

# Multicultural, Multigenerational Village

## Europe in Transition

Tomorrow's Europe is only going to be as attractive and lovable as we will jointly work towards this goal. It is our responsibility to create a society that allows an intercultural, democratic development.

One project that will integrate these ideas is set right here in Wendland: Together we will this year start developing our open village that aims to create peaceful multicultural, multigenerational cohabitation within a rural setting. Are you interested to join us?

## The Village Idea

We aim to create a unique environment that allows us to work and live together. The village will be set up as a cooperative that owns all buildings and workshops. These can then be rented from the cooperative at reasonable rates.

The rural environment of Hitzacker offers an ideal infrastructure of shops, schools, access to the railway network as well as a culture of diverse political discourse and *résistance*. A 5.5 ha plot has already been identified to host accommodation for about 300 people of all ages, background and origin.

A module structure will allow buildings to be designed in a variety of ways to accommodate different needs and purposes, and all building activity will be based on ecological, sustainable principles. All building activities will be a joint effort of the residents under skillful instruction of craftspeople who participate in the project. This enables us to reduce the cost of building, as well as giving us the opportunity to develop our community by working together to build our village.

At the same time it is possible to support our project by facilitating external funding or dormant partnerships.

## Establishing Our Village

The building concept is based on sustainability; the village will be traffic-calmed, neighbourly relations part of the community concept.

Together we will create our new village home that will include a commons (market square), shops, a community hall. Spacious common grounds, gardens and playgrounds will facilitate a family- and community-friendly environment.

Additionally we aim to establish flex areas to allow "intercultural" companies and working spaces.

### Finances:

- Deposits by the villager and supporters
- Personal contributions
- Donations
- Public Funds and loans by a social and ecological bank

### We are looking for:

- Supporters who would like to assist us financially to start this project
- Experts regarding planning and building skills as well as people you are interested in realizing our vision of an intercultural, multigenerational village
- Families from all over the world
- People (of all ages) who are interested in establishing communalistic communities
- People who are interested in dualistic living (living in a separate flat within a community with communalistic ideals)

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