

Monetary reform



Trading Floor Game

Group experiences different types of exchange systems

- Direct barter – very cooperative
- Debt money – extracting money leads to hoarding, stress and scarcity
- Mutual credit – productive, fair, non-extractive

Many money systems are possible and lead to different economies and different societies. Education on these matters is crucial!

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- President of Valeureux association supporting grassroots training, facilitation & consulting
- Provides open source cooperation platform www.wezer.org
- Training to run the game will be here, 6pm Monday
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- Recession means a scarcity of money, which is both store of value and medium of exchange.
- Different instruments good for different functions
- Legal Tender & Common Tender
- LETS & Timebanking systems are small-scale examples of Common tender

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- <http://www.basicincome.gr/portal/el/>

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TINA (there is no alternative) vs tapas (there are plenty of alternative solutions) including

- Mutual credit / mutual guarantees
- Demurrage / negative interest
- JAK interest free banking
- Public banks / Green QE
- 100% money / citizens' income
- Cooperative social banking

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- Financial democracy: a new democratic architecture for money and banking
- Public social partnerships between citizens and municipalities or regions to build money systems as commons
- The opportunity: involve credit unions, cooperatives & social banks in codeveloping the common platforms
- The challenge: move from opposition alone to practical cooperative commons propositions

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TAPAS!

- Wide variety of practical solutions available at all levels
- Many living and historical examples and expertise available in Europe
- Participative design process could move us from where we are to economic justice
- What is politically possible in Greece?