

Application by Rangjung Yeshe Gomde

To the members of the EBU,

Council recommendation to the AGM, pursuant to article 4.c of the EBU Constitution

INTRODUCTION

Rangjung Yeshe Gomde submitted an application with supporting documents to become a member of the EBU on January 29, 2025. Their application is endorsed by the Austrian Buddhist Union. They gave a presentation to the Council on April 24, 2025.

AVAILABLE INFORMATION

Rangjung Yeshe Gomde was founded in 2004 by the renowned Tibetan Buddhist Teacher Chökyi Nyima Rinpoche, son of Tulku Ugyen Rinpoche. It follows in the tradition of the Ka-Nying Shedrub Ling Monastery in Kathmandu. The centre is situated in the hills of the Almtal, not far from Salzburg. They have been active and committed members of ÖBR for many years. In different European countries they are already a member of the respective national Buddhist unions. The centre regularly hosts meditation seminars, spiritual retreats, and teachings that last from several days to up to three months. These retreats are led by renowned lamas, khenpos, and yogis, ensuring the authenticity of the practices. Additionally, the Rangjung Yeshe Institute, located in Nepal, has been running a Buddhist language and philosophy study program for over 20 years and is closely connected with their centre. We have met with their representatives Hergild Heifler and Nandun Stüger-Kühn, delegate to ÖBR, and also on the board of ÖBR. All of our questions have been answered sincerely and satisfactorily.

For further info see: <https://gomde.eu/>.

CONSIDERATIONS

From the available information, and to the best of our knowledge, it appears that Rangjung Yeshe Gomde has been established in Europe for many years and is rooted in an old tradition. Rangjung Yeshe Gomde took the initiative to contact the EBU to become a member. Rangjung Yeshe Gomde meets the conditions for membership and has submitted the application in the correct manner.

RECOMMENDATION

The council advises the AGM:

- to approve the membership application of Rangjung Yeshe Gomde;
- to instruct the council to welcome Rangjung Yeshe Gomde as a member of the EBU and to take all necessary steps to formalize the membership.

25 April 2025