

4th International Assembly of The Degrowth Movement

Zagreb 28th August 2023 / Online

To be or not to be... a movement? It is time to choose and put degrowth into practice.

A survey in 2018 identified 114 groups/collectives that consider themselves part of The Degrowth Movement. Later that year, some members of these collectives met in Freetown Christiania (Denmark) for the [First International Assembly](#). This meeting resulted in the creation of several [International Working Groups](#) on activism, research, and more.

In the [Second International Assembly](#) (The Hague 2021) there was a consensus that, in order to achieve the goals of degrowth in the near future, it would be fundamental to better structure our network. In the [Third International Assembly](#) (Vienna 2022) the assembly gave a mandate to a new group (open collective - Organizing the Degrowth Network) to formulate a proposal of the new structure and functioning of The Degrowth Movement.

This proposal will be presented, discussed and approved in the forthcoming 4th International Assembly of The Degrowth Movement in Zagreb, 2023. It will be a crucial watershed for our movement!

It will be an hybrid format where it will be possible to participate physically or virtually

Logistics

- The assembly is planned for the **28th August 2023 in Zagreb and online**
- The assembly will be open to **one or two representatives** from each group/collective on [The Degrowth Map](#) or to **individuals that are strongly engaged** with degrowth and work or want to work actively in the International Degrowth Network (e.g. International Working Groups) or to create local degrowth groups in their territories/regions.
- The assembly will take place in the Social Centre Ribnjak, Zagreb
- The assembly aims to establish the **name, objective, and organizational structure** of this network.

Program

Registration of participants (9.00-9.30)

Morning Session: Introduction and presentation of the proposal (09:30 - 12:30)

- **Presentation of participants**
- **Introduction:**
 - House rules, a summary of today's programme and goals
 - The process and progress up to today
 - What is sociocracy and why we chose it for the movement
- **Presentation of the proposal of structure and functioning of The Degrowth Movement**
 - Mentimeter write in of clarification questions
 - Answers to clarification questions
- **Break**
- **Sociocratic "role play"**
 - Non-hybrid role play exercise to practice holding a sociocratic meeting
- **Objections to proposal**
 - Mentimeter write in of objections to specific sections of the proposal
 - *Similar objections will be put categorized together during the lunch break

Lunch Break (12:30 - 14:00)

Afternoon Session: Objections and counter proposals (14:00 - 15:30)

- **Deliberating on objections**
 - Explanation of decision making process
 - Sociocratic discussion on main objections identified in the morning session (10 hybrid groups)
 - Formulation of counter proposals
- **Feedback and presentation of counter proposals**
- **Break**
- **Vote on counter proposals or objections**

Evening Session: Hybrid meetings on Working Group and Continental Circles (16:30 - 19:00)

- **Hybrid meeting of Working Groups Circles (old and proposal for new ones)**

- **Hybrid meeting of Continental Circles (6 continent groups)**
- **Final feedbacks**

Drinks and conviviality (19:00 - ...)

Final Words:

Registration is now closed. Participation will be **free of cost**.

N.B. Take your own cup to the meeting for coffee break in order to minimize waste.

For further information or if you have any questions or concerns please write to odn.collective.contact@gmail.com