

## Forum Solidarity Economy

Das Forum Solidarische Ökonomie (\*SÖ) is open for everybody, Initiatives and projects, which want to contribute to a broad movement of solidarity economy. In order to implement aims and planned activities, the existing projects and campaigns are promoted and new ones initiated:

Das Forum \*SÖ offers space for interchange and cooperation amongst each other and for strengthening common identity and connections amongst the many approaches and „scenes“.  
>> Therefore, the forum is organizing a forum **for debates and networking every 2-3 years or a larger congress.**  
>> Moreover, smaller **Forum-Meetings, Regional forums** and also an interactive area on this website interchange of experiences and economic cooperation.

The Forum \*SÖ is initiating supply of media and learning opportunities like **Films, Expositions, Photos, Slides, Brochures, Books and Folder, Events** – as well as with foreign speakers - and is running an extensive **Website including Blogs and Newsletter**, in order to make known the many examples and forms of solidarity economy and to encourage cooperation and self-administration and one's own actions.

Finally, campaigning can create more knowledge and public support for solidarity economy. Cooperating with other progressive associations can promote common interest to reach a different economy. In this respect the Forum \*SÖ demands an improvement of political frame conditions, as up to now the predominant economy is being promoted and solidarity economy is being disadvantaged. *Examples* are Campaign Alliances as respects to *alternatives to privatizing*, as *enterprises for employees* and to *the change (from "Krötenwechsel") towards alternatives banks.*

In addition, we will strengthen **international exchange** and information about international developments.

The Forum Solidarische Ökonomie (\*SÖ) is a non-profit association. Membership is no requirement for engagement in Forum \*SÖ. However, it does indeed support the financing of the activities and safeguards the capacity to act as well as independence.

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