

For all Workcamp organisers.

How is Idem Switzerland/Germany involved in the organisation of a workcamp?

The organisation of a workcamp that Idem-Switzerland/Germany, undertakes in a country outside of Central Europe e.g. Brazil) has 5 important stages, and these must be understood in order to be clear about the amount of time required to organise one.

1. Invitation by the International project to us to carry out the workcamp (later followed by descriptions, cost estimates and so on). Cooperation with local contact persons.

2. We describe and advertise the project. Leaders come forward to organise the workcamp. Participants begin to apply.

3. Participants and European leaders organise the fundraising, preparation and departures.

4. Carrying through of the workcamp in cooperation with the local leaders.

5. Follow-up in Europe – accounts, reports, meeting with participants and so on.

Let us look at step 2, which is the one requiring the bulk of the time.

We depend on European participants in order to fund a project in another country. We cannot fund a workcamp undertaken by participants in their own country as little as Brazilians can fund a workcamp done by South African participants in South Africa.

We would love to be able to do this but we simply don't have the money or the time, as we would have to do this through the office,

WE RELY ENTIRELY ON PARTICIPANTS AND WORKCAMP LEADERS TO DO THIS. Without these, nothing can come about. One day, when we are big enough to have our own Foundation, this will hopefully change.

Local Idem groups are able, on their own and without our help, to organise workcamps in their countries, but we cannot fund these without at least a few European participants.

Also the projects themselves, like Aramitan has done a number of times, can organise and run workcamps and advertise them through our homepage – but we cannot help fund these unless there are European participants helping us.

And this requires that we know well ahead of time – at least **6 months** with a project that we have worked in before, **1 year** for a new project - that a workcamp is wanted, and what is to be done. Otherwise we are simply unable to be of real assistance other than to let potential participants internationally know that it is taking place.