

# Sustainability Campaign

The proposal was first introduced [here](#) and later discussed in the [LN assembly](#) in October 2016.

It refers to the general criteria that FairCoop set prior to funding Local Nodes, as described [here](#), and is being implemented on OCP, as each candidate node should first fill in some necessary informations as described [here](#).

Check the [list of LNs](#) which participate(d) in the campaign so far. You can read their reports in their [LN page Local Nodes](#).

## Plan for Activation and Sustainability of FairCoop's Local Nodes

FairCoop holds a 6-month plan that helps Local Nodes to have a basic stable income in faircoins, thus becoming more dedicated and active in their local area, as also with tasks that might arise in the global FairCoop ecosystem. It is also aiming at empowering more people, that are still probably not engaged in a LN to try and constitute one in the following period.

It is the right time to expand in even more territories, create stronger bonds with local communities and have a more vivid, participative and manifold cooperation as a global organisation. This is helping more people to become part of a new global fair economic system.

Of course LNs were always a crucial part of FairCoop's ecosystem and still are accounted as the main connection between all the different projects and people that embrace our values and pursue the Integral Revolution. Furthermore, we look forward at the moment where this network of LNs will become self-sustainable as more and more people become part of this vision and ultimately leave the old centralised and unjust system behind.

### 1. Organising a Local Node

The decision to create a Local Node may arise from a group of people that are already participating in FairCoop and have been involved in assemblies, processes and related tasks. Even one person can begin looking for other people in its area, willing to form a minimum collective of **3 participants** that will engage actively in FairCoop. More information about 'How to create a Local Node' can be found here: [How to create a Local Node \(LN\)](#)

That is a basic first step which will allow a bidirectional connection between global FairCoop and people in different areas. That connection should reflect **FairCoop's values**, plans and goals for local communities, through these groups of people which will be involved as a LN.

Mainly because of the decentralised nature of the project and our vision to create a trustful peer-to-peer network based on humans, we should account that some essential organisational criteria are fulfilled. All LNs freely decide on how they want to organise and build their structure, as long as they proceed with an **open, collective and transparent** approach.

**Open.** Anybody who embraces the general FairCoop values should be allowed to participate equally in all processes.

**Collective.** Based on cooperative work and thinking (the larger the better), trying to fight individualism and competition.

**Transparent.** Try to have all the information available to any FairCoop participant, thus letting them acknowledge, review or even participate somehow.

FairCoop has created several global open spaces where each LN should try to participate, inform, discuss and give feedback to every other member of FairCoop, such as the [Chat Groups of the FairCoop Ecosystem](#).

## 2. Funding a Local Node

The aim of this plan is to provide –at least partially– the necessary funding to any existing LN in order to empower its participants to pursue our common goals under even better conditions.

Funding can start after a **three-month period** in which the LN must be active inside FairCoop. This period will allow new members becoming aware and appreciate all the different parts of FairCoop's ecosystem, as well as become more involved and essentially feel ready to contribute to our common efforts. That has to be a 2-level participation, firstly as a LN and secondly as a specific individual in global FairCoop organisation.

LNs assembly unanimously decided to provide each Local Node that meets certain criteria and eventually applies for funding under this plan, an amount of faircoins per month, depending on the actual needs local participants have, while keeping some fair quantitative criteria, in order to balance each case. While the amount of faircoins are delegated by FairCoop, the decision about funding will be taken at the Local Nodes assembly each time a Local Node applies for funding. There, in an open and collective manner, all of us would decide the need for funding (or not) for each applicant, by discussing each case specifically. The application form is available to LNs already registered on the Open Collaborative Platform (OCP) and may be found [here](#).

The amounts provided depend on the number of members of the LN who need funding. The LN receives **300 FAIR/month**, mainly for operational expenses. Plus, each person involved may apply for **333 FAIR/month** if they commit to work **16 h/week** for the node, or **500 FAIR for a commitment of 24 h/week**. Such work has to be assured by the LN and mentioned specifically on the assembly notes in order to be fair to the rest of the ecosystem.

The total amount of applicants per LN **cannot be more than 5**, and each node can apply only once, unless it needs to include more participants during the campaign. The overall amount will be allocated in a wallet managed collectively by the specified Local Node, every month, in order to be then distributed to its members according to their specific needs as the local assembly may autonomously decide.

We are a quite complicated decentralised network that cannot (or better, must not) be exactly measured by numbers or fixed evaluation frameworks. Ultimately, this decision must be taken at the local level where people can make such judgments better knowing the real situation that exists at each area, each project etc.

## Reports

Participant nodes are expected to submit a **monthly report** to the campaign manager during the duration of the campaign, indicating results, projects, difficulties encountered, etc. They may include:

- New wallets installed (approx.)
- New points on the [FairCoin directory](#) or on the [map](#)
- New stores on [FairMarket](#)
- List of activities (presentations, etc.)
- Expenses, or list of transactions
- etc.

### 3. Becoming Self-Sustainable

This plan will last for **6 months** and will then be evaluated and decided on how to proceed. Nevertheless, it is not intended to be permanent in any sense, but give an initial boost to people involved in Local nodes on their way to become self-sustainable cells of FairCoop ecosystem.

FairCoop has many other projects and tools as well, designed to offer work and income to people willing to proceed as self-employed inside our autonomous and fair economic system, some of which are:

- Freedomcoop
- FairMarket
- UseFaircoin
- FairCoin Exchange Offices (PoE)

FairCoop is evolving day-by-day and goes hand-by-hand with each one of our members around the world. Contact us anytime to find out more and become part of our revolutionary vision.

### Distribution of the 60% of FreedomCoop income to Local Nodes

The proposal about how to distribute the 60% of incomes of FreedomCoop among the LNs begun in [this Freedom Coop assembly](#).

The LNs assembly decided there are **three criteria** for being able to make a fair distribution following the principles and the vision of Faircoop:

- All active LNs should get a part of the incomes, whether or not they are contributing to Freedomcoop, and regardless if they are in Europe or any other continent
- The LNs who are doing a welcome work related to Freedomcoop should get a larger % of the distribution
- It should be taken in account the country of origin of each proportion of fees, in order to balance the cost of life in the different countries

The conclusion was:

- 1/3 income is distributed equally between all active LNs. What this equality means is something that should be agreed based on the general criteria of good practices of a LN.

- 1/3 income is distributed equally among the LNs who are active with Freedomcoop tasks at local level.
- 1/3 income is distributed to the LNs based on the total fees received from their own country, from which:
  - 1/2 to all LNs active in the area
  - 1/2 to the LNs active in freedom coop tasks

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