wrote and distributed 6 press releases on various topics, starting from Green Recovery, Climate Dialogues, fossil fuels subsidies in Russia and finishing with EECCA countries leaders' speeches at Climate Ambition Summit and our Climate Policy Analysis release.

We contributed articles for friendly media:

- On how countries cope with the pandemic and whether they plan green recovery — [to "+1"](#)
- On peculiarities of advocacy in EECCA countries — to [IPG Journal](#)
- On the reasons for wildfires in Siberia are so rarely spoken about compared to Australia's and California's ones — to [Climate Tracker](#)

4.2. Regular Informing of CAN EECCA Members, Experts, and Decision-Makers

[The CAN EECCA Weekly Digest](#) was updated significantly since its creation in 2017 until late 2020. The number of subscribers has increased up to 1500, the rate of views makes around 20% — this is an excellent indicator. Our News Digest is also well disseminated on the Internet through other newsletters and networks. It is released every Monday and contains about 20 pieces of news from the region and the world, as well as reports, press releases etc. We receive positive feedback about

the Digest from our Network members and partners. By contrast to most climate change news we do not scare our subscribers with disasters and doomsday conspiracies, but share actually useful research and inspiring stories from the entire world. We have noticed a positive trend in the course of these four years — the number of high quality news on climate change increased many-fold.

We manage actively the [CAN EECCA Facebook page](#), which got 470 new followers over the past year and have managed our Telegram channel since 2019, which is now read by 285 people. Concerning our official webpage [Caneecca.org](#), more than 10,000 users visited it during 2020, and the rate of visits exceeded 12,000.

Fund-Raising, Finance and Other Support of the Network

In 2020, we started planning our fundraising activities more strategically. It became possible to form new ideas for projects and make CAN EECCA performance more stable due to the support of CAN International, our partners from the Friedrich Ebert Foundation, and Network members. The region started to attract bigger interest from donors, some organizations had just begun working on the climate crisis and addressed the Network for strategic consulting. We will continue our efforts in increasing awareness of the Network members and their activities among the global community.

CAN EECCA appreciates the Swedish Society for Nature Conservation for their long-term support in issuing the digest of news, presence in the Internet and social networking sites, arranging coordination events of the Network, participation in UNFCCC conferences and CAN strategic meetings.

CAN EECCA is also grateful to the Friedrich Ebert Foundation for their reliable strategic partnership, general organization of the Climate Dialogues, support in organizing the General Assembly of members, and member meetings at COP.

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CAN International is a global coalition uniting over 1500 international and national non-governmental organizations which work with the aim to reduce disastrous impacts of climate change

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