

Our current reality clashes brutally with what is happening politically across Europe right now.

As we are walking across the country, meeting very different people, sharing a multiplicity of experiences and encountering a lot of hospitality, along with beautiful landscapes, we also keep seeing huge red lion flags on display, which invoke feelings of hostility and danger.

When we set out to explore the possibilities of a different society, one of our main concerns was to overcome stereotypes, and prove that we can, as different as we may be, co-exist and even like, or love each other. But as we advance, the news keep worsening and it feels like the world is moving in the exact opposite direction.

What are your thoughts, feelings, experiences, poems, songs, drawings... in relation to the rise of the right wing politics?

If you want to share, feel free to post your thoughts here or write an e-mail to capsule\_team@riseup.net, because, appart from trying to generate a discussion, we will dedicate the next issue of our weekly participatory article in Wox magazine to this specific topic.

Write in any language you feel comfortable in.

Hopefully yours,  
The Capsule Team (edited)

I surely did not vote far right nor right, and I do not know who did, whether somebody in my family or my circle of friends within the E.U. did. However, many do. More and more, the far right is growing. As much as I do not at all resonate with their discourse, I perceive the need to hear and understand them, to have or search for conversations, in the hope of convincing them/ us of other solutions. I do not know all the discourses and reasons but I also sense that "them-ing" them will not help. Proposition of the terrestrial: According to Bruno Latour in his book "Down to earth", globalisation is failing us as it led to various crises, environmental and social crises, and so the disenfranchised look for another solution which many find in nationalism, which offers a sense of identity and belonging, as well as easy slogans. Then you also have the "out of this world" like Elon Musk and Jeff Bezos, who look for the answer to our problems here on earth in outer space, without questioning what lead to these breakdowns and most likely just exporting the same issues and power dominations somewhere into the cosmos. Most humans need a sense of belonging. I certainly feel that need. Of course, it is hard to feel like belonging when one can't afford rent or a home, can't find a job, and feels left out of a system that does not seem to be made for oneself. The return to the local are also part of an ecological green transition, of a return to the terrestrial, of slow and local food for example, as well as other materials, and connecting to the land and people where one lives, instead of wasting energy in the global project, contributing to CO2 emissions from traveling or from consuming products that travel distances. However local includes people with very diverse ethnic backgrounds all living, contributing and belonging to this local, to this terrestrial, to this soil. Who profits from this neoliberal world? For sure not the Global South. Nor more and more inhabitants from the West or North. I do not know all the specifics from the different far right parties in the various E.U. countries, but closing our borders or favouring nationals (as the alternative Deutschland and the rassemblement national are proposing) is a fake promise. That will not stop the big corporations from exploiting land and people. Our earth and its systems, upon which our human, social and nations are living and built, are in crisis due to the effects of industrialisation and globalisation, of greenhouse gas emissions, water, air and soil pollution, global heating and so on. Most of these warming and polluting practices were caused by the North and West, and unfairly a lot of people from the Global South suffer the consequences. In addition to environmental and climate breakdown issues and reasons for migration, there are conflicts and wars, where the West/North has its responsibility. Closing

En France comme partout en Europe il règne un grand malaise : la vie et la survie deviennent toujours plus compliquées et complexes - les attentats , l'immigration massive, le confinement , les guerres et l'inflation ont contribué à faire de nous des êtres désabusés et égoïstes - sans espoir même ! Les médias nous envahissent avec des mauvaises nouvelles et exercent une forte influence sur nos opinions - difficile de faire le tri du fake et du vrai ! Les politiciens nous inspirent pas la confiance - alors face aux diverses menaces de nos acquis on cherche quelqu'un qui va nous sauver et rétablir le « bon vieux temps » et nous redonner l'insouciance et la promesse d'un avenir radieux !

our borders is clearly not the solution. As a European citizen I find it disgustingly arrogant, shortsighted and mean. As Bruno suggests, we should come down to earth to address these issues. Tectonic plates are shifting, water and air systems are moving around the earth, people from other countries came to help dig out minerals out of the earth, such as iron ore, and coal, which contributed to the development of wealth in countries such as Luxembourg, Belgium, Germany and France. Iron ore and coal are part of million yearlong earth processes and movement, with the contributions of tropical climates, CO2 from volcanoes and the waves of the ocean. Matter moves, humans migrate. Portuguese and Italians came to Luxembourg, Italian, Moroccan and Turkish workers came to Belgium. These people risked their lives in the mines to make a living, contributing to the local economy, working the land and making it their homeland. These people brought pizza, couscous, hummus, and kebab, among many other things that we now enjoy here. Many migrants now come from further afar, but often there is still a link, such as a colonial connection. Even if Luxembourg did not directly have a colony, as it is well known now, Luxembourg was involved in the Belgian colonies, and Europe and the West in general did and still profit from neo-colonial power dynamics. We are in a global crisis and we have our responsibility in it. Going local and terrestrial are needed, but in dialogue and responsibility with the earth and the global, not narrowing down to national borders, identity and privileges. The stakes are high. Even if the E.U. is still politically rather center-right, the far-right political movement is growing, as well as the sentiment of the citizens. What will happen in France? The need to have these conversations, to hopefully manage to lessen the amount of people going/voting far right, by convincing them of more factual, grounded, connected, responsible and down to earth solutions is calling. How? Community building with the multiplicity of people belonging to a place and in relation to that place, walking, tending to the land and people, practices of care, arts projects, singing and moving together, storytelling, walking with a capsule and dancing across borders, creating together.

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