



Invitation

Activists Gathering on Resource use, Consumption & Waste

7-9th March 2016, Bulgaria

@ Dolni Lozen Red Cross Training Centre, Sofia

Please register [HERE](#) by Tuesday 9th February 2016 23:00 CET

Join us! Friends of the Earth Europe and Za Zemiata (FoE Bulgaria), invite you to **join us** for an activist gathering on resource use, consumption and waste from 7-9th March 2016 in Bulgaria.

The 3-day event will unite 40 activists from across Europe involved in repair and reuse, degrowth and wellbeing movements, the circular economy, transition towns, zero waste, preventing incineration and landfilling, and more! It will be an inspiring time to build connections, seek synergies and strengthen work being done in these areas at both grassroots community and political advocacy levels.

To register for a place, please fill in the [online form](#). Please note that we are striving to obtain a diverse range and balance of activists from different countries and interest areas, so a place cannot be guaranteed by filling out the form (unless you are otherwise notified by the organisers). **We will confirm places on Wednesday 10th February.**



When? Arriving Sunday 6th March. Gathering takes place all day Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday 7th-9th March. Leaving Wednesday 9th evening.

Where? The Dolni Lozen Red Cross Training Centre, 13 km from Sofia and at the foot of the Lozen Mountain close to a beautiful pine forest; accessible by public transport from Sofia. http://en.redcross.bg/school_bases/lozen.html

What? The gathering will consist of a mix of workshops, skill shares and discussion sessions. There will be a half-day of site visits to see local successes and struggles. A rough draft agenda is attached to the invitation. As our aim is to give mutual inspiration, get new ideas and make this a truly cooperative meeting, all sessions in the draft agenda are open to your contribution. We invite you to think of relevant topics from your own experience on which you could (co-)host a skill-sharing session, workshop or discussion. Please propose your issue(s) in the registration form.

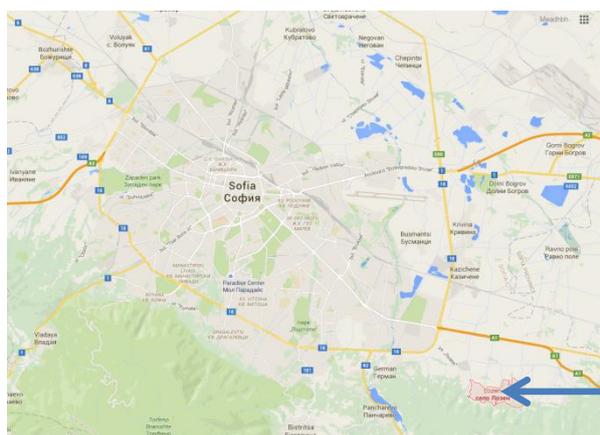
Why? Last December, we saw the overwhelming power of the people at COP21. More than 30,000 citizens took to the streets calling for climate justice, peace and systemic change. We are all part of this transition; how we consume the Earth's resources, produce goods and services, and deal with waste is inextricably tied up with many environmental and social issues. We know that many European consume more than our fair share, while others don't have access to resources for a decent life; that the take-make-dispose model remains dominant, and that economic growth is still pursued at all costs by our political leaders and businesses.



Yet we are part of the widely growing movement to change this system. At the gathering we will share our stories and successes, plan how we can better communicate our messages, create strategies for future mobilisation, and learn more about the link between national and local work with European policy.

Expenses: Travel, accommodation and food will all be covered by Friends of the Earth Europe. Overland travel is preferred, flights will be reimbursed only if the same journey by train/bus takes over 8 hours. *Please note, that food will include also a meat option if you have not specifically specified in the registration form other preferences (vegetarian, vegan or other special needs).*

Booking your travel: We ask you to book your own travel. We will send out reimbursement forms to all attendees after the event. Please wait for confirmation of a place from the organisers before booking your travel. On confirmation, we will send out further details on the various travel options as part of a more detailed “Practical Information”.



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Spread the message and register!

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