



EUROPIE

Why?

In the context of the crisis we all face, social movements exist, but act separately. Moreover, youth generally remain passive, unaware of their potential as social actors. EuroPie comes as a direct response to these issues and carries the message of solidarity, engagement in civil society and youth empowerment, claiming the building of a shared European space.

EuroPie aims at being not just another event, but one of the necessary checking points in the social movements calendar where alternatives are being built and collective actions, at a larger scale are planned.

EuroPie is an open space, co-built, in the spirit of participative democracy, inclusiveness and horizontality where a variety of youth led activities can take place, helping strengthening solidarity in Europe.

Where? When?

The EuroPie Festi Forum will take place in Toulouse, the 23rd -25th of August 2013.

Toulouse is a city where both the cultural and the associative life are well developed and represented. A lot of musicians, art galleries, street events and other festivals very diverse in their thematic find their place in the monthly guide HOT PAPER which is anything but thin! In what concerns the associative side, a defile of different small associations, almost each connected with a festival or another sort of creative initiative, NGOs, politically conscious bars and concert halls, an opening to different non-French cultures.

Target public:

- Young people (aprox. age 14-30), the event is open to everybody, but the activities are youth led
- 1st level of public: unengaged young people- the objective is to stir their interest in the discussed subjects through different non-formal education tools and activities.
- 2nd level of public: engaged young people, already part of initiatives, movements, the goal being to connect them.
- The event is opened to all social groups, intercultural, diverse, non-discriminatory.

THE CALL

We call for all organizations, energies, struggles and experiences, from Europe and all other continents, to meet us at the youth led **EuroPie Festival** from the **23rd until the 25th of August 2013** in the city of **Toulouse France**. This event will be an open space to connect thousands of individuals, networks and organizations. This is a space for everyone to share and exchange knowledge, to self empower and to take collective action. There will be workshops, debates and discussions alongside music, celebration and art. This initiative comes as a direct response to the crises of environment, society, economics and politics that we all face.

Why are we doing this?

All around us we can see that the world is on the move. From the **Greek Debt Audit campaigns** to the growing **transition network**, from the **Occupy movement** to the many **local and international NGOs**; **civil societies are rising up across the world to reclaim political power**. But as important as it is to act locally where we live, we also cannot forget **the importance of becoming visible and acting collectively on a larger scale**. Let's come together to design, share and implement the alternatives we envision.

We are seeing the beginning of a Europe where **ecological sustainability, solidarity and social justice** are fundamental principles. We all recognise the need for **an economic and political system that respects planetary boundaries**, as well as the need for **a safe and just space for humanity to exist on equal terms**, both with each other and the Earth as a whole.

The space we envision is open to all, centred upon the concepts of **inclusiveness and horizontal democracy**. It can only be truly open if a **diverse range of social, economic and cultural voices** are included and represented. The representation of political parties will not be possible, but we welcome all members of political parties as individuals.

In the spirit of **participatory democracy**, the festival will be co-built by many organisations and initiatives so bring your ideas in order to become part of this dynamic process.

Join us in **strengthening solidarity in Europe!**

Contact us at: contact@toulouse-2013.com



THEMATIC ENTRY POINTS

We propose different thematic entry points. So far we have started the mobilization around 3 entry points :

- Water – the mobilization around the water topic is currently developing, with one EYES member involved also in the organization of EuroPie working specifically on water issues with the support of France Libertés and Les Petits Débrouillards Ile-de- France. In the PACA region, Les Petits Débrouillards is also working on the Water Messengers project. Moreover, the water project involves a well-developed international mobilization.
- Climate
- Education

Other themes will converge as we advance with the mobilization. The thematic entry points are open and the organizations/movements can propose their own subjects of interest.

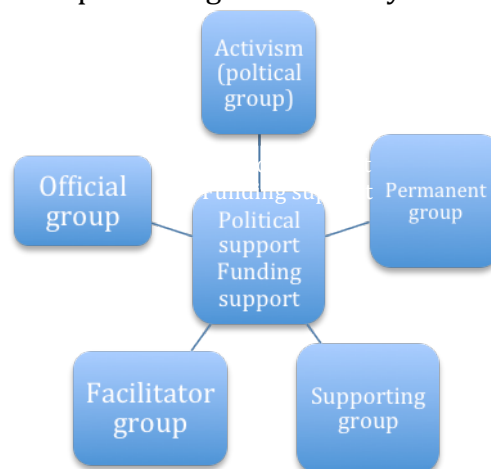
The form of activities is diverse, as well opened to proposals such as:

- Thematic workshops
- Sharing experiences workshops
- Animations
- Convergence spaces
- Plenary sessions
- Debates
- Artivism activities
- Concerts
- Exhibitions
- Theatre, circus workshops

HOW IS THE EVENT BEING ORGANISED?

There are several working groups:

1. **Facilitator group:** support/resource individuals and organizations
2. **Political (activists) group:** some EYES members
3. **Permanent group (the Desk) :** the 4 EVS
4. **Supporting group:**
5. **Official group:**
 - **TOG- Toulouse Organization Group-** operational, deals with local mobilization, coordination and planning
 - **FrOG: French Organization Group-** deals with the national coordination and mobilization in France
 - **Collectif EuroPie 2013:** local association created in Toulouse especially for this event, has a legal status
 - **European level** - focused on the mobilization of the initiatives, individuals throughout Europe to integrate in the dynamic of the event.



Many organisations are supporting this path towards EuroPie with many others in the process of signing our call and joining us in the organizing process.

- Les Petits Débrouillards is one of the 24 European organisations part of the YPPSI network and the most well-known French organisation in dealing with science and society and non-formal education. For EYES, YPPSI represents the main support because they provide logistical help throughout our youth organisational process.
- France Liberté
- Les ecoliers
- Bizi

...More about the European dimension

What is a National Contact Point?

In order to have a strong widespread mobilization in Europe, as well as extended internationally, having National Contact Points is vital. The goal is to have a representative in each country.

A NCP can be an organization (campaign, movement) or an individual.

The role of the NCP is negotiable, taking into consideration the context in each country for every organization/movement. For a better, more productive and equitable task division an enlargement of the country network as the tasks evolve could make the mobilization in each country easier. Also, in many countries EYES members can help.

Briefly, we propose the following tasks:

- Translating the event documents in their language
- Giving information about the event in their language to interested people
- Help with the mobilization in their country for EuroPie
- Give information about the cost of the buses from their
- Organize pre events and extended festi-forum events during EuroPie
- Disseminate the information after the event, organize follow-up events
- Connect to the European Dimension through thematic entry points, if interested.

FAQ

Why an event?

The logic behind the EuroPie festival is to create a space, politically charged, but mixed with creativity that can help provide the beginnings of more connectivity between the youth of Europe. Solution based discussions mixed with creative expression can allow for perhaps a more unified space of young people to exist in the continent. This will also help us, the youth of Europe, to bring the local issues which affect us, to the forefront of a European audience.

Where and when is it?

Toulouse, France, 23-25 August 2013.

How can individuals /Organisations/movements/campaigns/initiatives get involved in EuroPie?

There are different ways of getting involved: proposing an activity during the Festival, becoming a volunteer, helping as build the initiative, spreading the word, creating event in your home town, if you can not participate to the festival.

Just write us and show your interest and we'll find together a way for you to get involved that suits your interests and availability.

How can I become a volunteer?

Good question! In fact, we are not planning on 3 days of actual Festi-Forum activities, but also on 7 days of preparation of the location, where we need the help of as many volunteers as possible. Info about that will come soon! But, it's important to know that we want these 7 days of preparation to be already a time of first contacts and convergences, workshops and creative work.

How to travel to the festival?

TO GET THERE TOGETHER! As the philosophy of the festival is to respect the principals of minimum ecological impact, we propose to the participants to use diverse, alternative ways of travelling.

First of all, we want to organise 2 buses per European country to send anyone interested in participating or attending the festival to come. We want to coordinate and work with local/national organisations to fundraise these costs.

Secondly, we propose on our website a space where participants can exchange information about car sharing and connect their routes. Moreover, we challenge you to come to Toulouse by bicycles. If not, we will assure free bicycles during the festival, for does interested.

Argoulets, the location of the Festival, is reachable by metro and 5 bus lines.

What about the food during EuroPie?

We encourage local, biological farming so the food will come from local producers, which means cheap, good and healthy... for you and for the environment! Plates, cups, cutlery will be reusable and recyclable!

How is the location going to look like?

Imagine an open space that welcomes and inspires you! We'll have tents where activities will take place, art scenes, and camping spaces. We conceive it as an easily accessible space that also encourages the spontaneous gathering of people.

The architecture of the space will be planned by architecture students as their study project. Using reusable and recyclable materials.

Moreover, recycling, reducing waste and water consumption are important issues for us, so we propose dry toilets and selective waste.

Is there funding for the event?

We have secured some funding from the EU and we continue to search and apply for other sources of funding. We plan on hosting pre events throughout Europe to also help fundraise.

What is planned next after EuroPie finishes?

We are hoping that Toulouse will promote the development of something new amongst the youth of Europe, a linkage between problems, social movements- so that unified solutions can be put on the table.