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# Ethecon Awards 2017

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## International ceremony

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ethecon honors the German environmental and peace activist Hanna Poddig and vilifies the manager and major shareholders of RHEINMETALL / Public ceremony for the presentation of ethecon prizes on 18 November 2017 in Berlin.

On the international day of peace on 21 September 2017 the foundation ethecon can announce the names of the two ethecon prizes 2017:

- > The International ethecon Blue Planet Award 2017 honors the German environmental and peace activist Hanna Poddig.
- > The International ethecon Black Planet Award 2017 vilifies Armin Papperger (Chairman of the Management Board) and Ulrich Grillo (Chairman of the Supervisory Board) as well as the Prudential PLC) of the arms corporation Rheinmetall (Germany).

The presentation of the two international ethecon prizes takes place in a public ceremony on 18th November 2017 in Berliner „Pfefferwerk“.

Hanna Poddig became known through her spectacular lock-on actions in 2008 and 2012, managing to stop military and uranium transports. She stands up for peace, the environment and human rights. Hanna deliberately refuses to earn money with a regular job. In view of the dramatic situation in the spheres of environment, peace and human rights she works voluntarily as a full-time activist. She has no fixed abode and gets food from the containers of the big and small supermarkets. She wants to stay independent and does not claim any state benefits. Alongside her activities as activist Hanna travels through Europe to strengthen international cooperation for a transformation of the world to peace, human rights and environmental protection and to organise global cooperation through talks in other countries. From an early age she has been actively campaigning against war, environmental destruction and exploitation. In doing so, she not only criticises symptoms and excesses, but also the roots of the profit-driven social system – capitalism. Accordingly her campaign is directed to a transformation of the social conditions to a self-determined life free from profit motives.

Armin Papperger (Chairman of the Management Board) and Ulrich Grillo (Chairman of the Supervisory Board) as well as the major shareholders Larry Fink (Chairman and CEO of Blackrock Inc.) and Paul Manduca (Chairman of Prudential PLC) of the arms corporation Rheinmetall (Germany) are quite the opposite. They always act for their own advantage and

for maximum profit. In doing so, they trample on the environment, peace and human rights. Rheinmetall fosters war, ruins human rights and destroys the environment. Moreover, illegal arms deals, tax evasion and war mongering show how the executives at Rheinmetall ignore ethics and moral in the name of profit maximisation. Through their actions they risk the ruin and destruction of our Blue Planet and turning it into a Black Planet.

Every year since 2006 ethecon – Foundation Ethics & Economics has awarded two prizes. The International ethecon Blue Planet Award honors individuals who have shown outstanding commitment to the preservation and rescue of our Blue Planet. The International ethecon Black Planet Award vilifies individuals who bear shocking responsibility for the ruin and the destruction of our Blue Planet and turning it into a Black Planet.

The presentation of the two international ethecon prizes takes place in a public ceremony:

Saturday, 18 November 2017  
„Pfefferwerk“ auf dem Pfefferberg  
(10119 Berlin, Schönhauser Allee 176)  
Start: 2pm (Admission from 1pm)

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ethecon, a Foundation on Ethics & Economics is in contrast to corporate, family, church, political and state traditional powerful groups. It is one of the few grassroots foundations, i.e. “from below” and it follows the mantra “For a world without exploitation and oppression!” This young foundation is looking for further donations and sustaining members.

Since 2006, gives ethecon annually the two international positive and negative prizes, the International ethecon Blue Planet Award for outstanding commitment to maintain and save the “Blue Planet” and the International ethecon Black Planet Award for shocking responsibility for ruin and destruction of the earth. Blue Planet laureates have included: Vandana Shiva from India, Uri Avnery from Israel, and Jean Ziegler from Switzerland. The Black Planet Award reviled among others, managers and major shareholders of the companies BP from the United Kingdom, TEPCO from Japan, DEUTSCHE BANK from Germany and FORMOSA PLASTICS from Taiwan.

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The impending ecological and social disasters can only be avoided with the development and implementation of environmentally sound and decent economic and social models. Ethecon – a Foundation on Ethics & Economics works with a future vision and perspective, far more than just the change of generations ahead.

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