



**Press Release #Festival4sce. Athens, September 3<sup>rd</sup> 2014.**

**Members of various solidarity networks, cooperative initiatives and grassroots innovation structures in Greece organise, for the third consecutive year in *Athens, the Festival for Solidarity & Cooperative Economy*, which will be held between October 10th and 12th, 2014.**

**This year groups from different European countries are invited to exchange experiences, knowledge and struggles under the slogan "Another world is here, be part of it!"**

Round 200 initiatives from over Greece [participated in the previous editions](#) and hundreds of volunteers helped organise them. Participants varied from social clinics and solidarity pharmacies to time banks or social kitchens, including initiatives like the worker's self-managed factory of Vio.Me, Kinisi 136 water movement or the Spithari Marathon Project, amongst others.

The Festival4sce differs from all others because it is entirely based on volunteer work and reciprocity, on bartering of services and products. There are no sponsors or arbitrage.

Year after year, the Festival4sce is a meeting point for exchanging knowledge between collectives and people involved in solidarity and cooperative economy initiatives, and also offers visitors an alternative and effective way out of the crisis.

Discussions, presentations and workshops will debate round: the commons, de-growth, exchange networks, alternative currencies, labour collectives, eco-communities, waste management, resource allocation, sustainability and social participation.

For the first time, this year the Festival4sce is calling upon groups from around Europe in order to create links between countries and initiatives, with the objective of transforming the festival into an event of interest across Europe.

In order to cover the travel costs of the international groups, a crowdfunding campaign has been launched, inviting people from across Europe to collaborate and be part of this open and participative funding initiative: <http://www.kapipal.com/festival4sce2014>

The Festival4sce wants to promote a world that fosters communication, mutual exchange and the transition to a society based on participation and cooperation; which will aim at self-management, solidarity, sustainability, self-sufficiency and at respecting man and nature alike.

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