

Statement of the International Federation for the ECG on the Covid discussion

As a movement, we are very worried about the social divide that is happening in the current phase of the pandemic. The ECG acknowledges that in our society as well as within the ECG movement, people hold a range of opinions on many matters, including society's and government's handling of the Covid-19 situation. The recent statements by one of our founders, Christian Felber, express his very personal standpoint. The management board of the ECG would like to point out that those personal statements do not reflect the official position of the Economy for the Common Good. The only [official statement](#) that the ECG movement has published regarding Covid was in June 2020 by international ECG members. The focus of this was to call for structural changes to create an economy for the common good - the core of our movement's message.

Individuals, of course, have the right to express personal opinions and our members are guided by the Code of Conduct and upholding the values of human dignity and solidarity in their interactions. With strong feelings on issues related to the Covid situation, even more care is needed in deep listening and non-violent communication to help us respect one another. When faced with polarising views or differing perspectives, the ECG seeks to focus on the common goal of working together towards an Economy for the Common Good.

On behalf of the International Federation for the Economy for the Common Good e.V.

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About the Economy for the Common Good

The Economy for the Common Good advocates a more ethical economic model, in which the wellbeing of people and the environment become the ultimate goal of business. The worldwide movement exists since 2010 and is based on the ideas of the Austrian publisher Christian Felber. Currently the movement consists of over 11,000 supporters, more than 4,800 activists in more than 180 local chapters, 35 associations. Over 600 businesses and organizations have completed the Common Good Balance Sheet. Worldwide nearly 60 municipalities and 200 universities are actively involved in spreading the idea of the Economy for the Common Good. In 2018 the International Federation was founded and consists of 10 national associations. (06/2020) Further Information: ecogood.org

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