

ANNEX 1: LIST OF PARTICIPANTS AT GENERAL ASSEMBLY

General Assembly July 2005, Galgafarm	
Name	Project
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Inci Gokmen	Guneskoy
Onur Gokmen	Guneskoy
Harald Hummer	Viverde
Mike Gogan	Ecotopia Romania
Gabi Gogan	Ecotopia Romania
Martin Kirchner	Austria
Marijana Lesar	Balkan Ecovillage Network
Kasimir Reichmuth	Torri/GEN
Drazen Simleca	ZMAG/BEN
Johannes Stolba	Keimblatt Oekodorf
Robert Gerzany	Hungary
Jacques	Suisse
Nanni	Convento San Giorgio
Claire Ozel	Guneskoy Turkey
Rita Francia	Rigmany, Romania
Jean-Michel Pochat	Dionay, France
Paolo Battino	Bagnaia, Italy
Alex Cicelsky	Kibbutz Lotan D.N. Eilat 88855, Israel
Mike Kaplin	Kibbutz Lotan D.N. Eilat 88855, Israel
Fran Scott	Healthy Living Project, London
Achim Ecker	ZEGG, Germany
Capra Carruba	Damanhur, Italy
Lepre Viola	Damanhur, Italy
Andy Langford	Braziers Park, UK
Tony Gosling	EVN, UK
Boris	GEN – Russia
Amelie Weimar	Tamera, Portugal
Mari Hollander	Findhorn
Deniz Dingel	Findhorn / Turkey
Ali Gokmen	Guneskoy, Turkey
Cristina Dutescu	Ecotopia Romania
Esa Aaltonen	GEN – Finland Community Village Project
Anne Holma	Community Village Project
Heikki Attila	GEN – Finland
Marja Miettinen	Finland
Juha Pulkila	GEN – Finland Ahtari Ecovillage

Eberhard Bechtle	Svanholm
Ralf Krause	Poland
Maria Vazquez	Ecotopia Espana
Cesar Arriaga	Portugal
Ina Meyer-Stoll	ZEGG, Germany
Jonathan Dawson	Findhorn
Geza Varga	Galgafarm, Hungary
Gabor Toth	Galgafarm
Gabriella Mihalik	Hungary

- ++** Full members
- ++** Supportive members
- ++** Staff and Council
- ++** Non-members

ANNEX 2: NATIONAL NETWORK REPORTS

Spanish National Network:

Iberian Network: RIA: active 7 years, had annual meetings in different EV. 6 new this year.

Annual Madrid meeting of Biosphere: 27 members attended.

National network loose till now. Decided to give more structure: Who is member, an internal working structure, with statutes to be discussed at next EV encounter.

Last meeting at Sierra de Segura, more than 100 people interested in alternatives to city living. Different projects, one wants to use traditional agriculture techniques but needs people. Workshops on permaculture, yoga, juggling. Lakabe is oldest Spanish EV with 25 members.

November meeting: proposals that Portugal would organise the next year's meeting. But Portugal haven't yet been able to organise, so Ecotopia will organise 2-4th September 2005, at Estremadura, near Portuguese border.

Ecotopia Foundation: a network of people and organisations standing for sustainable development. A carpentry workshop produced wooden windows and houses; an office houses a consultancy and there is a mini lab for renewable energy. Also ecological building materials from Germany and other places are distributed throughout Spain. Bio-climatic building is important. The workshop employs about 12 local people. More in the town, and even more throughout Spain. A community house is an 'eco-social' laboratory' for personal development, from an old mill, restored over the years.

Lots of building experiments ongoing: involving plastic/metal rods: cheap.

The September encounter will have many workshops, especially on construction.

Balkan Ecovillage Network:

Not yet part of GEN, but interconnected with Torri and GEN: need to do more. Land, garden and technology available, but don't yet feel we have a 'GEN eco-village'. Neither is there a national network, due to consequences of war. When started, thought to include not just Croatians but others from the region, so that others would be provided for.

The development of the project so far:

2002, visit to Torri as tourists...

2003 several Croatians and Bosnians trained at Torri.

Also permaculture people from Denmark invited to Croatia: on Island of Cres.

Zagreb Ecovillage training, by Massimo and Lucilla, with GEN co-financing. Also funding from a regional centre for central and eastern Europe.

Now in process of getting legal status; with 10 member organisations, including ecological projects supporting the general idea.

A course in Sarajevo, also with Lucilla and Massimo.

Hosted international Permaculture Conference.

Project for western Balkans: Croatia, Bosnia HG, Albania, , Serbia and Montenegro, Macedonia. After the Sarajevo course: a large number of groups.

Other smaller projects: Supplying other organisations with small windmills, to explore other options. A CD for children about permaculture. Lots of travel, in 2 months with smaller projects, now in the summer they will work on their own place.

Renewable energies: support from a local company: great discount for social and environmental projects. Bio fuels: non-toxic; fuel from natural projects. Now preparing to develop this avenue.

Latinovac EV is now working on conflict resolution, less on eco-villages. But are now willing to cooperate with the Croatian group.

In September: a conference in Zagreb, with policy recommendations. A small straw bale house will be build to challenge current illegality.

One member will go to Austria to gain knowledge then spread among members. A book, a webpage are planned.

Danish network

LOS means National Association of Ecological Societies, since 1993. Went through a difficult period caused by the loss of funding just like the European Network. Decided to spread the office and journal tasks to several activists throughout the network. At the same time the communication through internet forums and email lists will be improved. Balances on two legs: to help new initiatives and network between current projects. Last year many new members came to the network, mainly co-housing projects rather than ecovillages.

Three new members of the board, from 3 of the oldest communities in DK: Hesbjerg, Thylejren and Svanholm. A new EV is a permaculture initiative on Fyn called "The self-sufficient village". Freeland project: houses built with recycled and natural materials, without loans to finance. Agreement with authorities, so they can experiment with new buildings at low cost. A policy of minimal waste, with each household responsible for own wastewater treatment. Get good media coverage: one house built by national TV, direct coverage reaching the whole population.

Received funding to finish a CD ROM eco village introduction and presentation.

This year aim to visit all the 35 members of the national network, to get them more involved, with a contact person in each community responsible for liaison with the network.

LOS's services to members: a journal with high standards for articles. In last years less backup from communities, need for more input from members.

Finish report

A living g shelter with floor, ceiling and a hat. Transportable, so no need for building permit: 6m diameter; not recommended to erect in winter in 20 cm of snow, 2300 Euro. ...lots of insulation. Sun heats through roof. Hat is dismountable. A space for self healing: in balance with the galaxy etc., charkas balanced so the key to total freedom! Can be build anywhere. Dances in earthquakes, swims in hurricanes and floods. In Kero EV. Carpenters must be humble. The upper part will fly in 20- years, but I can wait says Heiki!

www.rihmasto.fi webpage.

National network started round 1995. first identified what EV there were. 2 years ago association with a ltd budget of a few 100 euros per year. Established EV are the same, in the south: below the artic circle! Also on an island in the south: a farm of 40 Ha. : a corporation with shares for those building and others for supporters. A few buildings but more to be built later.

A third wave: the original, then some years ago. The new wave have a more holistic view of their purpose: a 1 hour radio show let to a listener offering his farm as the basis for an EV. How to handle it legally: as a cooperative? How to make decisions? The farmer is idealistic; doesn't want property shared by children in inheritance, which would end farming.

In the south lots of forest.

National website, and experience on national radio now on website. Is online transmission possible? Lots of material available in Finish, with photos available on the web.

French Network:

...since last year: the network is not moving much, but some positive things:

No elections in 2 years. 4 people in 4 communities. Francophone, not just France, also include Switzerland. Carapas, Passerelle, and La Clairiere. 1997 network registered in Carapas, but what should happen now. They do not wish to continue: now on standby until the network meets in the autumn.

Aug 2004 a good meeting with people from Africa, and Jonathan. 3 days organised by a few people, not the network. Some initiative from 'oasis en

tous lieux' a concept started at same time as GEN, by Pierre Rabhi, one of first to start organic agriculture: agro-ecologie, in the 60s. A Berber from north Africa, who became involved in politics by becoming a candidate for the Presidential elections: to raise awareness, as a form of insurrection.

"oasis everywhere' because we are in a human desert.

Georgia Brunais an older woman who is now reviving a movement with Pierre Rabhi: will this movement be the end of the existing French network?...if everyone joins the new group...who may be interested in joining GEN.

Oasis en tous lieux has a relationship with the butterfly of GEN.

Austrian Network

There is a National Austrian Network, called Austrotopia. This year they have created a web site www.austrotopia.net. Anyone can contribute to the web. Last year they had a summer gathering of people interested in having an ecovillage program.

They keep having meetings with interested people and with already established communities. Have been having presentations to the public.

Have regional contacts, and regional meetings with interested people.

Several ecovillage projects, specially on the East, around Vienna.

Johannas project in the south. Last month people moved into the first cohousing projects in Austria. Another project just got some land to move into.

They plan to do an event in autumn, a 4 day open space event, inviting GEN and different ecovillages. From there they want to do an ecovillage Education Program.

Russian Network

Does a brief run down of history, past, present and future of Russian ecovillages.

Presents Grishino ecovillage as the centre of many ecovillages in Russia with many of its members having contacts with different countries in the world. Also about a Sufi community around Grishino.

Ludvinca, in Siberia, also in contact with other ecovillages in the world.

Talks about another ecovillage, having 100 members and interested in searching for U. F. O.

Talks about another project, building a home for older people and helping surrounding villages get food and water.

A project starting in Moscow, problems contacting people since they do not have addresses.

There are no minutes from the Italian network report

International Permaculture Conference, in Croatia.

10 days long, very busy and significance, 9 years since previous conference. Connection between EV and PC is now strong.

Declan Kennedy now chair of Gaia University. Many smaller informal meetings.

Achim says: lots of possibilities for future connections, especially with Evs, especially longstanding Evs: ecology, human relations and fair share: lots to offer to permaculture: examples of gardens, not just biological but also humans; 'life after oil' is already visible in EV

ANNEX 3: REPORTS FROM VARIOUS 'OPEN SPACE' BREAKOUT GROUPS

1. Roles and services of GEN-Europe and strategy for undertaking these (Quo Vadis GEN-Europe?)

Questions	Goals/what	Strategy/how	Concrete measures
<p>What do we need GEN for? What is useful for?</p> <p>Facilitate or do? Ecovillage movement?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Moral support by like-minded people ○ Network, co-inspire ○ Important for smaller Ecovillages, bigger are already networking ○ Offer other models, sustainable living models. demonstrating and practicing them ○ Set political goal: What do we want to promote? A new concept of not looking at individual projects but general basis. Practical goal. ○ create policies for EU for what it needs in terms of numbers. Research, publish, fund to do what Geza did embodied energy, cradle to grave, LCA (Life cycle analysis) ○ Setting a benchmark ○ Teaching role, education as key role. ○ Support people ○ serve needs of members ○ bring diversity to bigger communities ○ support small communities ○ GEN as clearinghouse for information, 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ magnitude (number of elements connected, suborganizations), ○ dynamic (challenges are changing, adopt to new tasks). ○ Be more flexible, loosen up structure of Board and general assembly. ○ Broaden meaning of Ecovillage: sustainable settlement, include urban settlements etc. (not circle of wooden houses) ○ Not only how you build it, but how you live in it. Currency, how do we treat each other, effect to the environment. ○ Look at codes, economic models and numbers of it – how do communities survive? ○ Define more useful strategy/policy of disseminating information in the world, widened target group. ○ Create connection with bigger, more specialized organizations ○ Address wider problems of the world, be in larger movement ○ Identify what large communities want from GEN 	<p>Leaflets, articles, press should continue to happen to see our story out in a wider world</p>

	<p>facilitate partnerships</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Promote holistic, sustainable village model – show how to live together○ Promoting hope: it can be done!		
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2. GEN-Europe services appreciated & valued by the members:

Networking,	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ exchange possibilities between communities, ○ Create contact amongst different realities
information services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Free publicity ○ Permaculture magazine and its translations ○ Database of events on the net
Public relations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ use of logo/UN access ○ Website ○ Database of events ○ Powerpoint ○ Publications ○ Leaflets, flyers ○ om (esp. advertising)
GA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ presentations, recharging batteries, solidarity ○ Develop face-to face contacts ○ Holistic approach
National network meetings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ GEN staff/council participating in network meetings ○ exchanges between EV's

3. List of offers by members to contribute to GEN-Europe activities

All	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ improve national network performance
Claire	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Disability awareness project
Damanhur	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Collaboration on press, public relation, together with others, Laboratory ○ Consultancy/expertise (currencies, policy, etc) ○ Develop CV's for EV's ○ Raise fee
Deniz	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ voluntary office work
Drazen	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ translation
Findhorn	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ May East promoting GEN everywhere ○ Office space? ○ Promotional educational fundraising events
Gabi	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ translation
Galgafarm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Place for space for secretary in Galgafarm (proposal Heki) ○ And voluntary work
Harald	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 10 Euros/person in his EV – 290 EUR
Heiki	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ vehicles for La Caravana
Imre	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ investment opportunity ○ training expertise (weaving, goat cheese, building)
Ina	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ participate in network and other meetings ○ training
Jacques	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Education ○ fundraising
J-Michel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ translation
Johannes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Participation at next Social Forum ○ Website
Johannes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ youth forum
Juha	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ website
Maria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ (info and seeds for butterfly garden)
Mariana	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ translation
Mariat	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ translation
Martin	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Loans,
Navi	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Consultancy on volunteers
Ralf	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ La Caravana
Svanholm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ next GA ○ Coordinating National networking representatives
Tamera	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Support EDE, host for free training for trainers ○ Raise fee
Tony	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ (donation of land) ○ assist with PR ○ training expertise for GEN training course ○ research of fundraiser in Bristol on all UK funds interesting for EV

Torri	<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Office space○ Raise membership fee Claire
Zegg	<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Support to Ina○ Office space○ Raise fee