

Dear representatives of Oikocredit members,

Oikocredit should be the frontrunner not only in development financing but also in managing its own term investments in an ethical way. Therefore we are looking forward to meeting you at Oikocredit's conference on ethical investment for development! After some intense discussions on recent changes in Oikocredit investment policy on reserves we want to offer a joint learning opportunity for all stakeholders of the cooperative. The conference also provides a possibility to strengthen the participation within the organization.

The special assignments of the conference will be to develop recommendations for Oikocredit's term investment guidelines and to develop criteria for the management company of Oikocredit's term investments. This should help Oikocredit to sustain a coherent approach on its partner selection criteria and its term investment policies.

Welcome to Vienna!

The preparatory group: Dieter Heidtmann (Oikocredit support association (SA) Baden-Württemberg, Germany), Karl Hildebrandt (SA Northeast, Germany), Matthias Lehnert (Oikocredit Germany), Ulrike Lohr (SA West Germany), Dina Lorentz (SA North Germany), Irene van Oostwaard (Oikocredit International, the Netherlands), Manuela Waitzmann (SA Baden-Württemberg)

## **Program** (as of 2016-11-08)

### **Wednesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2017**

- 17h00-18h30**     **Introductory session (optional): From Bad Boll (2003 + 2007) to Vienna (2017)**  
What led to this conference? - A short history of ethical investment - Overview on Oikocredit's investment policies in the last two decades  
*Irene van Oostwaard (Oikocredit International/OI), Dieter Heidtmann (SA Baden-Württemberg)*
- 19h00**            **Social Evening**

### **Thursday, 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2017**

- 9h00**             **Opening of the conference**  
*Manuela Waitzmann and Dieter Heidtmann (SA Baden-Württemberg)*
- 9h30**             **Oikocredit's current term investment policies**  
*Irene van Oostwaard (OI)*
- 10h00**           **Frontrunning in impact investment**  
What is the state of the art? What are new challenges for the future? What should you expect from Oikocredit?  
*Antje Schneeweiß (Südwind - institute for economics and ecumenism, Bonn/Germany)*
- 10h30**           **Plenary discussion with Irene van Oostwaard and Antje Schneeweiß**  
*Moderator: Karl Hildebrandt (SA Northeast, Germany)*
- 11h00**            Coffee/Tea Break
- 11h30**           **Our expectations toward's Oikocredit's term investment policies**  
Buzz groups to collect topics for the working groups  
*Moderators: Manuela Waitzmann and Dieter Heidtmann (SA Baden-Württemberg)*

12h30 Lunch

**14h00 Parallel working groups**

What is the current approach of Oikocredit? What are the new challenges? How to improve?

**WG 1: Financial criteria and risk management**

Resource persons: *Gunnela Hahn (ethical analyst, Church of Sweden), Niek Wijnen (head of risk, OI)*  
Moderator: *Matthias Lehnert (NSO Germany)*

**WG 4: Criteria for the fund managing company**

Resource persons: *tba (Banca Etica), Marcel van Amersfoort (treasurer, OI)*  
Moderator: *Karl Hildebrandt, (SA Northeast, D)*

**WG 2: Exclusion criteria, divestment**

Resource persons: *Dr. Karin Bassler (Working Committee of Church investors within the Protestant Church in Germany), Kawien Ziedses des Plantes (SP and CB deputy director, OI)*  
Moderator: *Manuela Waitzmann (SA Baden-W.)*

**WG 5: Active engagement**

Resource persons: *Dr. Klaus Gabriel (CRIC, University of Vienna, Austria – tbc), tba (OI)*  
Moderator: *Dieter Heidtmann (SA Baden-W.)*

**WG 3: Positive criteria (ESG), green bonds**

Resource persons: *Antje Schneeweiss (Südwind Germany), Amber O'Connell (capacity building manager, OI)*  
Moderator: *Eugene Ellmen (NSO Canada)*

**WG 6: Transparency and reporting**

Resource persons: *Rebecca Weber (research analyst, GLS-Bank, Germany), Beja Morren (finance manager, OI)*  
Moderator: *Dina Lorentz (SA North Germany)*

15h30 Coffee/Tea Break

**16h00 Working groups – continued**

**17h00 Balancing criteria**

Elevator Pitch with the Results of the Working Groups - Plenary Discussion  
Moderator: *Manuela Waitzmann and Dieter Heidtmann (SA Baden-Württemberg)*

18h30 Dinner

**20h00 Evening at your personal disposal**

**Internal meeting of the drafting committee for the recommendations of the conference**  
Moderator: *Eugene Ellmen (NSO Canada)*

**Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> February 2017**

**9h00 Recommendations on Oikocredit's term investment policies**

Revision and adoption of the Final Document of the Conference  
Follow-up of the process (proposals for a working group, ...)  
Moderator: *Manuela Waitzmann and Dieter Heidtmann (SA Baden-Württemberg)*

**10h15 Conclusion of the conference**

*Irene van Oostwaard (OI)*

**10h30 End of the conference**

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**Venue**

Falkensteiner Hotel Wien Margareten, Margaretengürtel 142, A-1050 Wien, [www.margareten.falkensteiner.com](http://www.margareten.falkensteiner.com)

For SAs:

**Costs and registration**

See updated information and registration document for Winter meeting 2017 (via Oikocredit SA Austria)

For other participants:

**Costs:** 320 Euro – 290 Euro without dinner on WED – 210 Euro without dinner and accommodation on WED

**Registration:** See registration document – deadline: 12 December 2016