

Welcome!  
*Bem vindos!*

# ECN Gathering

Portugal 2018, 31st Oct. to 5th Nov.



## Informations for the ECN Gathering 2018, Portugal

by the Portuguese Organization & Hosting Team

Our yearly Gathering will be in Portugal where we can connect, share, laugh, hug, dance, eat and sit in Council together!

The Portuguese team is working in a community way on its preparation, with much care and energy, so you will find all the needed information in the following pages.

We hope that you organize your means of transport and schedule the best time to serve your stay in this beautiful venue, in the south of Portugal.

Bring all family, there is a special program for children, who are very much welcome!

There are also selected workshops being offered before - [An Introduction to Council in Nature](#), [Council with Courage in Organizations](#) - and advanced Council practice after the Gathering - [The Art of Witnessing](#).

**Please register as soon as possible (limited availability).**

**Thank you!**

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## Venue

As you might already know we had to reorganize ourselves after the beautiful Karuna retreat center in Monchique, where the gathering would be this year, was burnt to the ground in August.

We would like to express our deepest gratitude for your support, guidance, and kindness during this process.

**Monte Mariposa** will be our home for Council in Portugal, from 29th Oct. to 8th Nov. with the ECN Gathering from 31st Oct. (evening) to 5th Nov.

Monte Mariposa is a residential retreat center in the heart of the Algarve hills near to Tavira where people come together to learn, teach, experience, exchange and inspire others. The venue is located in a quiet and harmonious valley.

There are several open-air areas and rooms of different sizes, shapes, and atmospheres that will receive us, for the workshops and gathering activities. A children's area will be specifically prepared for their privacy and enjoyment.



## Children



Dear families, bring your children. They are a gift for the community!

Council is also about serving the future generations and the candle in the center always reminds us of the children's fire. Therefore, our decisions serve the generations to come and we want to set a special focus on inviting children, youth and families for the gathering, this year.

There will be a children's place in the venue and a special programme for them during the gathering, with playful, artistic, forest activities and Council.

The young generation of our community will have the chance to grow into the Council experience. The idea is to be as inclusive as possible, with our children, during the program. And we all do our best to support and make it easy for you to be with your children, at the gathering.

## Accommodation

Monte Mariposa, offers a variety of accommodation options, from wooden cabins and a tipi (2 to 4 people) in nature, shared rooms (2 to 4 people) and dormitories (for 6 people) in the main building. A camping ground will also be available for the gathering on a lower daily rate. Bed linen, blankets, and towels are provided (except for camping).



In the registration form, you may indicate 1 to 5 persons you wish to share a room with. We will do our best to accommodate your request.

In Portugal, the weather around the time we're meeting is traditionally warm and sunny yet **we recommend that you also bring warm clothes** (especially if camping) in case the weather gets cold.

## Food & Water



**Monte Mariposa** is an eclectic place that hosts many spiritual and international retreats, offering homemade healthy food: 3 vegetarian meals/day are included.

Catering for special dietary needs is available (vegan, gluten free, etc.). Please let us know in the registration form if you have any dietary needs, restrictions, intolerance or allergies.

To support a delicious tradition of our ECN gatherings, we invite you to bring treats from your region to share with us during coffee/tea-breaks (chocolate tastings are very welcomed!).

## Participation Costs & Payments

Located in Serra do Caldeirão, **Monte Mariposa** has been welcoming for several years activities that promote personal and community development in an environment of harmony and peace.

We feel extremely grateful to Monte Mariposa for having welcomed us within such a short notice after we had to relocate the gathering from Karuna to a new venue. The values we are able to announce express the generosity of our host to accommodate us in similar conditions to our previous arrangements.

<p><b>An Introduction to Council in Nature</b> <sup>(1)</sup> Sliding Scale: 100€ to 200€</p> <p><b>Council with Courage in Organizations</b> <sup>(1)</sup> Sliding Scale: 100€ to 200€</p>	<p><b>ECN Gathering</b> Adult Fee: 60€ Teenagers 13-18: 30€ Children 0-12: 0€</p>	<p><b>The Art of Witnessing</b> <sup>(1)</sup> Sliding Scale: 300€ to 450€</p>
<p>From: 29th Oct. at 2p.m./8 p.m. To: 30th Oct. at 9.30 p.m. Participants arrival: 2 p.m.</p>	<p>From: 31st Oct. at 8 p.m. (Opening Celebration) To: 5th Nov. at 1 p.m.</p>	<p>From: 5th Nov. at 4 p.m. To: 8th Nov. at 1 p.m.</p>

<sup>(1)</sup> For more information on the Workshops, before and after the Gathering, please see the detailed PDF's on the Newsletter.

### Board and Lodging

Please, reserve your vacancy in advance (limited availability)

**40€/night** (shared rooms & dormitories) <sup>(1)</sup>

**30€/night** (camping with own tent)

**free**/children under 12 years old (up to 3 years old sleep in parents bed)

**Includes 3 vegetarian meals per day.**

<sup>(1)</sup> Although the number of people differs, Monte Mariposa pre-established a unique value for all rooms.

There is an **ECN sponsorship fund**: your contributions can be used to support the Network year-round needs and allow other people that call for support to be part of the Gathering too..

You may use the **call & response** to help you financially to be present at the Gathering, for that please contact [finance@council-network.eu](mailto:finance@council-network.eu). The ECN finance team is opened to listen to your needs, your story, to share it with the network; and will do it's best to help you and organize the link with the organization team.

## Payments:

After [registration](#) and to confirm the vacancy, you need to transfer to our Bank Account a part of the participation costs (info is below). Please double check the amount before you wire us the money and please send us by email (portugal2018@council-network.eu) the receipt of your bank transfer.

- Workshops/Training: please register for your workshop in the registration form. Your registration will only be confirmed once we receive a deposit in advance: 50€ Nature and Organizations Workshops; 100€ Art of Witnessing. The remaining amount for the workshops and/or training should be paid in cash €, when you arrive at the venue.
- Gathering Fee: to confirm your registration we need that you wire the full amount to our Portuguese bank account (info is below).
- Board and Lodging: payment is made in cash € when you arrive at the venue.

With this tool you can easily calculate the sum total and payments for your stay. **Tool to calculate your expenses can be found here:**

>>[https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1ckRSsDXy7SLYlRTJuDhm8BzVBwTspPYr\\_gX8nE7FZZ8/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1ckRSsDXy7SLYlRTJuDhm8BzVBwTspPYr_gX8nE7FZZ8/edit?usp=sharing)

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**Cancellation policy and fees:** there will be no refund of the payments made in advance, This money will be considered a donation for the ECN (fee) and trainers (workshops), respectively.

## Bank Account information:

1. Bank transfer via your own pt bank

If your bank charges you a fee for this, we ask that it is you that carries that fee, so that we get the full amount on our account. Please indicate your full name on the note space of your transfer. If you pay for your family, indicate all the names on the note.

Bank coordinates

Payable to: Joao Correia

Bank: ActivoBank

IBAN: PT50.0023.0000.45535932492.94

Swift code: ACTVPTPL

2. Via Azimo (or Transferwise, if your country is not available via Azimo)

We advise you to pay via Azimo — <https://azimo.com>. It is an online bank transfer system where you'll need to use the information above to transfer the money. If your country is not available via Azimo, please use Transferwise.

It might be cheaper than going through a bank. There is a promotion in which the 1st transfer is free.

## Registration

Please help us to plan and be ready for you by filling it in early, it reduces our work and allows more time for unexpected needs and changes. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

Please fill in this google **Registration Form** here:

<https://goo.gl/forms/RZr3dGOzAiPhRlww2>

## Getting There

**Monte Mariposa** is located in Fonte do Bispo, Tavira, Algarve, South of Portugal; 2 km from the village of Santa Catarina with a basic infrastructure of bank, cafés and pharmacy, and 10 km away from **Tavira**, a small and beautiful town with bus, train, restaurants, shops, leisure, local food market, river and boat to the beach.

[See the venue location on the map](#) (GPS location: 37.158683, -7.765305).

For your travel arrangements, search flights landing in **Faro**, which is the closest to the venue (about 35 km away) or in **Lisbon Airport**. From both locations there's trains and coach bus options. The city of reference to arrive by both means of transportation is **Tavira**. From there, the simplest and fastest way to arrive is to take a taxi to **Monte Mariposa**: around 15 minutes, one way is around 15€. We suggest you share the trip & costs with other participants.

**Most Economic:** From Tavira there is a bus to **São Brás de Alportel** that stops in **Fonte do Bispo**, around 5 times per day, it doesn't work on weekends. (Check EVA BUS). Then walk max 1 km to the venue.

If you want to book a taxi or a shuttle in advance please send us an email to: [mmariposahosting@gmail.com](mailto:mmariposahosting@gmail.com) and we'll help you setting it up.

To prepare your trip and have access to more information about transportation please visit:

*Portuguese trains:* [www.cp.pt](http://www.cp.pt) The best way to go from **Faro to Tavira** (aprox. 30 min).

*Coach Bus websites:* [www.rede-expressos.pt](http://www.rede-expressos.pt) and [www.eva-bus.com](http://www.eva-bus.com)

*Faro airport:* [www.faro-airport.com/airlines.php](http://www.faro-airport.com/airlines.php)

*Tavira town:* <https://tavira.algarvetouristguide.com>

## Faro or Lisbon Airport >> Tavira >> Monte Mariposa

### From Lisbon Airport to Monte Mariposa (overview)

<b>Aprox.</b>	Metro from Lisbon Airport to Train Station	Train from Lisbon to Tavira	Coach Bus from Lisbon to Tavira	Taxi from Tavira to Monte Mariposa
<b>Costs</b>	1,95€	starting from 22,70€	19€	15€ - 20€ (up to 4 people).
<b>Time aprox.</b>	15 min	4h avg.	4h	15 - 20 min

### From Faro Airport to Monte Mariposa (overview)

<b>Aprox.</b>	Local Bus from Faro Airport to train station	Taxi from Faro Airport to train station	Train from Faro to Tavira	Local Bus from Faro Airport to Tavira	Taxi/Shuttle from Faro Airport to Monte Mariposa
<b>Costs</b>	2,25€	16€	3,20€	3,90€	40€ - 45€ (up to 4 people) <b>or</b> +8 people - 10€ each
<b>Time aprox.</b>	20 min	10 min	35 min	45 min	30 min

## Any questions?

If you have any questions, comments or needs of clarification, please reach us at:

[portugal2018@council-network.eu](mailto:portugal2018@council-network.eu)

And please, always indicate the topic of your request in the subject-line. Thank you! :-)