

# PLURleconomy Notes

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## SELF-EDUCATION and SELF-ORGANISATION

Places, People, Orgs, websites etc:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1mGUbLm2nHaJ1EEWwWXEzOXEmLdj-MwilQUEPbbwU4-c/edit?usp=sharing>

# Calendars

Calendar of PLURleconomy

[https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1jzaJBh\\_QtobpxZ\\_Ir2Y76Hu\\_kRgKUinNypQg8Y9BN-0/edit#gid=894037012](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1jzaJBh_QtobpxZ_Ir2Y76Hu_kRgKUinNypQg8Y9BN-0/edit#gid=894037012)

The Calendar of the whole PLURIVERSITY

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## Proposed further PLURleconomy Sessions

- 1) Mapping/Branching and Who are we and what do we want - Thu 25th
- 2) FairCoop, Integral Co-operative in Catalonia, different models Saturday on the 27th, starting at 11.30pm
- 3) General Principals, values of co-ops  
(F.ex climate catasrophy, alternative jobs)
- 3) Platform for international communication between co-ops, models

What differs from Pellervo? The conservative side?

Tommi Laitio, in charge of youth section

## Session 2. Thursday 25th at 8pm at Viipurinkatu 8

Who are we? What do we want/need?

Mapping and “Branching” with others to invite

In Session 2, we have been working on this here:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1mGUbLm2nHaJ1EEWwWXEzOXEmLdj-MwilQUEPbbwU4-c/edit?usp=sharing>

Please keep updating and adding your info.

## Session 3. Sat. 27th 11:30 at Viipurinkatu 8

Choosing a Model for a Co-Op of Co-Ops

Somekind of an summary (31.8.) by Lassi Raunio: What could it be? "CO-OP of CO-OPs"

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(thoughts on process)

-10.

Are we are planning a co-ops for co-ops or a forum for crypto currencies? Is there sthing else to offer for the co-ops?

Values? Next meeting about the values with somebody from CIC online

Let's find links and check value lists of CIC, Open Seeds

I. Catalan Integral Cooperative (CIC)

Stacco, George

Eco

Taxation issue compared the time bank (tax would ruin the essence of time bank), f.ex in Maunula talo it will be tested

Any co-ops needs somekind of system to be paid for? Governance etc...Alternative structures

Making people aware of options

Integral revolution

## II. FairCoop

Background discussion:

In Finland the problem is to get people together  
Sthng where people want to join, identify  
First some other activity, then the session? Way of organising??

Forming a community or community of communities

To find a common ground, f.ex food is sthng which connects people  
What are the steps to the aim? Would it be possible to buy food with FairCoin? Economy not social

Network of small food producers

We are ensuring our own quality, taking our own responsibility for our food for example  
Not the blue print thing....

Omamaatila, but also products from abroad, what kind of principles?

Strengthening the actors for whom it is meaningful

More general than food, yoga, painting....Abstract, general

What kind of currency? Time, Eco, FairCoin...?

Set of values, principles, trading in general with time FairCoin....to be a part of CoOp of Co-ops

Online services: find your bookbinder, designer, but has nothing to do with Fair or anything

We have to be careful

Mixed form of currencies

Based on the Catalan Integral Co-operative, they have better "practice"

They have local autonomous nodes, in Heraklion f.ex they don't pay taxes, connecting to the global FairCo-op

You can get credit from the global FairCo-op

Time Banks and local currencies for trade, maybe FairCoin could be used

How to be free from the current system, how the FairCoin is a tool?

In Helsinki, restaurant day, design week, design district etc.

Taxation always issue in Time Bank. Internal time tax developed, which means that you perform a service and receive a time credit, 2 percent of that time credit will go to an organisation of choice in the timebank (like for instance local food cooperative). Also public actors could be joining the timebank, as part of not a privatisation but "commonification" of public services like a day care -> taking power back, alternative currencies can link up with taxation

Who will define the crypto currencies of future? Like in Greece during the crises there was a discussion of crypto currencies

Creating our own FairBnB and Fairtaxi etc....

### III. MAN (Mutual Assistance Networks)

<http://www.mutualaidnetwork.org/>

Different setups of alternative monetary & non-monetary systems in a community to come to enable for people to work as want to ; time bank, sharing, community savings, pricing mutual credit etc.

London conference 5-10.9 (a possibility for participation?)

Enabling

Real social base

Digital infrastructure; databank

Real need

Trust

Values

### IV. Finnish Solidarity economy network process - manifesto :

<http://www.common.fi/media/1021>

Values : Diversity; Autonomy, Shared power; Equality; Quality work; Profit is no end goal; Taking part in surrounding society; Theory, Utopia and practice constantly inform each other.

Principles on the paper

So far some 15 actors have joined process/map

Cooperation with Eettisen kaupan puolesta who part of European wide Solidarity economy process, for 2 years to organise some events etc

- 1) Ecological sustainability
- 2) Diversity
- 3) Autonomy
- 4) Shared power

- 5) Equality
- 6) Quality of work
- 7) Profit is no end goal
- 8) Actor to be engaged in societal surrounding environment
- 9) Theory, Utopy and Practice constantly inform each other, empahsis on praxis

**-> Can this/similar process inform how Coop of Coop evolving?!**

V. Example of Helsinki Timebank Charter & principles -

<https://stadinaikapankki.wordpress.com/in-english/helsinki-timebanks-abc/>

VI

Community exchange systems started from South Africa, Johannesburg (time bank and local currencies, mutual credit)

Very small group still exists, taxation is an issue, my time and your time is no longer equal, professional services must be taxed according to the market value

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Drafting of Aim & principles of the Coop of Coops (not publically discussed yet)

(Should this remain an open process as at the moment still only a handfull of people onboard?)

**A.Ideas on what needs the Coop of Coops will be serving / AIM :**

- Exchange (using a currency (or two, esim price based & timebank))
- Networking
- Sharing of experiences/education

...

**B. Examples of network process principles (to which commitment required from joining actors) :**

Fair coop

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Helsinki Timebank, principles & values :

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## Session 4. Monday 29th at 2pm

Viipurinkatu 8

### AGENDA

What should be on the agenda

- a) Future planning
- b) Practical toolbox
- c) Finish around 4pm

### A) FUTURE PLANNING

Ruby; how to have organic development? In order to invite new actors and processes; let's make the call more defined, some basic principles

Pedro: there is different levels of expertise. Roles and task for people, signing up for tasks

## 1. Open call 1

### a. Target Audience?

#### i. Very wide

1. including also those whose principles we are not sure of

#### ii. Partner with 'Solidarity economy' process (Ruby)

### b. Edit this:

[https://docs.google.com/document/d/1lC9-osPDjnWQdkhz88XH9ziaTbY47bp-r0xrMGS\\_RQ/edit#](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1lC9-osPDjnWQdkhz88XH9ziaTbY47bp-r0xrMGS_RQ/edit#)

### c. WHO - Ruby, Ivor, Marita and all others

### d. WHEN - by the 4th Sept?

### e. DISTRIBUTION

#### i. Lassi - ecovillages

#### ii. Andrew, Egle - Mustarinta (Paavo Järvensivu) , Pixelache, temporary.fi (John W. Fail)

#### iii. Ruby, connecting to ongoing processes, co-ops she already interviewed

## 2. Panel with 3-5 Co-Ops

### a. WHAT

#### i. Each co-op presents itself

#### ii. Say what they need / can offer

#### iii. Say which elements of a toolbox they need

#### iv. Decide which 'system' i.e. toolbox / currency to use

### b. Decide structure / Venue for Public Panels



- c. PANELISTS?
- d. WHO - organisers
  - i. Ivor, Marita
  - ii. Aki and YIMBYcon  
<https://yimbycon.wordpress.com/program/>
  - iii. Pedro?

### 3. Newspaper article about PLURleconomy

- a. WHAT
  - i. This is what happened
  - ii. What are we trying to do
- b. WHO
  - i. Alexandra and Pedro and Ruby
  - ii. Ivor can edit
- c. WHEN
  - i. First draft 15 Sept.
  - ii. End Sept.
- d. Publishing (copyleft)
  - i. Kone Foundation blog - Ivor and Marita
  - ii. Personal blogs
  - iii. Vihreä lanka (Aki)
  - iv. Voima - Marita
  - v. Future: Hs, Antti Järvi
  - vi. Finland Today - Pedro Aibeo

### 4. SELF-EDUCATION about Co-Ops and Alternative Economies

- a. Finland
  - i. WHAT: "The Economy A4"
    - 1. Concepts 'living today in Finland'
    - 2. Small paragraphs about what each org is doing today
  - ii. WHO Ruby
  - iii. WHEN ?
- b. Pre-Mondial / Global
  - i. WHAT A4 on Models for Co-Ops of Co-Ops

- ii. WHO Ivor and Aki
- iii. WHEN ?

## NOTES

- 1) Mapping the values and Co-ops in Helsinki / Finland
- 2) Spreading the open call for Co-ops in good time advance for creating Co-op of Co-ops in Helsinki
- 3) Are we creating “a network” with tight values/identity or presenting the tools / box for Co-ops and group facilitation
- 4) We are dealing with people who are already in Co-ops, they are on certain page already, for example see the definition of FairCo-Ops

## Session 5. Wednesday at 7.30pm at Viipurinkatu 8

### WORKING MEETING

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Some link to finnish Co-ops

<https://jakamistalous.fi/hakemisto/>

European fb-group OUI SHARE NORDICS

## Session 6. Friday at 5pm at the Villa

### UNSELECTED IDEAS

An idea: Airbnb + Uber = AirUber. Also we need a Rail- and BusUber. = TravelUber. This is because flying is catastrophic for us. Especially jet planes. But we still have propeller planes, merely in shorter distances. And trains. We need a program, a web page, a platform (?) which automatically finds you a combination of propeller planes, trains and buses. Or if it does not find such combination, it gives a combination where the distance travelled by jet is minimized and the size of the jet plane is maximized. And it should also take in account the time when the jet is in the air: it's trail reflects the radiation of the sun back to the space when the sun is shining but keeps the heat radiation during nights. What do you think?

Lassi Raunio 1.9.2016:

### GLOSSARY

**Co-op = ?**

**co-op of co-ops = ?**

**open co-op = ?**

**integral co-op = ?**

**platform co-op = ? - currently poorly defined. Idea that tech platforms would be owned cooperatively by producers and/or users (e.g. uber owned by users and/or drivers)**

**shared ownership = ?**

**shared governance = ?**

**Democracy = ?**

**sharing economy = [devil's dictionary] a term now wholly devoid of useful meaning thanks to its complete appropriation as a way to make monopoly market-places sound like they are about collaboration of sharing.**

**Linux = ?**

**gnu = ?**

**uber = ?**

**airbnb = ?**

**opensoft = ?**

**openharm = ?**

**fatlab = ?**

### **3d printing = ?**

Presentation by George Dafermos by Skype to event in Finland

- \* CIC: collective of coops in Barcelona. Formed in 2010. Embraced the Echo networks
  - \* Has 12 committees on different topics including technology
  - \* Building a new kind of almond press
  - \* CIC assembly: decision-making organ. Make decisions by consensus. Takes a lot of time.
- Core principle of CIC. Not about making money, not about hierarchy. About people collaborating as equals.
  - \* Has many subprojects
  - \* Echo created in 2009. Several echo networks came into existence. Small local exchange groups. 10-1000. CIC embraced and supported them.
  - \* Use website community exchange systems (e.g. Integral CES). Echo the name of the associated community currency.
  - \* Each network responsible for its own currency and setting up relevant parameters (e.g. maximum debt). Echo networks can engage in transactions.
  - \* At present does not pay taxes. At some point may have to do so.
  - \* 15M project in catalonia: reject parliamentary politics, reject austerity. Gave further impetus.
- \* Aurea Social - in Barcelona. Got from an owner in foreclosure
  - \* People pay with euros or "echos" (?) - latter is currency local to catalonia
- \* Calafou: postcapitalist community outside of Barcelona. Used to be an industrial community but now abandoned.
  - \* Hacker space
  - \* Make a probiotic yoghurt of pussy juice
  - \* Beer: only sold in libertarian sections
  - \* ecological tower renovation: Foundation that owns an old tower: given to CIC to renovate it. Common situation in southern europe: owner does not have money to restore it
    - \* some agriculture
    - \* tourists who stay

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### **Seeds Festival**

PLURlEcology -  
Food Solidarity  
Food Sovereignty

Siemenpankki

- Apples
- Grew to other seeds

Friends of the Earth

Seed Savers

Hyotykasviyhdistys: <http://hyotykasviyhdistys.fi/>

Declinacion Magnetica / Les aliments refuses (Spain)

How to trade

What can you grow locally

What makes no sense - subsidised finnish tomatoes

How do subsidies affect the south

Recalibrate econmy: include externalities in the cost (e.g the cost of heating greenhouses etc, and the cost of labour in the southern countries should be 'fair'..

- Research

Could be grown again locally in Finland:

Hemp

Tatari

### **Build the infrastructure based on the idea of Seeds Festival**

- **Apply for Berlin grants**
  - Finland as part of the network
- **Apply for Nordic grants**
  - Lahti
  - Egle's project