

## Partner Organization Wanted:

# Map for Russia of tomorrow

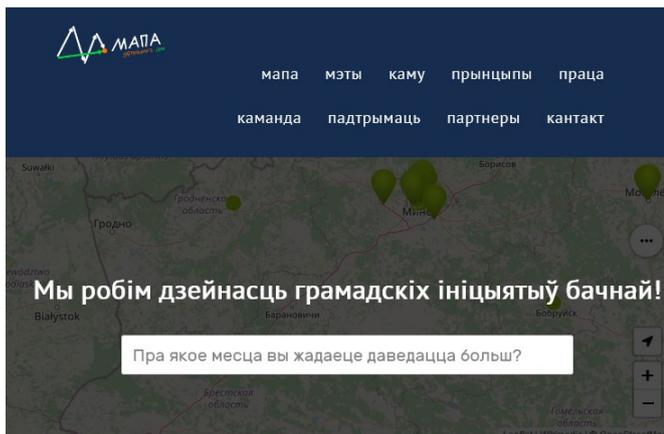
A Summer-Hackathon and a Networking-Process in Russia, Belarus and Germany 2021

Where are the places of active civil society, transformation and social enterprises in Russia? What if there was a map for them to participate in?

Our goal is to provide a common map platform (such as the [mapoftomorrow.org](http://mapoftomorrow.org)) for civil society actors in Russia through which local initiatives can be mapped by volunteers. This should lead to better findability of sustainable organisations, promotes direct exchange and a sense of community at the local level, stabilises support structures and makes the socio-ecological transformation visible.

## Project proposal – open for your Ideas!

Civil society in Russia has been pushed back for years. In addition to the law for "foreign agents", there are further and far-reaching restrictions. Nevertheless, there are still small, innovative NGOs that have developed in recent years as an active supportive part of civil society. Conversely, in Russia there is a lot of experience in sustainable building and living, regional economy and cultural youth work, which we are looking for in Germany.



## A Change Map for Russia

The aim of the project is to support the Russian and German civil society in networking and sustainable transformation through a joint platform for civil society activities. This is to be done analogously to the successfully implemented project "Civic Tech Exchange" from 2019, in which we developed the map of tomorrow, "**Мапа заўтрашняга**", in a 10-day hackathon near Minsk, together with Civic-Tech players from Germany and Belarus **дня**". [mapa.falanster.by](http://mapa.falanster.by)

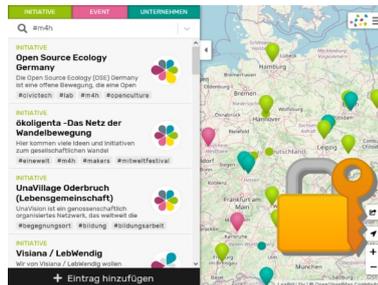
## Hackathons and Mapathons

The first planning meetings are organized online and decentrally, in which the conception and implementation of the hackathon (meeting of professional and amateur programmers) are planned. The hackathon in the summer with the aim of setting up the map for Russia is to take place in a hybrid manner: On the one hand, in our specially programmed digital conference center and at the same time, interested parties from the Russian Federation, Belarus and Germany are to be invited to Moscow live. In Germany, a smaller event with Russian online participation is to take place with a delay.

## Supported by the Federal Foreign Office

Regardless of what happens at the political level, it is crucial to work together as civil society, especially in terms of climate change and the social-ecological Transformation<sup>11</sup>! The German Foreign Office also recognizes this need for a long-term peace process and finances the exchange. Own funds are not necessary.

Due to the lack of large, connecting actors in Russia (such as the Association for the Environment and Nature Conservation (BUND) in Germany) who could finance or moderate large networking events, many organizations are dependent on other sources in order to get in touch with possible partner organizations. Similar to the successful project in Belarus, a hackathon (online / hybrid) and subsequent local networking events (mapathons) should systematically create this networking opportunity.



### Who we are looking for?

Our ideal partner organizations are generally well networked and have both a technical and a moderating interest, similar to Ideen<sup>3</sup> eV and Falanster: The map of tomorrow, which was systematically disseminated in the German-speaking change scene, is now becoming part of numerous municipal sustainability strategies at regional level and is visited by thousands of users every month. Similarly, the Belarusian organization Falanster has held numerous network meetings and successful digital projects in the past. The size of the organization is less important than the motivation.

### Longterm relations

After the hackathons, an exchange with volunteers, guided by technical experts, will bring the platform extensions to an acceptable level in a further iteration step and prepare them for the respective community events (mapathons). Only the interaction of the website with the actual local communities enables broad acceptance and use. Operation, translations and further development should be ensured jointly, if necessary with federated (decentralized) data models but in constant exchange with all participating countries.

### Goals and Scedules

#### 1. Hackathons:

March – August

- Creation of a website for the collective mapping of organizations in Russia.
- Intercultural expert exchange between civic-tech actors.
- Handover to capable partners for support, maintenance and filling.

#### 2. Mapathons (Mapping-Events):

August – November

- Conception and implementation of 10 community mapping workshops events (local, hybrid, online) in Russian regions.
- Cooperative filling, making civil society activities visible and best practice transfer.
- Strengthening the community spirit of the changing scene.

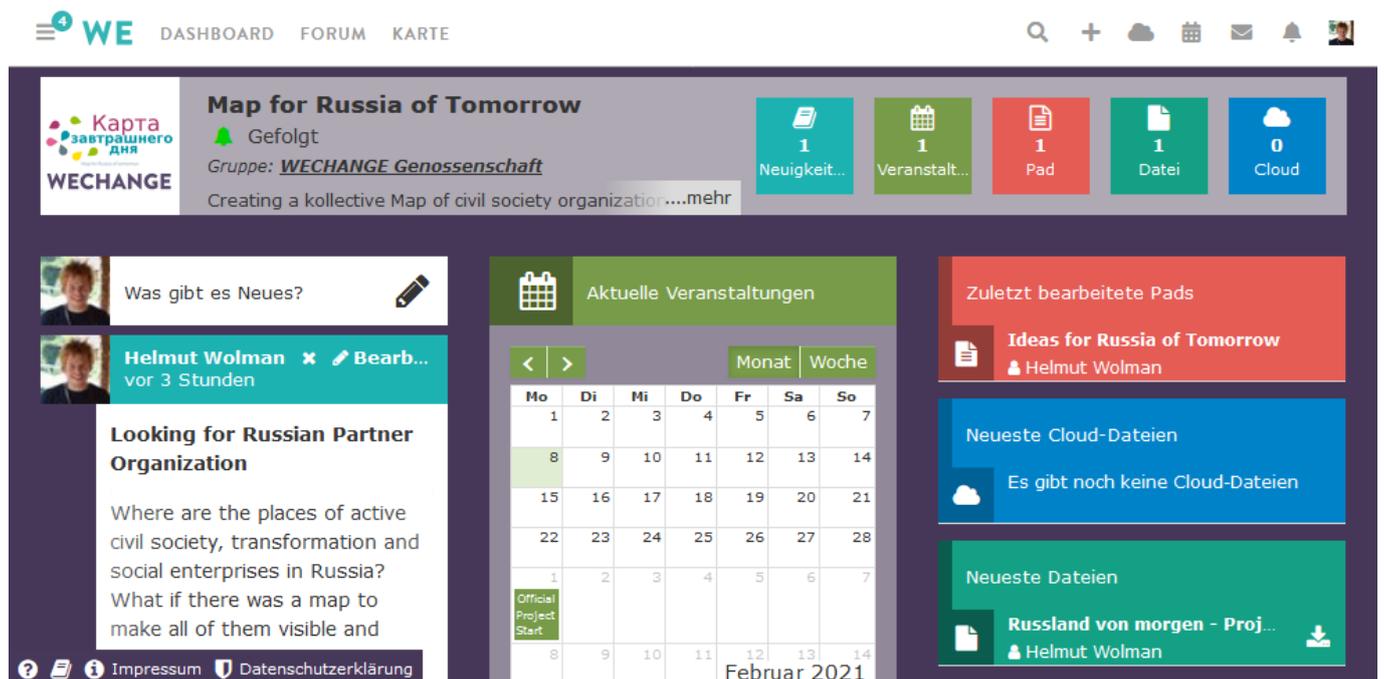
<sup>1</sup> Russia and Germany, together with 194 countries, have joined the Paris Climate Agreement, to limit climate change by 1,5°C. This common goal takes a lot of efforts and innovation from our societies to make this transformation and to design a bright future. We call it the Social-Ecological Transformation.



## Welcome at WECHANGE eG

WECHANGE is a cooperative of visionaries, developers and many volunteers with a clear goal: to actively promote social change towards a more social, sustainable and ecological world. With the online platform wechange.de we enable around 50,000 people, initiatives and organizations around the world to work together effectively without

having to rely on proprietary software with questionable data protection regulations. As an ethically correct alternative to common tools, where commercial as well as government abuse of personal data is seemingly common, wechange.de combines the most important functions in one place, with maximum data protection.



The screenshot shows the WECHANGE dashboard with the following elements:

- Navigation:** WE, DASHBOARD, FORUM, KARTE
- Project Card:** "Map for Russia of Tomorrow" (Gefolgt), Gruppe: WECHANGE Genossenschaft, "Creating a kollektive Map of civil society organization....mehr"
- Activity Widgets:**
  - Neuigkeit... (1)
  - Veranstalt... (1)
  - Pad (1)
  - Datei (1)
  - Cloud (0)
- News Section:** "Was gibt es Neues?" by Helmut Wolman (vor 3 Stunden), "Looking for Russian Partner Organization" (Where are the places of active civil society, transformation and social enterprises in Russia? What if there was a map to make all of them visible and...)
- Calendar:** "Aktuelle Veranstaltungen" for February 2021, showing "Official Project Start" on Feb 1st.
- Recent Pads:** "Zuletzt bearbeitete Pads" including "Ideas for Russia of Tomorrow" by Helmut Wolman.
- Recent Cloud-Dateien:** "Neueste Cloud-Dateien" (Es gibt noch keine Cloud-Dateien).
- Recent Dateien:** "Neueste Dateien" including "Russland von morgen - Proj..." by Helmut Wolman.
- Footer:** Impressum, Datenschutzerklärung

We are characterized by long project experience: Together with the "Karte von morgen" from Ideen<sup>3</sup> e.V., we have carried out numerous projects with Eastern partner countries in the past few years that focus on civic tech and link the topics of digitization, civil society and socio-ecological transformation.

We are therefore looking forward to carrying out the **Map of Tomorrow Russia** project with you as a Russian partner organization and our Belarusian partners from Falanster and thereby increasing the degree of networking among civil society actors during this time. Please contact us or join directly our workspace: <https://wechange.de/project/map-for-russia-of-tomorrow/>