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INVITATION

General Assembly of the members of GEN-Europe e.V. From 7th – 12th of July 2007 at Convento San Giorgio, Italy

Dear members of GEN-Europe

You are cordially invited to the next GEN-Europe's General Assembly (GA) at the Convento San Giorgio in Italy. Our host this year is Nanni Laurent, who most of you know from many previous GAs. This year we have many issues to discuss, and to decide the next steps for GEN-Europe's future. So please do send one representative of your ecovillage or project to join the assembly!

Major questions/issues are:

- How do we continue without EU funding?
- How do we want to spread the responsibilities for the GEN-E offices?
- Changes within the staff team and council
- Election of new council members (Andy Langford resigned his seat in spring 07)
- Selection of the Excellence Award 2007
- Cooperation with NextGEN

Draft of the daily schedule:

Sat, 7 th July	Arrival day for Forum workshop
Sun, 8 th	Forum Workshop* with Achim & Ina (30, - €); Arrival for GA
Mon, 9 th – Thu, 12 th	core time for GA, office and financial reports, open space
Fri, 13 th	departure and council meeting!
Fri, 13 th – Sun, 15 th	RIVE meeting (Italian ecovillage Network)

* Workshop: Invitation to attend the one-day workshop on "Forum and social skills" with Ina and Achim.

ZEGG Forum is designed to create a space to experience social communication in an intimate atmosphere of trust. Trust is created when processes in a group are transparent and understandable for all involved. In our experience trust is the glue that keeps community together. It is a unique process, which goes beyond mediation and personal growth work on a one to one basis as it works well in small and big groups. (30,- €)

We will have time for presentations of your projects/ ecovillages. Please bring slides, videos, photos, ppp ...

As usual we want to invite you to bring your local products to sell at our ecovillage market.

To meet your needs best, members are invited to suggest subjects they want to discuss on the GA. Please send your ideas to ina@gen-europe.org until June 25th 2007 latest

Due to the lack of EU funding we will not organize an Italian ecovillage tour.

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Booking

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Address: Convento San Giorgio, 67020 Goriano Valli – Localit Colle San Giorgio – L’Auila

web: www.conventosangiorgio.it

It is possible to stay longer at the convent.

Price for Food

Mostly vegetarian, organic and fair-trade products Euro 18 per day

Price for accommodation per day

Your own tent	Euro 3 per person
Our tent with bed	Euro 5
Dormitory	Euro 5
Shared rooms with bathroom	Euro 10
House in the village (1km away from the Convent)	Euro 15

Please bring your sleeping equipment and towels!

Travel Refunds

Full members of GEN-Europe may apply for travel refunds. We offer 33% travel refund for one representative of each full member ecovillage or national network, up to a maximum of 200 Euros.

Please remember to pay your membership fee before the GA! Thanks to all members who did so already!

Of course we continue to offer to pay in Eco-rates and ask you to contribute as much as possible.

Please don't miss the GA for money reasons – it is so important that all of you come to the meeting! For all financial questions please contact Ina directly: ina@gen-europe.org

Useful information

The Convent is 1 km far away from the village of Goriano Valli. In the village there is only a café and no other shops. **There is no bank and no possibility to withdraw cash** (the bank is 20 km away from the Convent) so please bring cash with you. **There is no public phone.** If you need to use the telephone of the Convent bring with you a pre-paid international telephone card.

Directions

From Rome or the airports (Website of the airports of Rome: <http://www.adr.it/content.asp?L=3&idMen=731>)

1) Rome – Fiumicino (Leonardo da Vinci), closest International airport

From the international airport of Roma-Fiumicino take the **train to Roma Tiburtina** Railway station; one-way ticket costs 5 Euro; this special train leaves from the Railway station inside the airport and reaches Roma Tiburtina (one of the many railway stations of the city) in 45 min; departure in rush hours every 15mins. Pay attention to take the train to Roma-Tiburtina and **NOT** to Roma-Termini
The website of Italian Railway <http://www.trenitalia.com/en/index.html>

Train from
Roma-Fiumicino
to
Roma Tiburtina

Once in Roma Tiburtina, 100mt out of the railway station, there is Bus Terminal where you will take the **bus to L'Aquila Collemaggio**: the name of the bus-line is ARPA. The bus to L'Aquila usually leaves from lane N°1 or N°2. Ride time: 1h 40m

Bus from
Roma Tiburtina
to
L'Aquila Collemaggio

Departures Timetable:

6.15, 6.45, 7.30, 8.10, 10.00, 11.00, 12.25, 13.20, 14.15, 14.45, 15.15

At L'Aquila-Collemaggio bus station you have to catch the **bus for Goriano Valli** (the name of the bus line is PAOLI). It costs euro 3.20. You can buy the ticket on the bus. The bus usually leaves from lane 13, 14 or 15. Ask the driver to stop at the **Convent of Legambiente**. Ride time: about 40 min

Bus from
L'Aquila Collemaggio
in direction Goriano Valli
to
Convent of Legambiente

Departures Timetable: 08.00* (Piazza Cristo Re), 12.00 (Bus Terminal Collemaggio), 14.00 (Bus Terminal Collemaggio), 17.00* (Piazza Cristo Re)

* Please note that first (h 8,00) and last (h 17,00) bus leaves from Piazza Cristo Re (Cristo Re Square) that you can easily reach on foot (just ask for Piazza Cristo Re in the bus station). There are no buses for Goriano Valli on Sunday.

2) Rome – Ciampino Airport

From Ciampino airport there are many possibilities. Take for example

1) a **bus or a train to Roma Tiburtina** (you probably have to change train at Roma Termini railway station to Roma Tiburtina (about 6 more Minutes travel)

3) From there see the directions above from the airport Rome – Fiumicino

3) Pescara International Airport (only low cost airlines)

Once in Pescara Airport take the **bus number 38 to Pescara Railway station**, leaving every 15 min. The ticket costs 0,70€ and you have to buy it before to get on the bus.

Bus from
Pescara Airport
to
Pescara Railway station

From Pescara Railway station take the **train to Beffi station**.

Departures Timetable:

Monday - Saturday			Sunday		
Pescara	Beffi	Change station	Pescara	Beffi	Change station
5.08	6.56	Sulmona (arr 6:23, dep 6:28)	7.00	8.39	Sulmona (arr 7:59, dep 8:10)
12.38	14.44	Sulmona (arr 13:58, dep 14:10)	15.58	19.32	Sulmona (arr 17:10, dep 19:04)
17.20	19.32	Sulmona (arr 18:40, dep 19:04)	19.15	21.14	Sulmona (arr 20:31, dep 20:45)
18.44	21.14	Sulmona (arr 19:47, dep 20:45)			

Train from
Pescara Railway station
to
Beffi station

The website of Italian Railway <http://www.trenitalia.com/en/index.html>

Beffi Railway station is about 4 km from the Convent, please call +39 0862 88368 or mobile +39 333 26 33 735 when you know your arrival time in Beffi.

from
Beffi station
to Convento San Giorgio

It is strongly recommended to choose the bus to arrive at the Convent.