

dear citizens of earth, fellow humans, friends

The Earth is ignored by us as if she were not there or as if she were the base of coincidence on which we move.

She bears a lot because she loves us and accepts that we inhabit her. She is our school building. We are here because we wanted, fully aware that we cannot disappear again just like that. Children cut classes when they have problems at school. That is no option for the inhabitants of the Earth: Where should we go after all – and how?

I turn to you because I can and will no longer stand back and watch how the Earth is abused and excessively exploited, and last not least because no one is able to do something about it on a large scale. The Earth, our native planet, is an intelligent being, just like us, like you and me. She is in a different body. Her clothing is nature, oceans, self-created land, continents, cultivated land, towns. We are the tailors of her clothing, pretty or ugly. Her limbs are invisible to us or they do not exist, because she does not need them.

We are lucky and honoured to be her guests. But we do not understand that or have forgotten everything. All of us on this planet, hospitable in its beauty, are endowed with the incredible privilege of being guests of the Earth so as to pass sheltered through transfiguration to light, to the absolute, to the return to there where we come from. Instead of being grateful and happy, we grind her, exploit her and inflict great pain on her. She suffers and does so all the more as she loves us, her torturers, and does not fight back. But she will do that if there is no longer any other opportunity for her, since she would die otherwise and we with her. It must not come to that.

To make her sufferings more bearable, to ease her pain, I would like to address all of you who think similar and are happy to be able to live here on this wonderful Earth – I would like to address you, to stir you and to invite you to voice at times understanding for her budding anger. We are hard to bear these days. Let us bring her our gratitude and love. Let those of us who feel in a similar way form a closed circle around her, by way of a pledge and as a token of our love: let us put on a living ring as a sign of solidarity with her and as a pledge of faithful friendship. We are thereby not obliged to continue inhabiting her forever. But we will always carry her in our hearts as a wonderful friend, wherever we will be. The Earth must not despair, stretch and crucify herself and finally shake us off as thankless oppressors. She rather ought to see and experience, how many of us in all countries understand her after all and love her for her very willingness to make sacrifices and live responsibly.

In order to carry through this "hug of the Earth" several assistants are needed in many countries, outposts, "branches". A core group of eight to ten people with specific responsibilities each will be in charge of the organization. These people will unquestioningly work together towards the great goal of hugging the Earth. Sponsors will be needed who finance the

resources and the team's working hours. No one should any longer work on a voluntary basis nor sacrifice himself idealistically for the good cause – dying in beauty and poverty while being ridiculed. The costs of living for family and housing, food, clothing and also entertainment will have to be paid for as before. At least two economists will be needed and tax specialists who raise money and manage the funds so that the supporters/sponsors will always be informed about the use of the money they gave. Everything must and will be transparent and take its just course. There are some very rich people who would like to donate a part of their money, if only they could be sure that it was used for a very good cause. Saving costs should not be an issue if the Earth is to be appeased, comforted, and our lives are to be preserved in peaceful coexistence, based on tolerance and respect for oneself and others. These are the foundations for future generations. Every human being has particular qualities benefiting the community. Nowadays actors and sportswomen, singers and musicians, managers and politicians alongside their experts and advisors are held in high esteem. But what about the rest of us? They vegetate on waste ground or provide a service for the aforementioned. How is anything to develop on this basis, if mental potential there will not be used, barely?

If, therefore, anybody knows or at least believes profoundly, that he or she is able to productively contribute or add anything to this project. she/he ought not to be afraid to make contact.

As quickly as possible a team ought to be formed, consisting of people free from vanities, with all kinds of outstanding abilities, experienced and proved, who then take on the organization of the project possible as a full-time job. Sponsors thinking similar who endorse the project will have to be found. The annual budget of many football/soccer clubs is greater/larger than that which we need to break even. We are positive about the feasibility and the success of the project!

Let us begin. Let us do it. We will make it, because we want to and because we do with love.

REALIZATION

60,000.000 – 120,000.000 people, depending on how many will stand next to each other in a row, one or two, will form a living ring around the Earth and will loudly vent their love for the planet. Here I reckon three people per 2 meters of the circumference of the Earth. With a total circumference of the Earth of 40.000.000 m about 60,000.000 people should form a circle line. This is less than one per cent of the total population of the Earth. Ships – bridging the oceans – are to be added as well as whales and dolphins that can by experts talking their languages be brought to join us. Joy increases the vibrations of the Earth and also of us and everything will be easier, more feasible. A good host is happy if his

guests feel comfortable. His restaurant shines and attracts new guests. We arouse the joy of the Earth and feel joyful ourselves. Thereby time will move with us, we do not move with the time. We can and will influence it. The same is true for the bank.

ECONOMIC PRE-CALCULATION: A DRAFT

For the thoroughly rigorously organized realization of "The Hug of the Earth" a team is needed of at least one hundred and ten people as permanent staff with different abilities and jobs, distributed over different countries, and a core of about 8 to 10 people for the central organization in Austria. Everything has to be fundable, no one ought to work for free. An hourly wage of at least 25 € net, after tax, should be determined for every member of the staff except the members of the organizing group. It contents 10 persons, who will get € 40 after tax per hour, each. That means € 3200 per day, € 64.800 a month and € 1,280.000 for 20-month work.

These costs per day of all other team workers are € 25 per hour a person and about 2.750 € for the whole team consisting of 110 people. Calculating 8 hours a day, five workdays a week, four weeks a month 440.000 € will be needed each month. There will be wage costs of € 8,8 millions, if 20 months are scheduled for the project. So, wage cost all together amounts € 10,080.000 Mio.

As much again will be needed for material expenses as rents, computers, telephones, furniture, energy, tax, all in all up to € 20 Mio. are to be budgeted for a professional realization of the project. In addition, 10,000.000 € for extra wage costs or unforeseeable events are to be deposited at a bank of our trust.

All in all, at least 34 million € are necessary to ensure perfect and unimpeded progress of preparation works. Compared with the amount of, let us say, € 34,000.000, that is spent on the transfer of a single professional football player, 34 million euro is a rather small expenditure for the possible healing and thus for the appeasement of the Earth and the laying of foundations for future generations. It is a giant stride towards the peaceful coexistence of all peoples and nations. There is a chance. A billionaire will hardly make a fuss about a shrinkage of his fortune by over € 34millions, and there are some billionaires, who might be interested. Many prosperous people are living among us, possibly, who would like to share their fortunes, if only they knew, where something is coming into being, which could fill them with enthusiasm, where financial support would make sense. The money that will be sponsored and donated will be deposited at a not exclusively profit-oriented bank of our trust and will be managed by three reliable persons, two members of our team and a representative of the bank. Sponsors will at all times have the opportunity to check accounts and see what their donations are used for respectively. All this will happen in order to accomplish the one goal of embracing the Earth in love by forming a ring of people in the year 2024 – 2025.

HUG THE EARTH.

THE TEAM IS TO CONSIST OF: man and/or woman

2 economists	for the acquisition and control of financial resources
1 geographer and geologist	to determine the route of the ring
1 physician and psychologist	
1 cetologist, biologist	for the work with whales and dolphins
1-2 linguists/philologists	English, Spanish, Russian, Mandarin, Arabic
1 expert in human rights	international rights
1 ethnologist	Contacts, Care of the working team
1 IT Specialist	Computer, Network, Program
Me	Idea, internal Organization, Art and Culture

**We love the EARTH
because of her gentleness and beauty
We venerate the EARTH
because she accepts us as her inhabitants.**

Manfred Schwarzbauer

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