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A future towards the common good. But how?

During the height of the Covid-19 pandemic in Europe, calls for a change in how we live and do things got louder and louder. The pandemic had shown us the limitations of our actions and the need to change and develop in another direction. But perhaps it is a little like Christmas. It surprises us every year, even though it is an annual highlight in many of the world's regions. Why? Because there already are structures and organisations who did not need the pandemic to raise awareness because they started long before.

One such organisation, is the ECG. The Economy for the Common Good is a German based decentralized and international movement. There are local "chapters" on regional and national levels across several countries within Europe and outside. The movement does not have a chapter in France. Individuals and companies can join their local chapter. Each chapter helps determine the direction and strategic priorities of the movement. Financing comes through membership fees and donations.

The movement's main tool to effect change is a matrix, also called the Common Good Balance Sheet. It is made up of four groups of ethical values: human dignity, solidarity and social justice, environmental sustainability and transparency and democratic co-determination. Working with this matrix, as a customer or a supplier helps you assess your contribution to the common good. A maximum of 1000 points can be achieved and it is independently audited.

The balance sheet allows people to make informed decisions about the products and services they buy. The more people involved in this movement, the greater the impact.

The movement says that thinking and working for the common good should be the primary goal of individuals and organisations. This contrasts with the traditional bigger, quicker and more profit which dominates today's economic thinking.

As a movement, it is intent on spreading the idea through lectures, workshops and presentations to businesses, local authorities, and individuals. In addition, they develop tools to help these people measure and increase their own contribution to the common good.

Everything is focussed on ensuring that, wherever you are in the economic system, all which you do is done in a model which prioritizes a good life for all, in harmony with the wellbeing of the planet.

COMMON GOOD MATRIX 5.0

VALUE	HUMAN DIGNITY	SOLIDARITY AND SOCIAL JUSTICE	ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY	TRANSPARENCY AND CO-DETERMINATION
STAKEHOLDER				
A: SUPPLIERS	A1 Human dignity in the supply chain	A2 Solidarity and social justice in the supply chain	A3 Environmental sustainability in the supply chain	A4 Transparency and co-determination in the supply chain
B: OWNERS, EQUITY- AND FINANCIAL SERVICE PROVIDERS	B1 Ethical position in relation to financial resources	B2 Social position in relation to financial resources	B3 Use of funds in relation to social and environmental impacts	B4 Ownership and co-determination
C: EMPLOYEES, INCLUDING CO-WORKING EMPLOYERS	C1 Human dignity in the workplace and working environment	C2 Self-determined working arrangements	C3 Environmentally-friendly behaviour of staff	C4 Co-determination and transparency within the organisation
D: CUSTOMERS AND OTHER COMPANIES	D1 Ethical customer relations	D2 Cooperation and solidarity with other companies	D3 Impact on the environment of the use and disposal of products and services	D4 Customer participation and product transparency
E: SOCIAL ENVIRONMENT	E1 Purpose of products and services and their effects on society	E2 Contribution to the community	E3 Reduction of environmental impact	E4 Social co-determination and transparency



Pinball Machine Refurbishment

Make your pinball machine look and play like new.

Professional quality work by a retired Electronics Engineer at reasonable prices. I charge by the project, not hourly, because I will spend whatever time is needed to get the very best result.

I work on both early electro-mechanical machines and newer solid-state models. I have worked on well over 200 games of all types from the 1950s to present day models. This includes over 30 playfield swaps, 20 cabinets painted with stencils and 20 applications of cabinet decals.

Services include but are not limited to:

PLAYFIELD SWAPS--Remove parts from an existing playfield and install them on a new one. Clean and test all switches and lamp sockets. New parts can be installed as needed. Repaint wood parts. Polish hardware.

PLAYFIELD HARD-TOP--This is a type of overlay that will make your playfield look like new. Available for a number of older games. Far less expensive than a new playfield!



CABINET REPAIR, REPAINTING, APPLYING DECALS--Repair damaged wood parts of the cabinet. Repaint cabinet with original design (if stencils are available) using professional spray equipment, not aerosol cans or apply new decals. Restore, and repaint (or powder coat) coin doors.

ELECTRONICS--Clean or replace intermittent connectors and IC sockets. Repair battery leakage damage. Repair damaged lamp and solenoid drivers. Repair or replace damaged wiring. Clean and adjust relay and switch contacts on E-M machines.

GENERAL TUNE-UP--Adjust all switches, pop bumpers, and ball handling mechanisms. Replace rubber parts. Replace lamps. Clean playfield and metal parts. Flatten warped plastics. Repair or replace intermittent lamp sockets. Minor paint touch-up.

As part of the restoration or clean up I have the equipment to sandblast, ultrasonically clean, tumble polish, powder coat (small parts), and spray paint



Office Manager

Changing Directions is a non-profit organisation which helps people who need help and support in reintegrating into society. We are looking for an experienced office manager, bilingual fluent in both English and Spanish, who is self-motivated, honest, and reliable. The successful candidate for this position brings experience interacting with the diverse socio-economic population of the Greater Brida Area. The Office Manager assumes overall responsibility for management of the office.

Job Summary:

- Oversee office operations and ensure the safe and effective functioning of the facility.
- Perform receptionist duties: greet visitors, and answer and direct phone calls
- Manage filing systems for confidential participant files and the maintenance and storage of agency records
- Make copies and scan documents
- Responsible for office information technologies, including network, desktop, and telephone system administration.
- Manage office supplies inventory and place orders as necessary
- Provide agency finance department with purchasing and accounting documentation.
- Assist with annual reports and proposals; draft or edit correspondence and reports as needed.
- Serve as liaison with the agency's computer and database consultants, and other service providers and vendors.
- Fulfil other duties as assigned.

Minimum Qualifications:

- Bilingual- Spanish and English.
- Minimum four years administrative experience, preferably with a non-profit or social services organization.
- Highly proficient with MS Office Suite (MS Access, Excel, Word, Power Point and Outlook).
- Sound knowledge of desktop and network operations.
- Excellent verbal and interpersonal communication skills, including handling crisis calls.
- Excellent written communication, including proofreading and analytical skills.
- Sound knowledge of facility and office equipment operations and maintenance.
- Flexible, punctual, professional, responsible, mature, highly motivated, organized, detail oriented and able to work independently with strong attention to detail.
- Ability to work with competing priorities; exercise discretion and sound judgment; and maintain confidentiality



Ingredients

- 3 tbsp olive oil
- 2 medium aubergines, cut into 2cm cubes
- 3 tbsp rose harissa, diluted with 1 tbsp water
- 300g cherry tomatoes
- 400g tin chickpeas, drained and rinsed
- Finely grated zest 1 lemon
- 3 tbsp tahini, thinned with warm water to create a dressing the consistency of single cream
- Small handful fresh mint leaves
- Flatbreads or pitta breads to serve

Method

1. Heat the oven to 220°C/200°C fan/gas 7. Pour the olive oil into a large ovenproof dish or roasting tin and heat in the oven for 5-10 minutes. Carefully add the aubergine cubes to the hot oil. Season well with salt and pepper, add the diluted rose harissa and toss everything together.
2. Return the dish or tin to the oven and set a timer for 15 minutes. When the time is up, stir the contents to make sure all sides of the aubergine cubes are roasting. Set the timer again for another 15 minutes and return to the oven.
3. When the additional 15 minutes are up, add the cherry tomatoes and return the tin to the hot oven, this time setting the timer for 20 minutes. When the 20 minutes are up, add the drained chickpeas and stir well (see tip). Return the dish or tin to the oven and roast for a final 10 minutes.
4. Remove the dish or tin from the oven, stir in the grated lemon zest and leave to cool for 15 minutes. Adjust the seasoning.
5. Drizzle with a generous amount of the tahini dressing and scatter over the mint leaves. Toast the flatbreads or pitta breads in a dry frying pan and serve immediately with the traybake.



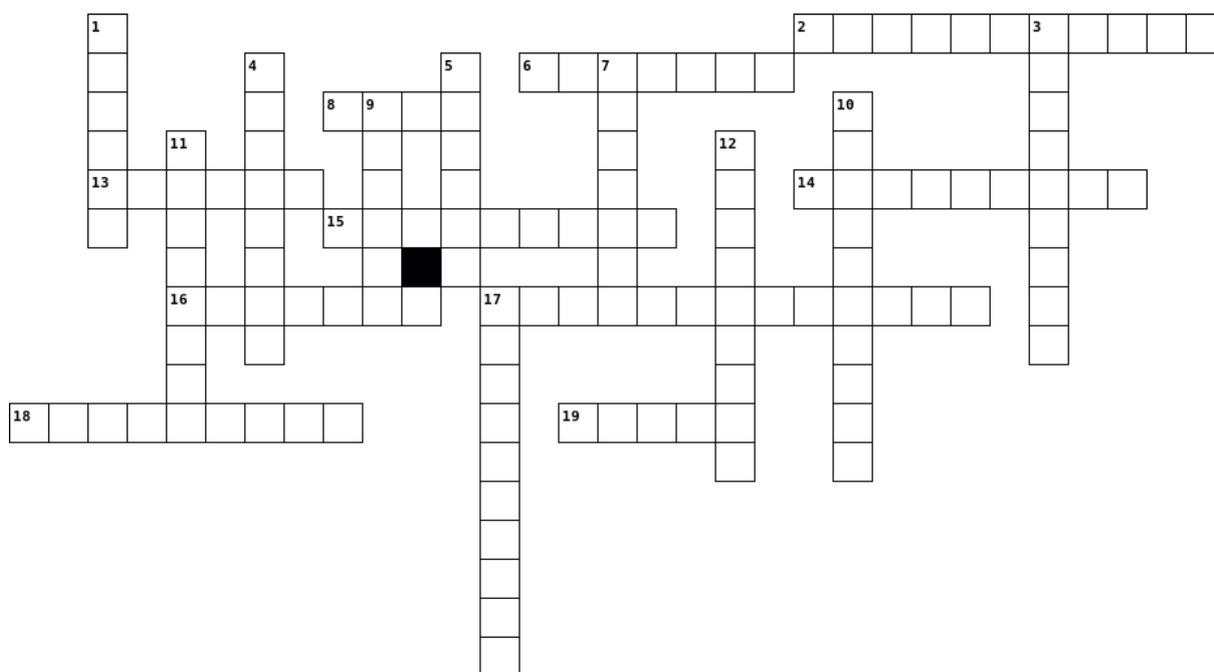
Our special offers for this week.

2 Slice toaster 1 unit. €27.50	Rhubarb & Ginger Gin Liqueur 75 cl. €14.99	Whole Cucumber unit €0.55
Cabin Bag, H46 x W32 x D18cm 1 bag. €16.00	Blueberries 300 g. €2.99	Ranch Salad 250 gr €1.75
Medium Avocados per unit €1.35	BBQ Sauce 300 gr. €1.15	White paper plates 10 per pack, €1.25
Pork & Pepper Kebabs 350 gr, €3.55	Kitchen towel rolls 2 per pack. €1.25	Multipurpose cleaner spray 700 ml €1.95
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Brida Gymnastics - Vocabulary

Weekly Vocabulary Crossword 31.20



Across

- 2. when we reach the end of something
- 6. to be in a happy state with others
- 8. transferring liquid
- 13. used to make it bright in a room
- 14. the path ahead
- 15. speaks two languages fluently
- 16. makes bread crunchy
- 17. an organisation spread over many regions
- 18. a puzzle looking for word meanings
- 19. to remove dust and dirt

Down

- 1. someone who tells the truth
- 3. small, highly multifunctional candles
- 4. to be on time
- 5. measurement of success for companies
- 7. to exchange one item with the same one, but new
- 9. a place where people usually work at desks
- 10. do what is important first
- 11. people who stay temporarily
- 12. eggplant
- 17. divisions of responsibility in a company

Solution Crossword 30.20**Across**

- 1. provide
- 4. shortage
- 8. valid
- 9. enjoy
- 10. Bolognese
- 11. restaurant
- 13. freelancer
- 14. feedback
- 15. lamp
- 16. quiche
- 18. chew

Down

- 2. instructions
- 3. Bergerac
- 5. glass
- 6. supermarket
- 7. orange
- 10. bucket
- 11. recycle
- 12. mask
- 17. invest

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Chez Brigitte: olivemagazin.com.

The garden: Wenia Field's Gardening, published 1973 by Octopus Books.