

Balkan Decentralized Network
a small presentation of this network

This network is a result of a long process and discussion about digital tools and physical meetings which we, grassroots, autonomous, anti-authoritarian collectives from Balkans and beyond need in order to make our struggles more visible and powerful.

We are activists from Bulgaria, Turkey, Romania, Hungary, Greece, Serbia, Slovenia who are involved in local struggles but always with a global aspect.

The idea of this network came out from the last PGA inspired infotour, September 2007, when two activists traveled together in seven countries in Balkans and eastern-Europe.

We desire more collectives and people to join this project and make it a useful coordination tool - also with the critics of it - for future common actions, information exchange, call-outs for several issues.

The political goals of this initiative are based on the 5 hallmarks of Peoples Global Action network and it is a clearly inspired project by this network.

We don't accept any kind of formal hierarchy and we struggle against the informal one. We support the clear dignity of human beings as well as the animal liberation.

We call every grassroots movement, anti-authoritarian collective, autonomous space who feel related to this process to join this network as well as to join the further discussion for common activities in balkans and the support and solidarity of the anti-capitalist struggle everywhere!

We call everyone to get involved with a decentralized autonomous network without any representatives or relations with institutional organizations!

You can check out the website of the network, which is still under construction:

<http://balkans.puscii.nl>

We are everywhere!

Collectives involved:

1. (A)-Infoshop (Ljubljana, Slo)
2. AnarchoResistance (Sofia, BG)
3. Contra-doxa (Romania)
4. DIY-Athens
5. DIY Collective (Bulgaria)
6. Ecotopia Infocenter (Razgrad, BG)
7. F.A.R.M.A. collective (Athens, Greece)
8. Infoshok (Maribor, Slovenia)
9. Infoshop Skatula (Rijeka, Croatia)
10. Kolektif Ego (Turkey)
11. Morze infoshop (Budapest, Hungary)
12. Nirdala collective (Nis, Serbia)

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THE COLLECTIVES



(A)-Infoshop (Ljubljana, Slovenia)

Description: INFOSHOP has a small library and archive for material. It provides users with internet, computers and sells/distributes books, newspapers, fanzines, CDs, shirts... The permanent Freeshop is a project that tries to enhance a free exchange of clothes and other things. Least but not last, many different activities are organized ranging from lectures, film nights, discussions, workshops to meetings.

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Blog: <http://a-infoshop.blogspot.com>

AnarchoResistance (Sofia, Bulgaria)

Description: We struggle for radical changes in society. Our aim is to build a revolutionary movement that will stand against capitalism and the state, against imperialism, against patriarchy and all others forms of domination.

Keywords: anarchism and anti-capitalism/anti-neoliberalism; anti-nationalism, anti-authoritarianism; human, animal and earth liberation, independent media

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Website: <http://aresistance.net>

Contra-doxa (Romania)

Description: A romanian site promoting open publishing mainly dedicated to the nato summit and any local struggles against the authority

Email: fnb@contra-doxa.com

Website: <http://contra-doxa.com>

DIY-Athens collective (Athens, Greece)

Description: diymusic is a website that focuses and supports: spaces, squats, collectives, individuals, artists/art activities beyond and against commercialism. Diymusic is a self-organised (do it your self) digital space active since 2004 and is based on common efforts from different people from around Greece. Everyone can share skills, info and ideas related with the main aim of the effort

Keywords: autonomous spaces, diy activities, non commercial arts, indymedia tools, digital struggles.

Website: <http://diymusic.org>

DIY collective (Bulgaria)

Description: diy.aresistance.net is a website that spreads information about the hardcore/punk scene, animal liberation issues, vegan lifestyle and autonomous projects. The website supports and hosts various independent projects and collectives as Katarzis Collective, Infocenter Ecotopia, diy zines and independent artists. It's main idea is to build tighter, more active DIY scene in Bulgaria. more info: about diy music and the PGA infopoint session <http://diy.aresistance.net/pgs>

Keywords: diy activities, non-commercial arts, vegan, animal liberation, anarcho-punk, email: diy at aresistance.net

Email: diy@aresistance.net

Website: <http://diy.aresistance.net>

Ecotopia Infocenter (Razgrad, Bulgaria)

Description: Infocenter "ECOTOPIA" is the first counterculture youth space in Bulgaria. It has free library and a reading room where you can find materials about the environmentalism, the struggle of the oppressed people and communities around the world, animal rights, vegetarianism, anarchofeminism, anarchopunk etc. We have been starting doing film screenings there and organize discussions, presentations, exhibitions, concerts and other activities. more info about ECOTOPIA infoshop check at <http://aresistance.net/ecotopia>

Keywords: anarchism, enviromentalism, anarchopunk, DIY, animal rights, anarchofeminism

Physical address: Trapezica #1 Street, Razgrad 7200, Bulgaria

Email infocenter.ecotopia@gmail.com

Web: <http://diy.aresistance.net/ecotopia>

F.A.R.M.A. collective (Athens, Greece)

Description: The main goal of F.A.R.M.A. (Fight for Alternative, Renewable Methods and Autonomy) collective, that is active in Athens-Greece, is the construction and installation of a small hydroelectric unit in a Zapatista community that will satisfy the needs of the local people and a local medical clinic. Part of the activities of the group amongst others, include the technical assessments and raising the needed amount of money for the materials and equipment. At the same time, workshops of small (DIY do it yourself) wind generators take place in social centers in Greece, in order to share the acquired knowledge with the Zapatista communities and other autonomous spaces in Europe. Installations of such DIY wind generators have been done in squatted social centers in Athens.

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Infoshok collective (Maribor, Slovenia)

Description: Infoshok is nonformal, nonprofit, selforganized local coalition of collectives and individuals from Maribor. It shares informations and coordinate activites of groups which are involved in local struggles. It exist only on the web page and mailing list. It has no space. Infoshok aims to be a generator of progressive culture of living.

Blog: <http://infoshok.wordpress.com>

Infoshop Skatula (Rijeka, Croatia)

Description: Infoshop Skatula is a collective formed 5 years ago. First plans were to inform society about different ideological approaches trough books and fanzines who were collected among the members. As years passed, Infoshop is currently on it's third location so far, in a really great building called "Molekula" were you can find other various groups who try to form their own independent culture. Nowadays, we have our own library with books, fanzines, and magazines about activist thought, ecology, feminism, anarchism, vegetarianism, and other libertarian works. We also have a " Give or take " corner where you can put your stuff, and take something like books, or shirts occasionally. You can drink coffee, tea or beer in the small bar, get some punk/hardcore music from Demonkracija distribution or just hang out with us, and you know share experience generally.

Mail: infoshopskatula@net.hr ; grindpunx@gmail.com

Address: Delta 5/1 (ex Ivex building), 51000, Rijeka, Croatia

Opening time: from Monday 'till Thursday, 18.00 - 21.00 pm

Kollektif/Ego (Turkey)

Description: Kolektif/ego emerged in May 2007 as an anti-authoritarian affinity group whose members came across each other both on terms of common concern and in a somewhat accidental manner. Kolektif/ego works on a consensus-based decision-making process. Kolektif/ego regards claims that horizontality, direct democracy, responsibility-taking and direct participation to the decision-making process should be recognized by all radical dissidence against the State and Capitalism.

Keywords: cultural jamming, antimilitarism, post anarchism, post structuralism, anti patriarchy, sexual orientation, anti racism

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Morze infoshop (Budapest, Hungary)

Description: Morze is an infoshop in Budapest with a public library of anarchist and other critical materials in several languages. We maintain an archive of fanzines and have a lot of books on Marxist, Negrist, Postanarchist theory and history. People behind the infoshop also pursue different activities in the same space: freeshop, cinema, discussions, food cooperative, free language courses and correpetation. We focus on building counterpower and setting up autonomous infrastructures. We are keen to talk to other groups and exchange materials and ideas.

Opening time: Monday 4-9pm & Friday 4-9pm

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Nirdala collective (Nis, Serbia)

Description: publishing and distro / infoshop / band / label (nirdalaton); All materials that we distribute are for voluntary contributions, so all you people around the world are more than welcome to send donations (materials or money or whatever)

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Invitation for collectives and individuals to join the **Balkan Decentralized Network**

As we mentioned the idea for this network came in the late summer of 2007 from the realization that more or less we, the people from the Balkans, share common problems and that's why we should find common solutions and help each other. For sure every local collective from the different parts of the Balkans has its own local context with local problems and local struggles, but we should work as a network for solidarity, exchanging ideas, working on common actions and solutions.

After all for all of us the goal is clear – the abolishing of this inhumane system, which exploits us, no matter of our race, origin or nationality.

The Balkans is a region with mixed history and artificial state borders (as the idea of “the state” itself), which are trying to keep us separated, blinded by nationalism and chauvinism, so the rich get richer and the poor get poorer, no matter of their nationality or passport.

The first step for this network was already made – during the PGA preperational meeting in Thessaloniki in October 2007 and after that with the creation of maillist and website, as tools for coordination and exchange of ideas. But of course this won't be enough... It's sad that we live so close to each other and practically know so little about each other. So the next two very important steps are to expand and deepen this network in order to become stronger and also to create common actions, solidarity demos and so on...

We realize that this network is vital for our global struggles (which of course consist of many local struggles, which are truly connected) and this is the reason to invite all collectives and individuals to join the Balkan Decentralized Network!

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<http://balkans.puscii.nl>

This is a call to every anarchist, antiauthoritarian, autonomous collective, to every grassroots movement from Balkans and eastern Europe in order to participate in the meetings for further development of the communication of the Balkans Decentralized Network (BDN), creating working groups, digital tools, infopoints, discuss about issues like antifasism, antimilitarism, infoshops and socials centers, no border camps and also join the <https://balkans.puscii.nl>.

The Balkans Decentralized Network is a vital regional network politically based on the 5 principles of Peoples' Global Action and definitely is a part of its process in Europe and beyond. We think that the critical mass of Peoples' Global Action in Europe at the moment is located in Balkans and Eastern Europe. This is happening because of a necessity for solidarity

networks as well as further work and cooperation between different collectives and individuals, which is mentioned by a large dynamic of activists.

Also this is happening because after the collapse of the totalitarian systems in the early beginning on 90s new wars and poverty started on the Balkans and eastern Europe, as well as the new colonization from the western countries.

BND and collectives who involve with it have organized 2 infotours and two international meetings in Thessaloniki october 2007 and Maribor March 2008.

As a proposal at the moment we call for 3 days of discussion: 21st, 22nd and 23rd of August during the PGA conference for all of the various topics

21st of August: small introduction of BND and intro of the collectives and the program for the next fays (open to everybody to add issues) and workshops

22nd of August:

A) part Political situation in Balkans and Eastern Europe a discussion about Militarism and No border movement.

B) discuss a possibility for a no-border antimilitarist camp in Balkans in 2009 as well as a 2nd big meeting of BND as well as the possibility for antimilitarist decentralized Days of action IN balkan area during the NATO conference in Germany next year .

23rd of August:

A) working groups of the BND (newsletter group , digital tools, translations , political narrative

B) evaluation and final decission for the next steps.

