

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

Who Created the Network?

The network was launched on **September 26, 2021**, in **Rennes-le-Château**, in the **High Valley of Aude (SOLARIS 11)**, France.

It doesn't matter who the individuals were who put their energy into developing it—today, it is a **work of selfless collective intelligence**, with the **concrete work happening within the Cells**.

Is SOLARIS an Association?

No. It is **not an association, a company, or a foundation**. SOLARIS has **no administrative or legal structure**, nor does it have **any money in circulation**. It is a **gathering of human beings** who wish to **rebuild connections** among themselves and **respond in solidarity** to an increasingly difficult general context. **All members, without exception, are volunteers**.

Is There a Leadership or Hierarchy Within SOLARIS?

No. **No one is in charge**, and there is **no power structure**. There is only a **benevolent recognition of skills**, which determines roles.

If a hierarchy or power structure were to emerge within a Cell, it would **violate the Spirit of SOLARIS**. In such a case, it would be up to the **Cell's members to resolve the issue**, in full sovereignty.

Who Can Join Solaris?

Everyone, without exception. Come as you are, bring your skills—because **everyone has them, without exception**. **Benevolence is paramount**, but if someone causes problems through their behavior within a Cell and dialogue fails, they will be **removed by the Cell as a whole**. We will build the network **only with those who are ready**.

What Is the Nature of the Service Provided?

It is a **pure and simple gift**, as you would give to a friend. What you give one day, you will receive from someone else when you are in need. There is **no commercial transaction**, nor any notion of exchange. If expenses arise, you may **choose to contribute** if you wish and are able, but this should **not be expected** by the person providing help.

Why Create Another Network When There Are Already Networks for Sharing Knowledge and Resources?

SOLARIS is **not just another network**—it is **not comparable in nature** but **perfectly complementary** to all existing structures that have worked for the common good.

SOLARIS is a **concrete way to unite everyone**—individuals and collectives—by offering a **strategy of interconnection** and a **human search engine** that enables **local responses to any request**, even in emergencies or crisis situations.

Can We Be Sure Our Exchanges Are Protected?

Protected from what? We are **not naive**, but how is a **mutual aid and solidarity network** attackable?

Furthermore, the data you exchange with each other on communication platforms is **your responsibility**. Between **private publications on social networks** and **cross-referenced files from administrations**, those who want information already have **far more details** about individuals than what is contained in a **local Solaris Cell directory**.

Are Directory Data Public or Shared Outside the Cell?

No data from the information sheets is public. These sheets are used to **populate the local directory**, which **never leaves the hands of the Cell's referents** responsible for it. This directory is **also not known to Swiss coordinators**.

In other words, in a village, the **local directory is not even known to the residents**.

Only the referents update it and have access to it.

The directory, even if created digitally, is **always printed or handwritten**.

Why 3 Coordinators and 3 Referents per Cell?

Three is the **optimal number** to ensure that if one referent is contacted and does not respond, **two other contacts are available**. The same applies to coordinators.

Who Recruits Coordinators, Referents, and Weavers?

No one. They **volunteer**.

Historically, the **creators of a Cell** often become its coordinators. That said, **nothing is fixed**—the roles of coordinator, weaver, and directory referent can **rotate among volunteers with the right profile**.

Referents must, of course, be **reachable by all members of their Cell**—they are the **search engine of the human internet**.

How Do You Create a Local Directory?

A tutorial for a **local directory workshop** is available in the **PDF document "SOLARIS Fleurothe – Jardin des Ressources"** and the accompanying video on **Odysée and YouTube**.

Why Is There a Swiss Coordination?

For two reasons:

1. It is responsible for **ensuring the network functions optimally across Switzerland.**
 2. It **facilitates contact between distant Cells.**
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Why Must the Contact Details of Cell Coordinators Be Given to Swiss Coordination?

Because it **guarantees the Swiss network's connectivity.** It must be able to **connect coordinators of all neighboring Cells** to each Cell.

The **three Swiss coordinators** therefore need the **contact details of the coordinators of each Swiss Cell.** This allows **coordinators and referents of each Cell to discover who their counterparts are in neighboring Cells** and to **meet them**, which is **essential for the network.**

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In Summary:

The **referents of a Cell's directory** are known to the **coordinators of the same Cell.** These coordinators are known to the **Swiss coordinators.**

Thus, the **network can be ensured at the national level.** And even **across borders**, as the network extends in the same way beyond them.

Do You Absolutely Need a 15 km Perimeter to Create a Cell?

No. This is just a **starting framework.** It must be **adapted to each local situation.** If a territory is **very scattered in terms of population**, the first Cells should cover a **larger area.** This will **facilitate gathering.**

Afterward, if necessary, **each village can create its own Cell.**

How Many People Are Needed to Create a Cell?

There is **no minimum.** You can start **alone** to create a Cell for a village—**others will join later.** In fact, this is **always how it begins:** one person launches the movement.

Is It Better to Have Many Cells with Few People or Few Cells with More People?

Strategically, to establish an **effective solidarity network as quickly as possible**, the priority is to create **as many Cells as possible.**

To be clear: **today, it is better to have 10 Cells with 2 or 3 members each than 1 Cell with 100 people.**

Because if the situation worsens and pressure increases, **people will come to the network on their own**. If it **already exists in their village**, it will be **much more effective**.