European RCE Meeting at FAIR & FRIENDS 2017 in Dortmund, North-Rhine-Westfalia

July 2017

Dear colleagues, Dear Friends

as promised, we send you the updated agenda for our European RCE meeting to be held at FAIR FRIENDS, the trade fair for Sustainable Lifestyles, Fair Trade and Social Responsibility, Dortmund on Friday, 8th to Saturday, 9th of September 2017.

Agenda
Thank you very much for your feedback and ideas for improving the agenda. Thereupon we will organize a guided tour of fair&friends. We also invited Zinaida Fadeeva on behalf of the Global RCE Secretariat. She will attend our meeting and will participate in our panel discussions.

Programme of the RCE Market Place
Furthermore, you will find attached a time-table for activities, presentations and lectures you may realize at our RCE exhibition stand. We would appreciate your contributions. We will open the RCE exhibition stand on Thursday and close it on Sunday. So, there is enough time beside our European RCE meeting to present your RCE and your projects.

All RCEs are called upon to invite their partners (especially companies and enterprises) to participate in the exhibition of FAIR FRIENDS from 7th to 10th of September. For that reason, RCE Ruhr, in cooperation with the management of FAIR FRIENDS, reserves a market place for the RCEs and their partners to show their projects, campaigns, sustainable products, innovations, social services and persons. The RCEs and their partners are more than welcome to contribute to the fair’s programme by delivering

• key notes,
• speeches,
• participating in different panel discussions and
• providing workshops or
• other appropriated activities.
• Video-Clips

We have the opportunity to show video-clips in a continuous loop about our RCE’s and their activities in the cinema of FAIR&FRIENDS. Please send us your videos.
Our RCE market place will be open from Thursday (7th of September) to Sunday (10th of September

You may send your posters, materials (Books, leaflets, flyers, etc) beforehand to below address:

FAIR FRIENDS - Messe Westfalenhallen Dortmund GmbH,
c/o Karin Lauerwald
Strobelallee 45,
44139 Dortmund
Accommodation
More detailed information about accommodation can be found on the homepage. Also, we added an address of a camping field, for youngsters and students. They can build up their own tents on this field and stay there during the fair 7-10.9.2017. Some RCEs asked for this opportunity. If you are coming by campervan or with a trailer, you may stay there for free.

Compensation of travel cost
If you need any compensation for travel expenses, please, send a registration form to the RCE Service Center to apply for funding. UNU-IAS has published all information on the RCE Portal and will send the information out to all European RCEs. UNU-IAS will only cover the following travel expenses: airfare, terminal expenses, accommodation fee, and visa processing fee.

UNU-IAS assumes that it is possible to cover the travel expenses for approximately 5-8 participants from European RCEs though the number is subject to change, depending on the individual travel costs. We might decide to cover travel cost only (e.g. airfare) in order to support as many participants as possible, which depends on the number of applications submitted.

UNU-IAS will review all the applications and decide on funding and support. Flight arrangement will be taken care of by UNU-IAS according to UN regulations. We would like to kindly remind you that UNU-IAS’s financial support for the European Regional Meeting and travel support for European RCE members is subject to change every year, depending on the Programme’s budget.

Registration
The registration deadline is 15th of August. The easiest way is to send us an email to following adress: detlev.lindaubank@me.com
You may use the registration form but it is not necessary.

Data sheet Fair & Friends
On the homepage is also a data sheet of the exhibition’s sessions. This will make it easier for you to plan your visit to Dortmund and make arrangements around the RCE meeting.

Redeem a Voucher Code for Fair & Friends
The visit of the exhibition fair&friends is free for all participants of the European RCE meeting. As a support and sign of cooperation, the organizer of fair&friends has made a voucher code “RCE” which is available on the ticket shop webpage. On this page fair&friends you can redeem the voucher code.

The Voucher Assistant will guide you step-by-step through the process of ordering your discounted Print@Home-Ticket for download. You will additionally receive your ticket by e-mail (PDF document) to print it out directly. If you redeem such a voucher, your complete contact details and the date of your visit will be sent to the exhibitor who has provided you with the voucher.

Invitation
Last but not least, we would like to welcome RCE Czechia and RCE Candidate Upper Austria. Both RCEs will be represented at the European RCE meeting. If you want to get in touch with them please let us know.
Dinner on Thursday and Friday
We are planning a diner for approximately 50 persons on Thursday 7th of September. It will be a buffet with vegan world-street food – tasty, delicious and filling. Drinks with Tea, Coffee, Juices, maybe wine and beer. The costs are 7,- €/per person.

On the 8th of September, we will have a dinner for 100 people. Soup-buffet with different offers, Bread, "Currywurst" a local Ruhr-specialty, salad of the season and drinks. The costs are 7,- €/per person. The dinner will be prepared by a team of celebrity chefs, refugees and indigenous people.

European RCE Publication
RCE Oldenburger Münsterland and University of Vechta offer the opportunity for a book series. Every RCE is invited to participate. Anybody interested in this project is invited to discuss it with Detlev Lindau-Bank on Saturday.

The following RCEs confirmed their participation:

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Best wishes