



Another money is possible:

**MONETARY DIVERSITY FOR A**

**JUST AND SUSTAINABLE FUTURE**



### WHAT WE OFFER ...

We **spread** information, e.g. via our website, including educational videos.  
We **offer** consultations to initiatives, students and consumers.  
We **commission**, write and publish research articles.  
We **present, teach** and **train**.  
We **report** from international congresses.  
We **organise** and host events.  
We **send** out a regular newsletter in German and English.  
We **answer** any questions, also from our international network.  
We **support** researchers on our topics.  
We **cooperate** with other non-profit organisation with shared aims and values.

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Monetary  
Diversity

Making money serve all

*Aliens are approaching our planet and land, of all places, in a derelict community. They see dilapidated houses, hungry children living in the streets, dying trees, piles of rubbish, and poisoned rivers. They would learn that we know exactly what to do about any of those ills, and that there are plenty of people who would love to help but who are currently deemed unemployed — all because there is not enough money to get started. And if the aliens then ask what this strange »money« is, would we not answer that it is a societal agreement to use something as a medium of exchange? And would we still go on waiting in our plight?*

*Probably these aliens would report back home that they have not actually met intelligent life on this planet.*

adapted from **Bernard Lietaer**  
author of »The Future of Money«, Arrow Books 2001

## OUR MISSION

Spread monetary literacy! We want to help overcome the blind spot of what money is - and what it could be.  
Currencies should first of all serve the common good.

Monneta wants to raise awareness about money being a means of social and societal design, which we can reimagine together, in service to everybody's needs.

We educate about sustainable finance and, in particular, the various forms of complementary currencies that can be implemented to solve social, economic and ecological shortcomings.

We support research and education that aims to further monetary diversity for the mitigation of unemployment, poverty and environmental degradation.

## COMPLEMENTARY CURRENCIES

These are currencies which work alongside the Euro and function where conventional money fails, but which do not aim to replace it.

### Why do we need them?

The Euro can't achieve it all. The ECB system is prone to crisis and remains relatively inflexible. We have to learn from nature: monocultures are a lot more susceptible to pests and changing environments than mixed forests with high diversity. By the same token, monetary diversity is more resilient in crisis and able to represent more values when it comes to social, democratic and sustainable societies.

**Regional currencies**, like the [Chiemgauer.info](http://Chiemgauer.info) in southern Germany, strengthen the local economy and help with the provision of low carbon products and services, while supporting small and medium-sized enterprises.

**Business-to-business currencies**, like the WIR in Switzerland ([wir.ch](http://wir.ch)), safeguard employment by providing interest-free credit and strengthen the networks of national supply-chains.

**Parallel currencies** allow states or local governments to implement specific fiscal and economic policies without precluding their participation in other international currency systems like the Euro.

**Time banks**, like [wirgemeinsam.net](http://wirgemeinsam.net) in Austria, improve the sense of community even within marginalised constituencies regarding mutual aid and volunteering with monetizing our neighbourly exchanges. And time credits are, by their nature, safe from inflation.

## WHO IS MONNETA?

Monneta is a German charity (gemeinnützige Gesellschaft) with a network of Experts that work in sustainable finance, social economics and complementary currencies. We stand for the idea that monetary diversity is superior to any single currency when it comes to social justice, wellbeing, environmental conservation and the stability of our financial and economic systems.