



Noin - the coin that says nein.

Dear Mur.ats!

This is Jurij and Goran. We have a vague idea for a techno-artivistic project and we are excited at the possibility to try and use your upcoming workshop to develop it, learn from others and foster compelling discussions.

We are intrigued by the possibility of designing and launching a cryptocurrency that one can mine and earn by being inactive, lazy, unproductive. A lazy coin. A currency for those who'd "prefer not to".

From a wider perspective, we envision the project to be an example of the difficult and intriguing practice of subverting and repurposing dominant technologies for the sake of fostering and reproducing alternative forms of social bonds, values, ways of cooperation.

This potential attempt at blocking the chain should serve well to open the discussion about the heterogeneity of ingredients (beyond technology) required for judging, sustaining, improving and devising ways of living and dying together well. Of not being governed quite so much.

More specifically, the potential to pay others to be lazy and the potential to "create value" by not doing things is supposed to question one of the delusions behind the explosion of cryptocurrencies - that we need to evaluate an ever larger part of human activity with various monies. Perhaps we need socio-technical assemblages which can defend the idle, the unproductive. Perhaps staring at the sublime finality of our planet's resources, we need to try and do less.

What we would like to do.

- Discuss whether such a project would make sense and why.
- Learn more about how the blockchain works and whether it's a technology that can/should be subverted.
- Explore the possibilities of measuring and validating inactivity. Will you trust me to be lazy?

This is our proposal. We hope to hear back from you.

Best,

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