

Twelfth Biennial Conference of the European Worldshops

Pathways for the future

Experiences and proposals for a European identity of the Worldshops Movement

October 6th - 8th 2006 - Bozen, Bolzano

Friday 6th October



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12.00 - 13.30 Registration and refreshment

14:00-14:30 - Opening of the conference

14:30-17:15: First Plenary Session

Acknowledgement of Fair Trade - National legislations - Movement Towards a European legislation

The goal of this conference is to begin to lay the ground work of a big, vibrant, global network of Worldshops. It is vital that all members and partners feel that they are part of a very important and significant movement. In each Plenary Session and the accompanying workshops the logic is to build from a base of local activity and experience and work from there to the European and Global level. We are working to build NEWS into a visible reference of European Worldshops and to insure that all participants feel that they are part of this movement.

During the morning of the 6th of October there will be a round table consisting of the City of Bolzano and the Worldshop in Bolzano. Discussions will cover how Fair Trade was developed in the past, present and future. This session will end at 12:35 and will be in Italian. If you are present and would like to attend please let Elisa know.

Plenary session

1. The international context: why is it important to have a fair trade law

- Giorgio Dal Fiume - President of Ctm Altromercato)

2. National legislations

- The Italian case - AGICES
- The French case - Artisans du Monde
- The Belgian case - Speaker to be determined.

3. The European legislation

- Anja Osterhaus FINE
- A member of the European Parliament working with Fair Trade initiatives.

4. **Acknowledgement of Fair Trade organizations by governments in the South of the World**

- Gospel House - Sri Lanka

5. **Debate**

The build up of this session is meant to explain how the current activities on the World Trade Organization, Giorgio Dal Fiume will speak on current decisions made at the WTO and how they affect our work in the Fair Trade Movement. Do we need a Fair Trade Law? Do we risk dilution of our platform and our message? European and national experiences will be presented by speakers from countries that are experiencing national legislation on Fair Trade. Starting with what is happening with the local Parliaments, hearing what is really happening in the countries where legislation is occurring. Why did the attempt at legislation begin? What are the national goals of such legislation on a country basis? What do the national Fair Trade organizations want? Suggestions on what to do if your country begins national legislation on Fair Trade will be discussed with the individuals who are working on them in real time. . On the European level ! Anja Osterhaus of the FINE FAO will explain the current legislative efforts in the European Parliament, including guiding us through what happens now that the paper on Fair Trade has been adopted as a resolution. What happens next? Who can we assist these efforts? The final wrap up will be a highlight of Fair Trade in action. We will have a speaker from Gospel house who will talk about the differences that Fair Trade and her guiding principles have had on Gospel House.

17:15 - 17:45: Coffee break

17.45 - 19.00: First Round of Workshops

Workshops (4 topics and 3 groups for each topic):

The attendees will pick one of the workshops to attend.

1. National legislations:
2. Fair public purchasing (Fair Procura - Fair catering - ect.):
3. Campaigns - Events - Petitions (sharing experiences)
4. Advocacy

Evening

Refreshments will be served in the Bolzano Worldshop.

A city tour will be organized for you!

Saturday 7th October



Transparency and Reliability in the Worldshops retail channel, working together to build a shared European system of monitoring the Fair Trade Chain to market.

9 - 11.00 a.m.

Second Plenary session

1. The certification of the organization

- Stefan Durwael- IFAT

2. The product's certification

- FLO-Cert

3. The certification as a guarantee for consumers

- representative of the consumers' agency

4. The certification as a guarantee for producers

- Gospel House - Sri Lanka

5. Worldshops monitoring system

- The Italian experience - Agices

6. Debate

11.00 - 11.30 a.m. Coffee break

11.30 - 13.00 **Second Round of Workgroups**: There will be five workshops for this round. Attendees will select one to attend:

1. The Worldshop as part of the Fair Trade chain, from producer of raw goods to the consumer.

- a. Giorgio Dal Fiume
- b. Carola : IDEAS
- c. Stefan Durwael: IFAT
- d. Paul Meyers: Ten Thousand Villages

2. The defining criteria and certification of IFAT as it pertains to the Worldshops.

- a. Erika Spil
- b. Other moderators to be announced.

3. Image of the WorldShop. A guarantee for the Consumer? Ideas and inputs from a Consumer Organization.

- a. Euroconsumatori


4. **Mentoring Systems for Worldshops.**

- a. German National Association will present their work to date and experiences with Worldshop monitoring systems.
- b. AGICES, an Italian organization working in Fair Trade will share their experiences with developing monitoring systems for Fair Trade.

5. **What is a Fair Price? Price or Living Wage?**

- a. A guest from World of Good will show us their fair trade calculator and show how they are been working to illustrate what is a fair wage based on local data.

13.00 - 14:30: Lunch

14:30-16:30 

: Third Plenary Session: The future of Worldshops in Europe as ground movement and as political actor: experiences and proposals to build a common identity through News

Plenary - Why and how to build a common identity

1. **The added value of a shared and aware common identity**
2. **The strength of the network**

Case Studies:

- Amnesty International experience
 - Euroban
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3. **NEWS! activity in Europe and the perspectives for the future: goals and available resources**
 - Report from News. Synthesis past and present experiences and how best to move into the future. Using our new strategy, what do we need to do and how best to work together as NEWS in order to accomplish our goals and objectives.

4. **Debate**

17:00-17:30 Coffee break

17:30 - 19:00: **Workshops Third Round : A series of between six and ten workshops.**

NEWS! “The Implementation of our New Strategic Plan”: A series of workshops hosted by members of the National Associations of NEWS. Each workshop will focus on how that particular country will implement the NEWS Strategy and how they will support NEWS.

Who we want to be, what we want to reach and how we want to represent ourselves to the external world are among the topics to be discussed.

Proposals to present to the final plenary and afterwards to the board of NEWS! Will be collected and written for the members and partners.

20:00 - Dinner

21:00 - Great Party - Concert

Sunday 8th October

9:00 - 12.30: **Final Plenary**

1. First session workgroups results and readout: Legislations - public acknowledgement.
2. Second session workgroups outcomes (monitoring and certification).

10.30 - 11 a.m. Coffee break

3. Third session workgroups read out.

4) Conclusion by the Board of directors of the National Organizations. This will include an introduction of each National Organization to assist all members in a greater understanding of our sister organizations.