

Report Organisations applying for membership in YEE Annual Meeting 2015

In this report we would like to present the organisations that would like to join YEE. There is one organisation applying for membership in Youth and Environment Europe in 2015.

Association for Environmental Integration and Social Progress (IPAS) - Albania

IPAS is a non-governmental, non-political and non-profit organisation created with free will of its members without any purpose of profit. The purpose of Association's activity is to contribute to achieving sustainable and social development by integrating in the best manner the three elements of this development: socio-cultural, environmental and economic. The vision of the organisation is "Justice, equal opportunities and progress for a society can unfold aspirations for a better life".

Country:	Albania
Applies for:	Associate membership
Number of members:	12
Age limit:	under 30, except for the vice-president who is 44 years old
Objectives:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">❖ Promoting human rights, social services to vulnerable groups, education, health, gender equality, conflict resolution and participation in decision-making on various social and environmental issues;❖ Awareness and information on environmental protection and social aspect;❖ Promotion of a green economy, focusing on various environmental sectors, affecting the achievement of a sustainable development in general;❖ Union and strengthening of the voice of civil society in environmental protection, economic and social development and operation of associations and individuals to support the sustainable development of the country;❖ Developing studies on environmental impact assessment, and social studies;❖ Interaction with local institutions in public and private sector and networking with social and environmental NGOs to support capacity building and public participation in decision making;

- ❖ Providing cooperation and specialised environmental and social assistance for other NGOs, local and central government, and businesses (strategies for businesses about marketing, to improve and enhance the social responsibility of businesses and increasing performance in terms of public relations and also creating 'green' businesses);
- ❖ Providing legal assistance on environmental issues and conflicts and also providing assistance in the preparation of documents directed to the institutions in fulfillment of the right to information and complaints, in general, and regarding to participation in environmental decision making within Aarhus Convention;
- ❖ Assisting in the promotion and development of renewable energy;
- ❖ Promoting the development of natural and cultural tourism.

Mission: To contribute to improving the situation in which we live, ensuring social equality and justice, environmental protection and economic development in Albania.

Activities: IPAS runs projects in national level with a good combination of the social, environmental and economic aspects as for example: activities in the context of the Week of Europe; educational campaigns for World Environmental Day, Earth Day, Climate Change international day, etc.

Association for Environmental Integration and Social Progress applies for associate membership. As they fulfil all the criteria necessary (youth organisation, dealing with environmental topics), we recommend the General Assembly to accept them as an associate member.