

SOLARIS Switzerland

A decentralized, human-centered mutual aid network
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WHAT IS SOLARIS?

Solaris was born from an awareness of the alarming signals we receive from current events—whether economic, financial, political, social, climatic, or even geophysical. This awareness is independent of any lucrative, political, religious, or ideological considerations.

Everything suggests that we should soon expect a collapse of the services usually provided by society. To face this, solidarity is our greatest strength, but it will be all the more effective if it is organized now, concretely and calmly.

This is what Solaris proposes:

To quickly establish a network of local cells governed by mutual aid, which organize themselves to be, when the time comes, as operational and autonomous as possible based on local resources. If the internet, energy networks, or certain public structures fail, we aim to minimize the resulting disorders and ensure essential needs are met as best as possible.

By doing so, even if nothing catastrophic ultimately occurs, this initiative has the merit of leading each person toward a more responsible and solidarity-based conception of life.

SOLARIS FOCUSES ON WHAT UNITES US

SOLARIS is a mutual aid and solidarity network—nothing more.

It aims to compensate for the deficiencies of state and private services in a global context of growing shortages and political, social, and economic disorganization, regardless of the causes of these deficiencies.

Its goal is to quickly foster a new culture of interaction among human beings by recreating a strong bond and proposing a system capable of responding to everyone's needs and emergencies.

SOLARIS is not based on any form of commercial exchange or even barter. It consists solely of volunteers, with no structure or hierarchy, and develops autonomously on its own.

Its success depends on its openness to the broadest possible range of schools of thought. Therefore, any political, religious, or ideological discourse is to be excluded, and within the framework of SOLARIS, we ask that discussions remain focused on the work of emerging solutions that promote the expected mutual aid and solidarity.

Our common ground lies in a shared impulse toward humanity and freedom of conscience.

Why "SOLARIS"?

Why a new initiative?

What does SOLARIS bring that is new?

Why is SOLARIS even indispensable?

While the internet and ease of transportation seem to have freed us from the constraints of space and time, SOLARIS brings us back to proximity by emphasizing the potential fragility of these technologies.

SOLARIS encourages us to rediscover the joy of meeting neighbors, to re-enchant ourselves, and from there, to reinvest with enthusiasm in the reality of practical, everyday circumstances—to prepare ourselves, both individually and collectively, to face all kinds of situations.

SOLARIS does not just remind us that together we are stronger, but even more so, that we truly form a single body: by recreating the human bond in person, we become invincible.

The perspective is to establish a human network across the territory, based on local cells that connect with each other through autonomous means of transport: walking, cycling, horseback riding, etc., combined with alternative communication methods such as CB radios and walkie-talkies, powered, for example, by solar panels. Such a network includes everyone "by nature," because beyond identities and egos, we are all sovereign souls living in physical bodies and in specific places.

However, this network can only function if we avoid dispersion and if everyone participates. It is not just another group or association; SOLARIS has no legal status.

It is simply an outstretched hand, aiming to unite our energies to reconstruct the common human foundation from which all particular initiatives can take root and flourish.

It doesn't matter if it's called SOLARIS or something else; names are just labels. We must name things to clarify what we are talking about.

It is merely an organizational tool, designed to achieve the cohesion and efficiency we seek in the fastest and most effective way possible. A mode of operation is proposed, and this operation is continually improved and adapted according to local circumstances.

This involves two complementary and synergistic axes:

On the one hand, autonomy and resilience are developed by organizing mutual aid at the local cell level. Here, everyone removes their "hats" and gets involved based on the universal values of liberty, equality, and fraternity. There is no concept of commerce or even barter at this level.

On the other hand, these local cells—human cells—group together by geographic sector, and here, particularities and diversity are expressed toward the global level, starting from the specific proposals of individuals and groups around autonomy and resilience, but also around the themes and purposes that define their own identity.

Thus, it is from here, in the "here and now" of the local level and practical, everyday reality, that seeds can germinate and find the paths to their fulfillment.

The Spirit of SOLARIS

The Spirit of SOLARIS weaves mutual aid and solidarity among all,
without commercial transactions,
without any notion of barter or direct exchange.
What you give to someone, you will receive from elsewhere.

The Spirit of SOLARIS vibrates at the heart of all those who have the will to connect with each other,
stronger than ever, without hierarchy, without structures of power,
in the complementarity of their diversities.

The Spirit of SOLARIS is the strength of gathering the skills and resources of all to serve one, and that one, in turn, serves all.

The Spirit of SOLARIS is leaving egos at the door to unite for a common, higher purpose: to organize, with speed and efficiency, resilience in a worsening context on the social, political, economic, health, climatic, and geophysical fronts.

The Spirit of SOLARIS is the highest duty of transmitting and learning knowledge, with pragmatism and efficiency.

The near horizon is that of local autonomy in all its aspects.

The Spirit of SOLARIS is the vigilant and benevolent gaze that each of us must now cast around us,

to identify those in distress or on a difficult path

and to provide them with immediate help, but also, in the long term,

the means to achieve their autonomy in all things, within a solidarity-based humanity.

The Spirit of SOLARIS is blowing a wind that dispels fear, isolation, despair, and distress, wherever they may be.

The Spirit of SOLARIS is laying the concrete foundations for a society based on a new culture,

one that so many have longed for and which has now become a vital urgency.

Its foundations are reliance and benevolence where there was division and conflict,

Sovereignty where there was a sense of powerlessness and loss of identity.

The Spirit of SOLARIS is lifting our heads and emerging from the woods and caves of illusion and resignation.

It is walking upright, together, with clear eyes, a firm hand,

and a calm breath, turned toward a constructive and positive present.

The Spirit of SOLARIS is embodying the awareness that Sovereignty for all begins within each of us.

And that love for the Living is the key to all things.

Joining SOLARIS

SOLARIS IS ROOTED IN THE BEST OF HUMANITY

SOLARIS is merely a tool to concretize humanity's aspiration to live naturally according to its highest ideals.

Thus, SOLARIS is neither a new group nor a system. It presents itself as a help, or a path to take, to move away from the conditioning of a society type founded on the domination of all over all.

SOLARIS therefore calls on individuals to take responsibility for themselves and their loved ones, both geographically and emotionally.

This responsibility involves being prepared to face any type of event, individually and collectively, and we know how unpredictable events are today.

This is why the proposed path consists of:

1. Maximizing one's daily autonomy and capacity for adaptation and resilience. Thus, even if one is still isolated, they represent the starting point for a renewal of society.
2. Implementing the means of solidarity and empathy in one's immediate proximity, to be considered as a "living cell" composing the great organism of all humanity.
3. Implementing the means to stay connected to neighboring cells, whatever the difficulties posed by potential breakdowns in communication and transportation. Thus, the perspective is a territorial network based on the very values that make humans vectors of solidarity and mutual aid.

SOLARIS IS A NETWORK OF "PHYSICAL" PEOPLE

The goal of SOLARIS is to establish a mutual aid network based on trust and human connection.

This is why joining a Telegram cell actually means expressing one's willingness to physically meet the people in the network, especially those in one's immediate proximity.

The situation we are preparing for is a crisis in which the only way to help each other is to knock on each other's doors. Therefore, we must first know each other physically, which can initially happen through a meeting in a public place.

However, this must lead to a visit to the new participant's home, not necessarily to enter if they do not wish, but at least to ensure that we can knock on the right door.

There are no passive participants or observers in SOLARIS.

These first meeting(s) will be an opportunity to determine the role the candidate wishes to play in the network: active participant, Telegram group moderator, host for thematic meetings, coordinator, or referent.

SOLARIS ADDRESSES BOTH INDIVIDUALS AND GROUPS

As signs of an impending blackout in communications and transportation become increasingly evident, SOLARIS proposes to establish the tightest possible territorial network so that solidarity can be exercised concretely in such a context.

An optimistic observation: many initiatives are already emerging here and there, mobilizing and grouping people to uphold the indispensable nature of the human bond. We must therefore move beyond our own identities and commitments to connect with each other without reservation: to "radiate."

This is why we propose that not only isolated individuals but also already established groups participate in building this network, without altering their specificities.

To do this, a Telegram group or "cell" is created in all participants' places of residence as soon as it is no longer possible to walk to the nearest cell.

This makes local cells visible on Telegram—as long as it functions—and encourages new people in the vicinity to join.

This obviously implies that these cells are ready to welcome new people who may differ in what makes individuals or groups unique, but who share the common goal of establishing the best foundations for achieving the greatest possible autonomy and resilience.