



Athens, 15<sup>th</sup> July 2014

## **Topic: Invitation to Alliance Congress 2<sup>nd</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> November 2014**

Dear members,  
I am pleased to invite you to participate in the Alliance Congress "Values and role of IVS in the current political, social, economic situation".

This is the 1<sup>st</sup> Congress, Alliance has ever organized in its history and we hope it will serve not only as a reference point but also as an inspiration for the future years, in which our cooperative network gets wiser and stronger!

Participants will be representatives of Alliance member organizations

The Congress will take place as follows:

**Opening:** Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2014 at 18:00

**Closing:** Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2014 at 18:00

Participants should arrive on Sunday the 2<sup>nd</sup> of November and leave on Friday the 7<sup>th</sup> of November.

**Place of the Meeting:** [National Centre for Sustainable Development of Legambiente "Il Girasole"](#), Rispeccia (Grosseto) - Italy

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** Those who will stay for the Alliance GA 2014 that follows on the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> of November, should depart on Sunday the 9<sup>th</sup> of November.

**Number of delegates to Congress:** 2 delegates per member organization.



**Profile of delegates:** experienced participants with knowledge of the Alliance and the IVS. More specifically legal representatives, people who run the organization, board members, members of working groups and committees.

**Program:**

The detailed program of the meeting will be sent after the next MC meeting at the beginning of September.

**Financial Rules:**

Following the decision taken at GA 2013, in case of approval of Admin Grant the Alliance would return the increased amount paid in advance for the membership fee, in order to support participation in the Congress.

Therefore the financial rules have as follows:

Travel expenses and visa fees (with a max. amount of 300Euros for European based organizations and 800Euros for member organizations outside Europe), will be reimbursed from the Alliance (on presentation of the relevant receipts) for the 1<sup>st</sup> delegate.

Accommodation and food (full board) will be covered for both delegates from the Alliance.

Participants are required to arrange their journeys in the most economical manner and where possibly in the most environmentally sustainable way possible.

Irrespective of the means of the transport used, participants will be reimbursed on the basis of the least expensive route between their place of residence and the town in which the Congress is held. If for personal or professional reasons participants travel to the meeting from a place other than their place of residence, or return to such a place after the meeting, the refund shall be restricted to the amount of expenses they would have incurred in travelling to or from their place of residence.

Please complete the online registration form by clicking here: <http://goo.gl/7604qr> and submit it online before **Friday the 15<sup>th</sup> of August** at the latest.



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For any further information please do not hesitate to contact:

a) the Alliance Secretariat concerning the content at: [alliance@alliance-network.eu](mailto:alliance@alliance-network.eu)

b) the host organizations concerning the travel and accommodation info at: [infoalliancecongress@gmail.com](mailto:infoalliancecongress@gmail.com)

We kindly also remind you that all background material for the congress can be found online at <http://www.alliance-network.eu/alliance-congress-2014/>

Yours sincerely,



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Alliance President

**Enclosed:**

- Alliance Congress Financial Conditions and Guidelines
- Travel Reimbursement Request Form
- Infosheet by host organizations (Legambiente\_YAP Italy)

