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Dear active participants, supporters and friends,

Talks and workshops from the 3rd Preparatory Conference that took place last August in the youth and educational facility in St. Arbogast have been placed on the website in MP3 format (insofar as they were actually recorded).

Great strides are now being taken toward the Congress for Integral Politics in August 2012. From the lengthy preparation time and many meetings held in the run-up, it can be assumed that this will not just be a normal congress. The stone that will be thrown into the water here is intended to make ripples and sink even further.

That is why we have worked out **FOUR ESSENTIAL ASPECTS** for the project which demonstrate that the 2012 Congress is part of an all-encompassing process.

Warmest greetings from the Programme Council,

Alfred, Cécile, Gandalf, Joachim, Jörg, Romy and Ursula

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The number of participants is limited.

We recommend that you register in good time for 2012: integrale-politik.org

The Congress: Collective wisdom, presence and professionalism.

The carefully chosen programme for the congress comprises three major themed blocks, each lasting two days. Whereas the first day of each theme block is marked by talks and workshops, on the second day we would like to assimilate as many of those who are present as possible in a process that allows for a more profound social presence.



In doing so, the aim is to consciously break through the usual pattern of "passive listener-active speaker". These days are organised as a creative, interactive process with profession accompaniment. On an individual level, we would like to create a space that enables those participating to identify and exploit the potential slumbering within them. On a collective level, we would like to invite you to experience moments when you let go of your own ideas and to bind us with the collective wisdom of the group and our common causes.

Tools for doing this include the [Art of Hosting and Harvesting](#), the [Bohm Dialogue](#) or elements of the [U Process](#). To use the words of Otto Scharmer, we would like . . . *"...to merge ourselves with the positive underling forces of change and from this bond bring completely new social fields and communal structures into the world."* These elements are intended to help show the way to what can and is intended to happen after KIP 2012. Experiences with occasions of the same or a similar kind have shown that it is important to plan for sufficient free space and rest periods for the conference participants.

We would like to breathe in accord and build up a collective field that stimulates us to mutual action.

The region: St. Arbogast will become a pool of light that radiates into the future.

The Congress would like to irradiate the Vorarlberg region, which in many respects is regarded as being an exemplary part of the world as far as the new earth and culture are concerned, and integrate the people who live there.

To radiate into a region, it is essential to actively include its inhabitants as well as the regional politics, economy and administration. Some good contacts in the region have already been made and we are actively involved in expanding them.



Our next step will be to identify open-minded policy-makers and people from the business environment who would like to become involved with the congress.

The programme also includes a Regional Day, which will invite the surrounding area to take part. We are planning a pageant with voices from the worlds of politics and business, as well as a press conference. A musical side-programme and culinary offerings will ultimately turn the day into a festive event.

Anchoring the congress in the region is an essential aspect for us; this is the only way that the project can shine outwards and become a pool of light.

Impulses in the network: Multicentric events for integral politics in Europe.



The third aspect refers to the fact that KIP is to be held at different locations in Europe. Other organisations will be arranging their own events under the same motto.

What is already planned in Europe?

We have a firm commitment from the Italian organisation [Coscienzeinrete](#).

In [mens en spirit](#) from the Netherlands we have another network partner that wants to put on an event. A trip there is planned shortly.

We are exceptionally delighted that [Lebenspark Tollense](#) in the German state of Mecklenburg-West Pomerania will be joining us as well. The event there will take place at the beginning of June.

And Switzerland?

We are in contact with an institution in central Switzerland that is well disposed towards us and is currently examining how it can support us with an event. [HOLON](#) will be represented at the [NewEarthCamp](#) in coming February. At this open space event, we would like to above all attract the interest of young people in KIP.

The continuous breath: The network is pulsating.

However, before KIP can become a true process from which a “network of cultural creatives” can emerge, a fourth aspect is necessary which one could call “continuous breathing”.

The idea is for all the network partners to organise a public event every year on a certain day and at precisely the same time. Ideally, they would be joined by more and more organisations every year just like a snowball. If the network grows accordingly, the first collective events could be held with public effect.

These network days would then be like breathing together and thereby carrying, spreading and deepening the respiratory flow even further.



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