

# **CAN EECCA**

**Climate Action Network Eastern Europe,  
Caucasus and Central Asia**

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**Public Report for 2021**

# CAN EECCA organizational development

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## 1.1 CAN EECCA vision

Our network presented a very important Strategy Paper in the spring of 2021. We created it together with network members and the board, so it really reflects the positions of those the network represents.

**Our Vision:** Strong civil society in Eastern Europe, Caucasus, and Central Asia have helped prevent the climate crisis by achieving climate neutrality, moving away from fossil fuels, using natural resources equitably, and developing green economy opportunities.

**Our Mission:** Support, strengthen and develop civil society organizations in the EECCA region in their ability to influence the development and implementation of climate policies that lead to a climate neutral and more equitable future.

### **Our values:**

- Climate Justice
- Horizontal Leadership
- Solidarity and mutual support
- Nonviolence
- Safety of climate activists

### **Work priorities for 2021-2023:**

- Working with government agencies, local governments, and the public of EECCA countries for strengthening nationally determined contributions, which lead to just and concrete low-carbon development, built on the rights and needs of the civil society.
- Developing leadership potential of the Network members, primarily young and/or small organizations, strengthening cooperation among members.
- Supporting climate movement and mobilizing civil society through preparing and carrying out joint actions and advocacy campaigns.
- Intensifying work with mass media at all levels, active presence in social media, developing press releases and communications materials.

## 1.2 Our structure

Coordination of CAN EECCA takes place with the work of the Board and the Secretariat. The main decision-making body is the General Assembly of the members.

The Board of the organization during the year 2021 consisted of:



**Alexey Kokorkin**  
(WWF Russia)



**Natalia Idrisova**  
(Little Earth,  
Tajikistan)



**Amalia Ambartsymyan**  
(Khazer, Armenia)



**Svitlana Romanko**  
(350.org EECCA,  
Laudado Si)

In December 2021, the General Assembly of Network members elected a new Board for a 2-year term:



**Natalia Idrisova** (Little  
Earth, Tajikistan)



**Nugzar Kokhraidze**  
(RICDOG, Georgia)



**Vasiliy Yablokov**  
(Greenpeace, Russia)



**Maria Kolesnikova**  
(MoveGreen, Kyrgyzstan)

The CAN EECCA Secretariat in 2021 included:



**Olha Boiko** – network  
Coordinator



**Tatiana Shauro** –  
Regional  
Communications  
Manager



**Irina Ponedelnik** –  
Training coordinator  
«Rise4Climate»



**Yulia Pashkovska** –  
«Climate Dialogues»  
Coordinator



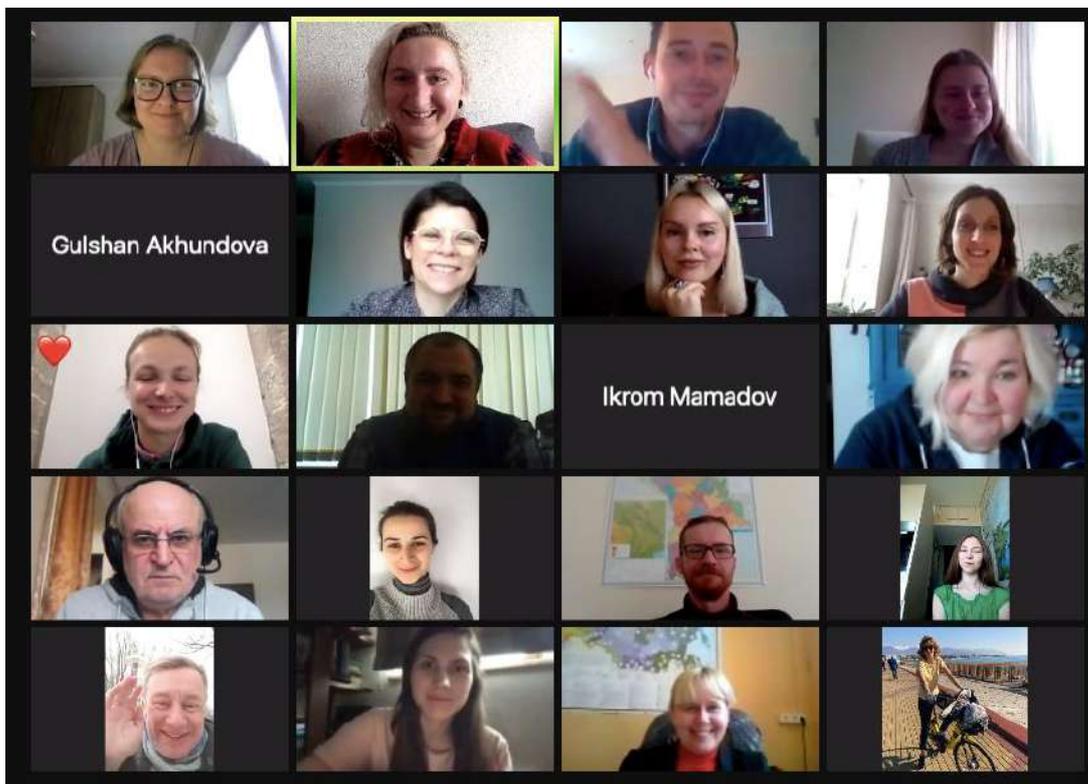
**Konstantin Fomin** –  
Media Coordinator

CAN EECCA is not legally registered, so it does not dispose of its own resources. Coordination and activities are carried out on a volunteer basis, thanks to contributions of member organizations of the network or through direct support of donors for specific projects.

### 1.3 Regular meetings of CAN EECCA members

Every 1.5-2 months our network members met online, everyone could connect to regional calls, where the latest news of members, the secretariat and further events were discussed.

The final meeting was the General Assembly on December 1-2, 2021. We gathered online in order to evaluate the work for 2021 as usual and approve the strategic directions of work for 2022. Also, during the GA, the members of the network voted for a new council. You can view the part of our GA in which we discussed the most important results of the year for the network and for individual EECCA countries at the following [link](#).



Alas, due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, we were unable to gather a large number of network members for a live meeting. Nevertheless, on October 14-17 we managed to organize a Leadership Meeting of CAN EECCA. The members of the Network Board as well as the secretariat gathered in Kyiv, a total of 10 people from 5 countries. We discussed the results of our work in 2020-2021, planned in detail our participation in the COP26 conference, and outlined our main priorities for 2022, which would bring us closer to our long-term goals.



## 1.4 CAN EECCA members

As of the end of 2021, CAN EECCA included 57 NGOs from 11 countries of the Eastern Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia region.

| <b>No</b> | <b>Name of organization</b>                                      | <b>Country</b> |
|-----------|--|----------------|
| 1         | Eco Club Lore (ECL)  | Armenia        |
| 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         |

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| 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     |
| 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 | Our home - Manyava                           | Ukraine    |
| 52 | The Voice of Nature                          | Ukraine    |
| 53 | Ecodiya                                      | Ukraine    |
| 54 | Khmelnyskyi energy cluster                   | Ukraine    |
| 55 | Ecoclub Green wave                           | Ukraine    |
| 56 | Ekoltava                                     | Ukraine    |
| 57 | SREDA.UZ                                     | Uzbekistan |

## 1.5 Participation in CAN Annual Strategy Meeting and CAN Coordinators Meeting

For the first time, CAN International's Annual Strategy Meeting was held online in 2021. CAN EECCA members participated to understand better where and how the global CAN network is headed.



As the global network strives to have priorities of work dictated not "top-down" but "bottom-up", the participation of local organizations in such meetings is very important. For the EECCA region, this is the first time they have provided a translation into Russian. We look forward to sending our network members to a live CAN meeting.

## Members' capacity building

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### 2.1 Climate Dialogues

In 2021, the Climate Dialogues project reached a completely new level and became one of the two main projects for our network. We continued to do it in collaboration with the Friedrich Ebert Foundation and Friends of the Earth Germany as Julia Pashkovska coordinated the project.

Climate Dialogues is a platform for bringing together experts from Eastern Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia around the topic of climate change. In the first year of the project, we managed to bring together over 220 people from 17 countries in 6 thematic working groups.



In times of pandemic and online life, when real working meetings have become impossible, we found a format that could not only keep activists, journalists and experts connected, but also generate useful climate materials and raise important topics for the region. Among the members of the CAN EECCA network, we identified the most key topics in which there was a request for cooperation, and they were: climate policy, cities and mobility, adaptation and biodiversity, renewable energy and energy efficiency, education and communication, and just transition away from fossil fuels.

Among this plethora of topics, the members and participants of the working groups were to choose a focus, that is, one event or publication that they wanted to create together. In each working group, we had about 4-5 meetings over the year. Experts from different countries came to the project for new experiences, contacts and the opportunity to put their knowledge into practice. We created convenient communication channels where you could exchange thematic news and organized 2 conferences, at the beginning and [at the end of the year](#), which were attended by more than 200 participants. The events helped launch and summarize the project's annual results, while regular meetings helped keep participants in touch and inspire each other.

We invite you to read the results of the groups' work:

**“Renewable energy and energy efficiency”**

- Experts from 8 countries have prepared an [Overview of the Renewable Energy Situation in Eastern Europe, Caucasus, and Central Asia](#)
- In addition, the group members prepared [an Article on best practices of RES in the EECCA region.](#)

### **“Climate policy”**

- The group participated in the preparation of [Common regional Position for COP26](#)
- Experts have prepared an [Article On Green Financing in EECCA Region регионе БЕКЦА.](#)
- Ahead of COP26, the group also produced a series of [social media posts](#) explaining in simple terms what climate policy is and how it can be influenced

### **“Education and Communications”**

- The group prepared an article in English on the [Role of Youth in Climate Policy](#)

### **“Just Transition and Divestment from Fossil Fuels”**

- For the first time, the EECCA region hosted an event on the theme of a just transition away from fossil fuels. A recording in Russian is available at the following link: [“Just Transition in the EECCA Region. Divesting from coal, oil, and gas without social upheaval”](#)

### **“Biodiversity and Adaptation”**

- In June, the group organized a conference [“The Value of Natural Ecosystems for Climate Conservation and Sustainable Development”](#)

### **“Cities and mobility”**

- In August, the group organized a webinar on [EU Green Deal – why it will affect everyone and how much it will cost the countries of the EECCA region](#)

We will continue our support of civil society and experts from the Eastern Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia region to share best practices, create joint events, positions, projects and increase the visibility of the countries of our region in the world. Join us!

## **2.2 «Rise4Climate» - the Climate Leadership School**

In 2021 CAN EECCA together with our partners from Friedrich Ebert Foundation launched the Climate Leadership School “Rise4Climate”. The School was coordinated by Irina Ponedelnik. Together we conducted 5 trainings on different topics that can help climate activists: how to develop and talk about your project and work, how to



27-28 апреля  
в 11:00-14:00 CET

## Начни с нами! Как развить свою климатическую идею

engage stakeholders, influence decision-making, as well as where to get resources and how to protect your rights.

Starting in June, six project participants were given the opportunity to work with mentors. Mentor pairs and mentees worked on an individual program through the end of November. As a result, the mentees worked on their own initiatives, received support and contacts, and were able to learn more about their topic.

During the summer, we held informal meetings for School participants to maintain the connection. Activists came to socialize, get support, get to know each other better, and some even turned on a camera for the first time. Such meetings helped the participants of the school to stay within the project, and not to get lost during the 2 summer months.

On October 18-25, on the eve of COP26, together with the training participants, we created Climate Week, an online mobilization to remind our audience of how many important and useful activists are doing in different countries. We involved participants from 5 countries in this initiative, including members of the CAN network. As a result of the School, we released a [Manual](#) for climate leaders with recordings of all trainings, trainer presentations, and engaging assignments. Anyone can download the manual and step-by-step improve the skills they lack to make a difference in the world.

## 2.3 Webinars and sharing experience

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«НОВАЯ ЭНЕРГЕТИКА»

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ЗНАЧИТ ДЛЯ РЕГИОНА ВЕКЦА?



We held our main webinars as part of the Climate Dialogues project. However, on June 2nd, we had a [meeting](#) with an energy expert, Vladimir Sidorovich, who commented on the International Energy Agency's report titled "Zero Emissions by 2050: A Plan for the Global Energy System."

# National and international activities on Climate Policy

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## 3.1 Analysis of EECCA Climate Policies

In December 2020, our team released the [Climate Policy Analysis of the EECCA Region](#). We collected the most relevant information available at that time on the countries' plans to reduce emissions in different sectors, on adaptation, update nationally determined contributions (NDCs) and position at the UN climate negotiations.

In April 2021 the CAN EECCA team sent official letters to the governments of ten countries in the region of Eastern Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia, outlining the recommendations to improve climate policy and asking about the measures already taken. Only four countries responded: Armenia, Azerbaijan, Russia and Ukraine.

In November 2021 representatives of all EECCA countries took part in the COP26 Conference of the Parties in Glasgow, where they made many statements and presented their updated NDCs. But what are the most important changes in climate policy of EECCA countries in 2021? We answered this question in a review article entitled [“How EECCA countries behaved in 2021 on climate policy.”](#) During the COP26 Conference of the Parties, the Secretariat of the CAN EECCA Network communicated our common [position](#) to the delegates from different countries and international partners.

## Fundraising, financial and other support for the network

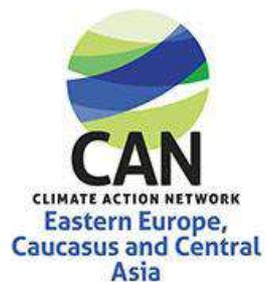
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CAN EECCA appreciates the support of its members and partners. We are glad that this year we were able to establish new long-term partnerships and continue our common work with our regular donors.

CAN EECCA would like to thank the Swedish Society for Nature Conservation for their long-standing support in the production of the information digest, online and social media presence, organization of network coordination events, participation in the UNFCCC conferences and CAN strategic meetings.

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We are also grateful to the CAN International Global Network Secretariat for the opportunity to receive support from the Node Development Fund, as well as for developing the capacity of the network coordinators in fundraising and organizational planning



CAN International – is a worldwide coalition of more than 1,500 international and national civil society organizations working to reduce the catastrophic effects of climate change.

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