

# **Platform for the Friends of Climate Action Network in Eastern Europe, Caucasus, and Central Asia**

## **(CAN EECCA)**

### **1. Purpose of the Platform**

The Friends of CAN EECCA Platform serves as a circle of supporters, allies, experts, journalists, and partner organisations that assist the Network in advancing climate justice in Eastern Europe, the Caucasus, and Central Asia.

The Platform functions as a supportive outer circle of CAN EECCA and does not constitute formal membership in the Network. Friends do not have voting rights and do not participate in decision-making bodies.

### **2. Leadership and Coordination**

A Facilitator is appointed by the Board to coordinate the Platform for a one-year term, with unlimited reappointment. The Facilitator may be a Board member or any other individual designated by the Board. The Facilitator serves as a non-voting member of the Extended Board.

The Facilitator coordinates the Platform jointly with the Secretariat, which maintains the registry of “Friends”, manages communication, and ensures that participation aligns with CAN EECCA’s values, independence rules, and Charter obligations.

#### **Facilitator’s Responsibilities:**

- Oversee platform operations;
- Share information about CAN EECCA and manage communication within the CAN Google Group;
- Encourage participation in network activities and communication;
- Collaborate with the secretariat to drive concrete outcomes (e.g., projects, networking, advocacy actions).

### **3. Composition**

Friends may include:

- independent experts and academics
- journalists and media representatives
- activists and volunteers
- partner organisations

- donors and philanthropic supporters
- project alumni

All Friends must adhere to CAN EECCA’s Charter, Code of Conduct, and independence principles, including a prohibition on affiliation with fossil fuel interests or government influence.

#### **4. Engagement and Activities**

Friends may:

- support visibility and communication of CAN EECCA;
- contribute expertise to policy discussions when invited;
- participate in campaigns or actions upon invitation;
- provide solidarity during crisis situations affecting members;
- help connect CAN EECCA with donors, research institutions, or media.

Participation in Working Groups (PCG, ACG) is possible only upon invitation and strictly as an observer or contributor, not as a decision-maker.

#### **5. Meetings and Events**

The Platform holds an annual open session convened by the Facilitator and the Board.

Additional consultations may be organised when relevant to policy, action, communication, or partnership needs.

#### **6. Rights and Limitations**

Friends may:

- receive selected communications and digests,
- be invited to events,
- contribute expertise,
- participate in joint projects or campaigns.

Friends may **not**:

- vote in any CAN EECCA processes,
- hold membership status,
- participate in the General Assembly,
- join the Board,

- participate in membership admission,
- access confidential internal documents unless expressly permitted.

## **7. Relationship With Governance Bodies**

The Facilitator reports on Platform activities to the Board and participates in Extended Board meetings in an advisory (non-voting) capacity.

The Secretariat ensures coordination and alignment with the Network's strategic priorities and communication system.

Working Groups may invite Friends for consultations, based on group needs.