

Invitation

The “PeaceBread“ (FriedensBrot) project

The Nobel Peace Prize for the European Union calls attention to the great historical achievement that Europe – with its countries and societies – is no longer based on war and threat but on co-operation, compromise, reticence and self-control.

Between 1961 and 1989, the Berlin Wall was the symbol for the cold war and the division of Germany and Europe. People in Middle- and South-Eastern Europe shared this experience with the Germans. Along the border between East and West, they lived behind the Iron Curtain for decades.

In 1989, peoples’ power overcame this artificial border. Since then, ten countries from Middle- and South-Eastern Europe have joined the European Union: Bulgaria, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Czech Republic and Hungary.

These countries are invited to join the “PeaceBread” project on the basis of their experiences.

“Whoever works his land will have plenty of bread, but he who follows worthless pursuits lacks sense” (Salomon 12:11). Since the Wall came down, the parish of the Church of Reconciliation at Bernauer Straße has made life flourish again on the former death strip. Every year since 2005, a field of rye is grown, harvested and the flour made into bread.

In the year 2013, rye of the previous harvest will be grown on historically important sites in those countries which have joined the European Union since 1989.

In 2014, for the 25th anniversary of the Wall coming down, these rye harvests from participating countries will be returned to Berlin. This “anniversary rye” will then be mixed with the rye grown in Berlin, will be milled and made into a joint European “PeaceBread”.

Together with participating countries and organisations, the association PeaceBread e.V. will organise celebrations and a conference on “Peace and Bread in Europe” as a highlight for the interested public, for politics and media.

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The actual event, ideas and messages of the project will be documented in a film.

Messages of the project

1. Peace and understanding between peoples are prerequisites of successful sustainable agriculture.
2. Sustainable agriculture helps to safeguard peace and understanding between peoples.
3. Sustainable agriculture is economically viable as well as ecologically and socially acceptable, conserves natural resources and enables future generations to manage their living conditions and economies.
4. Sustainable agriculture in Europe also bears responsibility for the food supply of the world population.

Photos: [Faculty of Agriculture and Horticulture at the Humboldt University in Berlin](#)

Who are we?

The association PeaceBread e.V.

The Berlin based charitable association PeaceBread e.V. pursues the objectives as defined by the statutes

- to contribute to demonstrating the interdependence between peace keeping in Europe and the world, and sustainable agriculture,
- to contribute to the commemoration of the fall of the Berlin Wall and the Iron Curtain in the year 1989 and the resulting new possibilities for European peace,
- to promote peace and understanding between peoples by including partners from countries which have joined the European Union after 1989 or which have a perspective of joining.

Members and office of the association PeaceBread e.V. work on a voluntary basis. The association is organised and acts on its own.

The association is financed with membership contributions and donations.

You want to support the project?

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The “PeaceBread” project

A field of rye

on the former death strip of the
Berlin Wall at Bernauer Straße:
What a highly symbolic sign

for peace and reconciliation!

In 2014, there will be the 25th anniversary of
the fall of the Berlin Wall and the Iron Curtain.

Peace keeping and the contribution of
sustainable agriculture to prosperity, contentment
and happiness of people are closely interlinked.

With the PeaceBread project, the success story of
agriculture in peace and peace through agriculture
will be discussed in-depth and be celebrated
symbolically und solemnly in 2014.

For this purpose, the civil society charitable
association PeaceBread e.V. was founded in 2012.

The Federal Minister for Food, Agriculture and
Environment, Ilse Aigner, has taken over patronage
of the “PeaceBread” project.