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INVITATION TO THE PLENARY MEETING OF THE UPRISING GROUPS OF CENTRAL EUROPE

Greetings!

The Initiative for city-wide assembly (IMZ) is hosting a plenary meeting of all uprising groups, non-government organizations, active in the field of direct democracy, socially and politically critical groups and their sympathizers.

The meeting is going to take place in Maribor, on the 6th of December 2013, in cultural center Pekarna, Gustaf hall, Ob železnici 8. The aim of the gathering is to present and share different views related to alternative social structure. The first part is going to take place in the shape of two discussions on the subject of participatory budgeting and advocacy, where we will try to find possible ways and solutions to these issues, followed by a plenary meeting, where the participants will discuss ongoing practices in the field of active citizenship.

Therefore we ask you to confirm your attendance and give us the estimated number of participants. Please let us know if you require sleeping arrangements. Stands will be made available if you wish to present your publications or other materials. Lunch will be vegan. Press will not be present.

We are going to send the exact program with the detailed description of discussions' topics two weeks prior to the event. Due to international nature of the event, discussions will be held in English language. Translators will be available, if required.



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PROPOSED PROGRAM OF THE PLENARY MEETING:

9:00	Gathering and coffee
10:00-14:00	Discussions Format of the discussions: Both subjects will be opened by speakers. Presentations will take about half an hour, followed by a public discussion. We will have a short break between the discussions.
14:00-15:00	Lunch with short musical entertainment.
15:00-18:00	Plenary assembly Format: Each participating group will make a short presentation about themselves and their activities. Then we will try to find common goals. The short-term goal is a public declaration, while the long-term goal is the creation of new networks, to reinforce the existing ones, as well as creation of inter-group connections for possible future collaboration.
18:00-21:00	Break The reason for the prolonged break are several lectures that are taking place in Maribor at that time, and would be interesting for participants. The other reason is that Gustaf hall needs to prepare the technical means for evening events.
21:00-5:00	The fun bit So far we have confirmed the concert of Stari pes (Old dog), hard-funk ensemble from Maribor. After the two concerts, we have options of a DJ set, or democratic Karaoke. Care-free mingle is of course important for the creation and reinforcement of informal ties, which could be even stronger than formal ones.