

Revised text for WORKSHOPS

09.00 h Oikosnet Then and Now

Europe has changed since the birth of Oikosnet in 1955. Member organisations have changed, too. How did we respond to the challenges of the post-war era? When did each of our organisations join Oikosnet – and why? What is our context now, in 2026? How do we answer the call to live together peacefully and to act responsibly for society through deep exchange and education today?

Together, we will create a physical Oikosnet timeline, using our printed logos and learning from each other. Sharing our histories, we will describe where we find ourselves now.

09.45 h Workshop on Future Collaboration Part 1

How will we work together in 2026? Organise study visits? Webinars? Volunteer swaps? Joint events or new projects? Collaboration on academic/artistic/activist projects? Visiting speakers? Informal zoom meetings? WhatsApp common interest groups? Sharing social media content?

What are the topics that need our attention? Where is our energy and imagination focused?

In Part 1, we will hear about Oikosnet's current projects (Strengthening Democracy / Youth Programme, Arab-European Citizen's Dialogue, Middle East Conflict) and invite new suggestions which we can initiate today in our workshops and develop throughout the year.

10.25 h Coffee break

10.40 h Workshop on Future Collaboration Part 2

In Part 2, we will gather in smaller groups, based on our own choice of topics. We can join two groups or participate twice in one group.

The leader of each group will provide additional information on the topic and moderate the discussion, concluding with a written workplan, timeline and a list of who will do what in order to progress the collaboration. This will be presented to the entire group before lunch.

11:10 h Move to a different workshop, or remain in the same group.

11:20 h Second Workshop

12:00 h Plenary: each workshop leader will present the results of their group's work and describe what the next steps will be.

12.30 h Lunch