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Position: Chairperson 2016-2017

Dear Colleagues,

This year was very remarkable for me as it was my fifth year in Youth and Environment Europe Board and my first mandate of Chairperson.

The beginning of my mandate started with individual Skype meetings with every board member and Secretariat, during which we discussed the Board Members' Workplans, collaboration between the Board and Secretariat and tasks for the upcoming Working Year.

During those 10 months of work as YEE Chairperson, I tried to convene at least one Board Meeting per month (virtual or physical) and to coordinate the cooperation between the Board Members and Board Members and Office. From September 2016 to May 2017 YEE Board had 7 Virtual and 2 Physical Board Meetings.

During the first Physical Board Meeting which took place in December 2016 in Czech Republic we created a number of Working Groups, which were working on different topics (Pool of Representatives, Human Resources Policies, Donation Strategy, Promo Poster, WelcomePack for AM, etc). Some of these Working Groups have already finished their works, while the others still continue to develop their topics.

Unfortunately, due to some serious family issues I had to miss almost one and half months of YEE life, including the second Physical Board Meeting which took place in March 2017 in Czech Republic. However, I still tried to check my e-mails and communicate with Secretariat and Board Members, and due to good cooperation, I was able to catch up fast on what has been done and what needed to be accomplished by the end of my mandate.

I proofread Minutes from YEE Board Meetings and took part in e-mail discussions in case if some problems needed salvation. This year I did not have a chance to represent YEE.

I would like to thank YEE Secretariat and Board for their support, cooperation and professionalism.

In case you have any questions, please, don't hesitate to contact me.

Best regards,

Zaruhi Stepanyan