The gift-economy network

We think that open communities, which are interconnected in a larger network, can be an alternative to the “mainstream”. These communities form an ecosystem that provides plenty of solutions and resources for everyone. We pioneer cultural transformation towards a healthy and sustainable human society by providing open-source blueprints for:

- **ecobasa.org**
  An online platform for collaboration and gift-economy exchange around sustainable ways of living
- **Community-Tours**
  Gift-exchange routes
- **Communities Convergences**
  Regional networking meetings
- **Community Design Blueprints and Tools**
  How to use gift-economy and benefit from the network as much as possible
- **Gift economy auctions**
  a fun and practical way to find answers to your wishes by activating the group’s untapped resources.

We are creating a global gift economy network that is decentralized, grass-roots, sharing openly solutions and resources, and is based on supportive local relationships between people and projects.

Your local gift-ambassador

Connecting people and sustainable communities in a global gift-network of trust and support
On this online platform, the gift caravans and convergences can be self-organized all around the world and the gift-economy network is being created.

You can use the platform to
- Find and visit communities
- Create and join Community-Tours
- Share your skills and learn new ones
- Exchange things and leave references
- Write messages to other pioneers, communities and entire Community-Tours
- Manage your community, tour and convergence with:
  - Blog
  - Route Planner
  - Calendar
  - Etherpads
  - ToDos

and of course: to get support for yourself, your community and community-tour through your profile and the convergences!

What is gift-economy?
Gift-economy is more a culture than a system.
Direct exchange is not necessary, you can pay-it-forward instead. This creates circles and closes loops. You can simply match offers and needs with the help of communication.

The sharing and receiving of gifts connects people and places. It creates deeper relationships between individuals and makes life feel more meaningful. It creates trust, which is the basis needed to unleash collective intelligence.

Gift economy moves us out of separation, anonymity, disconnection and depersonalization. It builds connection, reunion, communities and new supportive and enriching relationships.

Creating and developing a gift economy network will empower your local region by strengthening bonds among networks, people, communities and friends.