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To: IUSY Member Organisations
Invited Organisations

Vienna, 17th April 2017

IUSY WORLD FESTIVAL “WE SEE NO BORDERS”

Jala, Albania
14th to 21st July 2017

Dear Friends,

We are glad and proud to invite you to the IUSY World Festival that will be held in Jala, Albania, on the 14th-21st of July 2017.

The aim of the World Festival is to gather young political activists from all over the world to shape new politics. It offers a high-profile platform for political youth leaders and policy experts to map out their progressive vision for the future.

The World Festival has a long tradition and is the highlight for IUSY, its member organizations and all the young people who come to meet new friends, have fun and discuss politics.

Political focus of the World Festival is borders and the fight against the far right across borders, which we believe must be core of socialism and social democracy in the 21st century – a time where change is needed and possible.

2017 is a historical year for IUSY since it is the 110th anniversary of the organisation. The World Festival therefore has the theme “We see no borders”, to highlight the unity of us all in our 110 years old common struggle for solidarity.

Please take note of the technical details in this invitation. Please start your preparations already now, since it will make it a lot easier for all of us and cheaper for you. Registration will open in the end of this week.

Looking forward to seeing you in Albania!

With best wishes,

Howard Lee
IUSY President

Alessandro Pirisi
IUSY Secretary-General

Kejdi Mehmetaj
IUSY Vice-president

Floida Kerpaci
LRI President



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Technical Information

1. How to get to the IUSY Festival 2017

It is time to start making travel arrangements for your delegations! It will decrease the costs of your transport significantly but also you may find it difficult to make bookings for a larger number of persons later on. We suggest you to try to coordinate and make joint arrangements with organizations from the neighbouring countries whenever possible, for example, many organizations from Central and Eastern Europe can make joint arrangements for buses and cars.

Arrival Day & Departure Day

Arrival day is the 14th of July and departure day is the 21st of July.

There is no possibility to accept any participants at the camp before the arrival day or the let any one stay at the camp after departure day.

Transportation to and from Festival area

Transport by shuttle buses will be offered for free on the day of arrival and departure to and from Tirana Airport and it will take approximately 3 hours.

Transport to the camp will only be available for delegations and participants who have filled in arrival and departures times when registering.

Please note that you might have to wait for transport since there are a lot of people arriving at the same time and we ask for your understanding.

Arrival by plane

You can arrive to the airport in Tirana from all corners of the world with fairly reasonable prices.

Arrival by bus and car

A parking spot is available at the campsite. Parking for delegations' buses will be organized at a nearby spot and according to the exact number of buses registered.

2. Visa

Organizations whose participants need visa to enter Albania should start the application procedure as soon as possible. Please contact the embassy or consulate of Albania in your country right now and make the appointment for starting the visa procedure. Our comrades of the hosting organization and their mother party are going to do everything they can to assist all member organizations and facilitate their visa procedure but you must always keep in mind that if you apply too late applications of your entire delegation or part of it might be rejected!

Please send the complete and correct information necessary for invitation letters for all your delegates that will need visas as soon as possible and not later than the **1st of June**.

We will need the following details about each member of your delegation who needs visa:

- Given name(s)
- Family name(s)
- Gender

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- Nationality
- Date of birth
- Place of birth
- Passport number
- Date of issue
- Date of expiry
- Issuing authority
- Valid e-mail address of the organisation
- Email address of the embassy or consulate

Please insert the correct information in the registration system of IUSY World Festival 2017 and do not send e-mails with your passport data to the IUSY Secretariat!

3. Medical insurance

The Festival area will be provided with medical help in case of emergency. However, all organisations are requested to buy travel insurance for all members of their delegations. Note that in case you need visa to enter Albania you could be asked to purchase medical insurance during the issuing procedure and it might not be possible to receive the visa without it.

4. Registration

Every participant must register to the IUSY World Festival through the online registration form at www.iusy.org/worldfestival but the payments must be done in one unique transfer for each deadline, from every Member Organisations to IUSY for all the participants registered within the deadline.

All further communications will be done through the head of delegations, which will have to be appointed before the first registration deadline!

The registration deadlines are as follows:

- 15th of May
- 15th of June

Applications received after the second deadline will not be accepted

Registration of delegates under 18 years:

If your organization wishes to include participants under the age of 18, IUSY requests a **parental permission** form to be completed and signed by the parents of the participants and the Head of Delegation, who will act as guardian. We will only confirm participation of these participants upon receipt of the completed form. The form should be sent by email and original by post to the IUSY Secretariat as soon as you have registered the delegation of your organization. Please bring a second copy of the signed original with you for registration at the campsite.

Delegates under 16 years of age cannot participate in the IUSY Festival 2017 under any circumstances!

Only delegates above the age of 18 are allowed to buy and consume alcohol, so they will have an additional bracelet they will need to show to prove it. We kindly ask the delegations, and especially the Heads of Delegations, to act responsibly in these cases to avoid any inconvenience.

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5. Participation Fee

The participation fee (expressed in Euros, €) for registrations before the 1st deadline, the 15th of May, will be the following:

- a) Participants from organizations belonging to the European Committee (organisations from European Union's member countries, from Faroe Islands, Greenland, Iceland, Norway or Switzerland): €180.
- b) Participants from organisations belonging to the Balkans and BSAC regions: €150
- c) Participants from other organizations: €130.
- d) Participants from LRI: €70
- e) Guests: €180.

The participation fee for registrations before the 2nd and last deadline, the 15th of June will be the following:

- a) Participants from organizations belonging to the European Committee (organisations from European Union's member countries, from Faroe Islands, Greenland, Iceland, Norway or Switzerland): €200.
- b) Participants from organisations belonging to the Balkans and BSAC regions: €180
- c) Participants from other organizations: €150.
- d) Participants from LRI: €90
- e) Guests: €200.

Organizations registering before the first deadline must also make the payment by 20th of May, for the second deadline by 20th of June. Otherwise the organization will be charged in accordance with the participation fee valid for the deadline corresponding with the date of payment.

6. Payments

The day after the deadlines we will provide to the Organisations the list of their registered delegates and the total amount to pay.

Payments must be done by the head of delegations directly to the IUSY bank account for the total amount of their delegates registered in the deadline. We kindly ask single participants to do not pay their own participation fees directly to IUSY.

The participation fees of your delegates have to be paid by bank transfer, including the transfer fee, to the IUSY bank account:

Bank:	BAWAG
BLZ (BIC):	14000
Account number:	0531 0660 380
IBAN:	AT41 1400 0053 1066 0380
SWIFT code:	BAWAATWW

Important: Remember to write the name and address of your organization on your bank transfer. As soon as you deposit the money please send the receipt to the IUSY Secretariat by e-mail to worldfestival@iusy.org. In case you are not able to transfer the payment contact the IUSY Secretariat



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and a payment on the spot can be arranged, for this procedure the same deadlines as for Participation Fees apply.

8. Accommodation

All delegations at the IUSY Festival 2017 will be accommodated in tents at the LRI camp in Jala. The camp is already structured and prepared for the IUSY Festival with all necessary facilities. You will be staying in good and nice tents allocating between 2 and 7 people each.

There could be no possibility for bringing delegates' own tents. The organisers reserve the right not to allow them into the camp as there might be no space for putting them up.

Make sure that you do not forget to bring your camping equipment (sleeping bags, mattresses, towels, etc), as this will not be provided and there will be nowhere to buy them at the Festival!

9. What to bring, what to keep in mind and what not to forget when packing for the IUSY Festival 2017

Clothes

Jalë is a beautiful area by a beach. The weather is usually nice in the summer and the sea will be warm enough for swimming. However, do not forget that during the evening you could need a sweater and/or jacket because if it gets chilly in the evening and at night. In addition, we strongly suggest to be prepared for the unlikely event of rainy days and bring a spare umbrella or raincoat and waterproof shoes.

Camping items

The Festival area has some shops in its proximities, however we recommend to warn all your delegates to pack everything they will need prior to departure. There will be a small shop close to the Festival area selling basic toiletries – such as toothpaste and toothbrush, etc – but it might be more problematic to help you in case you forgot to pack sleeping bags, mattresses, towels, and similar larger items.

Some parts of the program will be held in the open and the participants will probably be sitting on the ground. A small camping blanket that is easy to carry with you (or a beach mat for example) should come in handy.

Money

The currency in Albania is the Albanian Lek, and alongside with Euros, it will be the only currencies accepted at the Festival area.

There is no exchange office at the Festival area but there is one ATM in the proximity of the camp and arrangements will be made to reach Himara, where many banks are present. However, we strongly suggest you to bring all the money that you will need with you.

Food and beverages

All participants will be offered breakfast, lunch and dinner.

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The Festival menu will offer meals according to most food diets (vegan, vegetarian, halal). Make sure to state your correct preference in the registration form, as all meals will be prepared in advance accordingly and there will be no possibilities for change at the Festival. There will be places near the Festival area selling food – mainly snacks and fast food. As always, beverages and drinks will be available. There is also a hotel and restaurant close to the Festival area.

Important safety information – there will be no possibility whatsoever to enter into the Festival area with any kind of glass containers – whether they are for drinks, food or anything else. We are kindly asking you to notify all delegates in your delegation of this rule so inconveniences at the entrance can be avoided. According to the Festival 2017 Rules of Conduct, all glass containers will be taken away at the entrance and will not be returned.

Electronic equipment

Wireless Internet will be available in the main Festival areas. Sockets for electricity will be available at the designated points. **Make sure to bring only what you find absolutely necessary – note that each delegate is personally responsible for her/his belongings and no responsibility for any loss or damage of personal belongings is assumed by the organisers and the Festival staff.** Staff offices will be available only for the Festival staff and IUSY Secretariat. No office will be available for delegates' work, printing of documents and material or any other use.

10. Extra stay in Albania – no costs covered

IUSY or the hosting organisation cannot make any arrangements for participants who arrive before the arrival day or want to stay longer. No participants will be allowed to enter the camp before arrival day or remain in it after departure day.

If you want to –or have to because of travel arrangements– arrive earlier or stay longer, the hosting organisation can recommend further accommodation at your expense.

We therefore strongly suggest all delegations that may need to book accommodation for extra days to do so as soon as possible!

11. Who to contact

If you need any information about your arrangements and preparation of your delegation, do not hesitate to contact the IUSY Secretariat. To make the communication more fluid and faster we kindly ask you to call the Secretariat and the IUSY Project Manager only in case of emergencies. Otherwise please consider writing to the Secretariat at the Festival official e-mail address.

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12. Getting information about the IUSY Festival 2017

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The easiest way to get information about the IUSY Festival is to check at www.iusy.org/worldfestival. You will also get regular information about news concerning technical details of the Festival via e-mail. Please keep the IUSY Secretariat informed about any change in your organisation's e-mail address.

In case of problems, please get in contact with the IUSY Secretariat immediately.

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