

Final Plenary

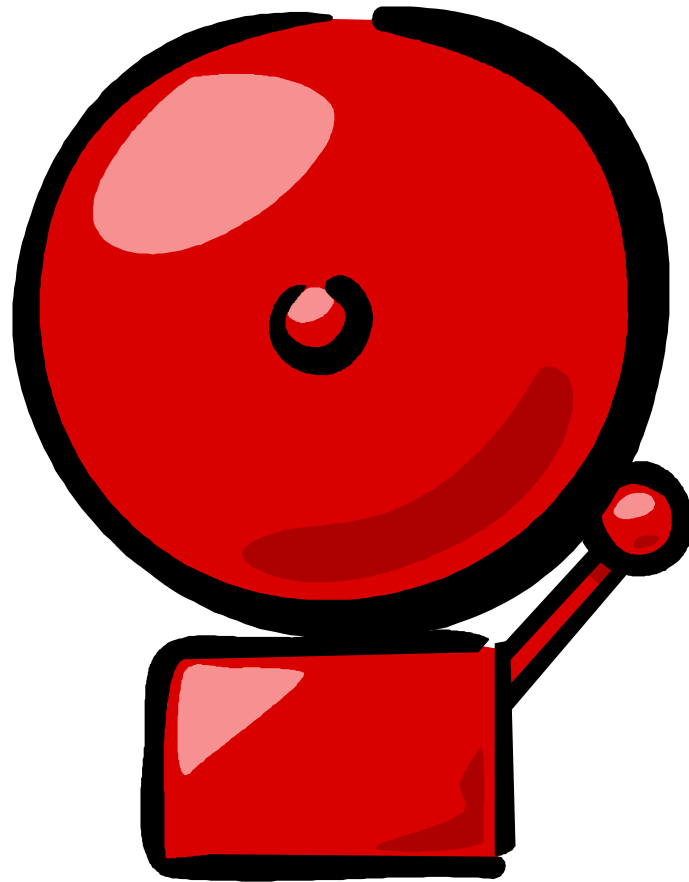
**Synthesis comments
and
way forward**

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The 4th congress at glance

- A big success for EE movement
- A good prospect for 5th congress in Montreal and for following congresses in 2011 and 2013
- Good news for planet Earth: there are many interested and concerned people about our common future

**But there are also some
alarms**



For instance

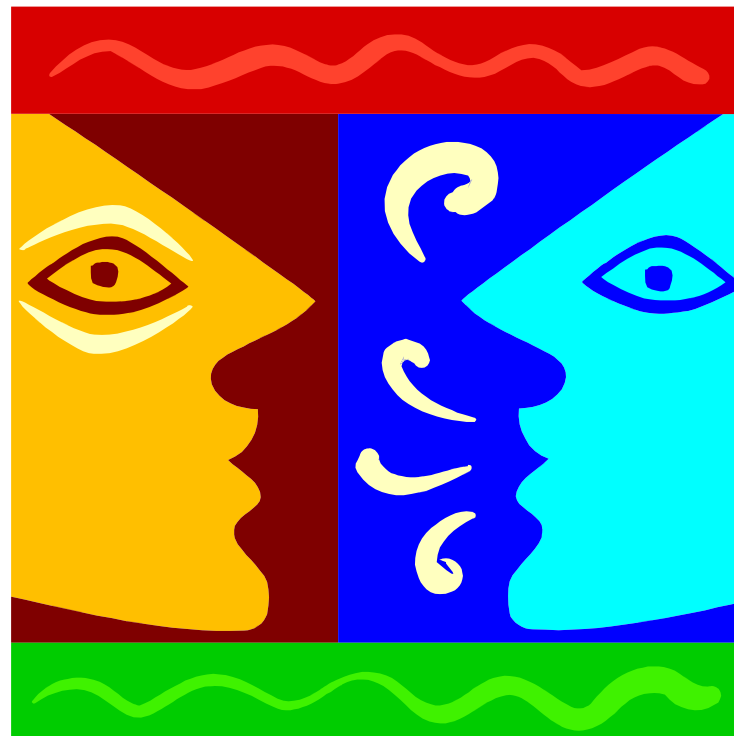
- Educational research neglects EE research
- EE activities are dependent on discontinuous financial contributions
- Scientific literacy is inadequate but on the other side the **view of science** is generally positivist, non-holistic, deterministic
- We have to discuss more about this **very big challenge**

There is a lot of environmental training
and its provision is growing.
We need it more and more

**But its pedagogical basis
isn't enough founded**

There is the risk that economists,
engineers, lawyers, sociologists,
agronomists, architects etc. talk
about environment and sustainability

Without a **deep questioning**
about epistemological bases, educational
framework, common languages
and without a careful share of experiences
and views



We have picked also many
Key words
I would like to remember

idea
by

noun 1 a plan or
thinking, 2 a

Network(s)

Not so easy to do
Which network?

There are existing networks, many
different networks, networks of
networks...

**A metaphor suggesting
answer...**

Rhizome



- As you know, in **botany**, a **rhizome** is a horizontal, usually underground **stem** of a **plant** that often sends out **roots** and shoots from its nodes.
- **Gilles Deleuze** and **Felix Guattari** used the term "rhizome" to describe
- **theory and research that allows for multiple, non-hierarchical entry and exit points in data representation and interpretation.**

The quote

"A rhizome as a subterranean stem is absolutely different from roots and radicles. Bulbs and tubers are rhizomes. Plants with roots or radicles may be rhizomorphic in other respects altogether. Burrows are too, in all their functions of shelter, supply, movement, evasion, and breakout. The rhizome itself assumes very diverse forms, from ramified surface extension in all directions to concretion into bulbs and tubers ... The rhizome includes the best and the worst: potato and couch grass, or the weed."

- Deleuze & Guattari (1987). *A Thousand Plateaus: Capitalism ad Schizophrenia* p. 6- 7

**WEEC network
could be
a rhizome**

Partnership(s)

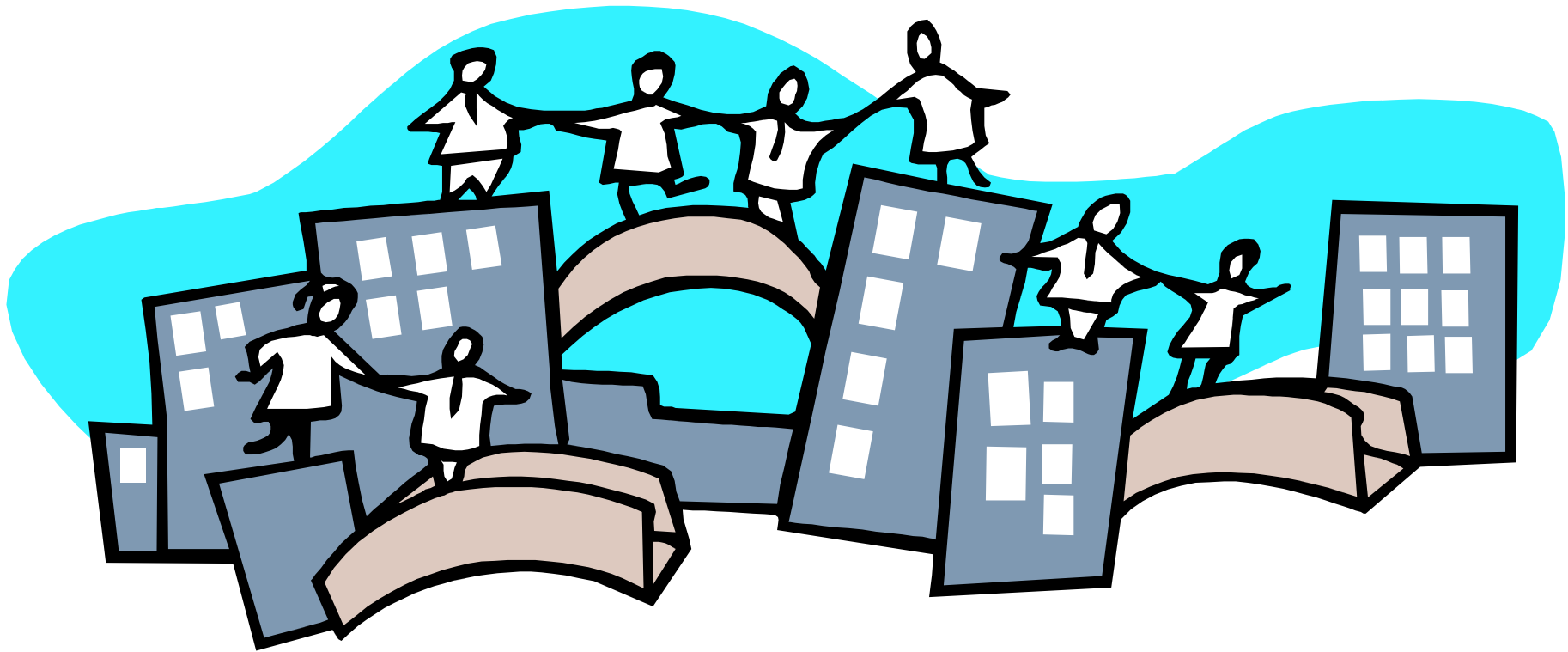


**Please notice there is a
puzzle at centre**



Partnership is a... **puzzle**

Through
the involvement of...



- Ministries besides Ministry of Environment or Ministry of Education: Social affairs, Youth policies, Welfare, Health, Agriculture, Sport, etc.
- Other stakeholders besides Universities, Schools, Parks and Museums of the Cultural Heritage, Local administrative bodies as such
- **Civil society at all level:**
 - Business
 - Trade Unions
 - Consumers' Associations
 - Mass media
 - Sport
 - Etc.

Environmental quality is

- A global approach
- Integrated strategies
- A great coherence of the policies
- Awareness, concern and responsibility of all public sectors and stakeholders
- Sustainability is also embedded in trade, landscape, town planning, cultural initiatives, entertainment, sports etc.

So EE should reach
everybody and everywhere

All practitioners, managers,
decision makers, policymakers,
etc.

Thank you

See you soon...