## Spring & Summer 2023: mostly away from home & Climate-Urgency

12 August 2023, Amsterdam Dear friends, Our news since April, in order of importance: 1. Charlie successfuly finished school 2. I gave a monumental talk at RIPE86 meeting in Rotterdam 3. I was away from home literally 50% of the time! (3 vacations & work trips - mostly by train, #NoFlying) 0. >Burning World<: July was Earth's hottest month in at least 120,000 years ! Forest fires on Rhodos! And in August there was flooding in Slovenia + China, USA, Italy, Japan, India.. & tayphoons... A bit of a longer and more chronological story: \* In April, I went to Split for work (via Aarau & Zagreb), and then I spent two weeks alone in Lika - with a short excursion to Umag with Zoki (via Karlovac). I was supposed to use Inter-Rail ticket to visit many friends in many cities, but I liked it in Lika so much that I just staved. \* In May, I was in Rotterdam for the hackathon & RIPE meeting. \* In June, after giving courses in Zurich (where I met Anika!) & giving a talk at SWINOG in Bern, I went to Lika again - this time with Yo, who was already there. On the way back I saw Nikolina & Zdravko, again. \* in July, I was mostly home - we had guests; Arnd & me had a week vacation in Zell on Mossell river in Germany. At the beginning of August I was staying in Haarlem to cat-sit lovely kittens of Emile :) Also - this was the first year that the "kids" are grown-up & we are NOT having "family summer holiday"! Other good news: - Charlie worked hard on his final exams, and luckily finished them successfully! He got a diploma! He had several parties to celebrate this, and went to some festivals  $\ensuremath{\texttt{\&}}$  small trips. - we had many guests: Zoki & Nata, Patrice, Yo (in Lika), Zeljko & Urban, Mitch, Danijela & Ferenc. . - I applied for taking Dutch language tests, as part of naturalisation trajectory - and passed them with great grades! - I was attending & speaking at many other events: EuroDIG, LIMITS, TBD, AMS, Pride, QueeringWikimedia, ... - Alisa went on an another long inter-rail trip AND she enrolled in the university of her choice! - I started with 2 new therapies: somatic experiencing & schema-therapy We also had quite some sad news: many people died in this period :( - Camiel's mother (Oma Willy) & Zoki's mother (Anica) - Bracko (Milan Petrovic, my cousin in Zagreb: he was only 68!) - Mr. Went - one of my oldest friends in Holland! He was 92 when he died... - and many famous people too: Cormac McCarthy (writer of The Road, one of the most scary dystopian Climate Fiction books), Milan Kundera (one of the favourite writers of my adolescence, a dissident from Eastern Europe), Slavenka Drakulic (who I identified with so much: ex-yugoslav, feminist, in emigration), Sinead O'Connor (one of my youthful self's favourite singers - a rebel & an unusual feminist), Kevin Mitnick... - it was also 5 year commemoration of Bogdan's death: <u>https://becha.home.xs4all.nl/bogdan/</u> Very important in all this time was CLIMATE ACTIVISM - either through giving talks, writing articles, going to demonstrations, promoting events, having discussions on mailing lists... and here, it is illustrated with lots of memes! And some links: https://ripe86.ripe.net/archives/video/1001/ \* https://labs.ripe.net/author/becha/environmental\_impact\_of\_internet\_urgency\_de\_growth\_rebellion/ \* https://wiki.techinc.nl/File:TBD 2023 Not a Camp ecocide SMALL.pdf & https://al2blokkade.nl FUTURE PLANS - next week, I will be going on another train trip: for 3 weeks in Croatia: coast, Zagreb (http://odrast.hr/), Lika. - Charle will take a gap year, travel & work

- Alisa will start PABO (teaching university)
- housing: Alisa to move out, to live alone (with a room-mate), charlie to move in in Osdorp
- in November, I will be going to Prague for IETF118 & to Rome to RIPE87
- many more events: <u>https://wiki.techinc.nl/User:Becha/events2023</u>

Please get back to me & let me know how you are doing!!

Big love, Vesna <u>https://social.v.st/web/@becha/</u>



my talk: Urgency, DeGrowth, Rebellion article & video



Charlie



Protest: eXtinction Rebellion, The Hague, 27th May 2023







Family & Friends







^^^ Hackathon & RIPE86 & colleagues in Rotterdam

Funerals





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Oma Willy





Dubravka Ugresic, Bracko, Anica ^^^



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Lika in April





Lika in June/July



















Me, Myself & I



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None of us are getting out of here alive, so please stop treating yourself like an after thought. Eat the delicious food. Walk in the sunshine. Jump in the ocean. Say the truth that you're carrying in your heart like hidden treasure. Be silly. Be kind. Be weird. There's no time for anything else.



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I don't know who needs to hear this, but if the phrase "self care" doesn't resonate with you, try calling it "system maintenance" and see if that clicks.





^ ironic: tobaco company telling you to stop smoking - instead of itself stopping to sell you the deadly product, or we, as a society, stopping the profeteering on addictions...



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