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1000 Kilometres of Climate Protest: Activists cycle from Gothenburg to Cologne

On August 7th the Cooperide team will leave Gothenburg (Sweden) by bike, bound to Cologne (Germany). Their destination is *Ende Gelände*, a non-violent action of civil disobedience against lignite use.

After the 2015 Paris Agreement on Climate Change, **the activists demand action by politics and industry. That is: A shutdown of all coal plants.**

“In Paris, all states committed to the importance of effectively combating climate change. But to reach the declared goal of 1.5°C global warming **the coal has to stay in the ground**“, Hanna Burckhardt, Cooperide organiser, explains. “While the U.S. want to withdraw from the Paris Agreement, thousands of citizens will set an example – and nonviolently shut down Europe’s largest carbon emitter. We bring the protest to the places where the future of the planet will actually be decided upon: into the Rhineland coal pits”.

On their 1000 km ride the bike activists will stop in 14 **Hamburg, Bremen, Osnabrück and Cologne** in order to raise awareness to climate change in collaboration with local groups. In the past years, the Cooperide team has already organised a Tour Copenhagen-Paris (>1600 km) and a tour Malmö-Lusatia (>600 km).

Follow us on [Facebook](#) to stay updated on current events during the tour. Details on the itinerary can be found [on our website](#).

Why Cycle?

The bicycle is an autonomous means of transportation free of CO₂ emissions. But the aspiration of this project goes beyond that: Cooperide shows proof that alternatives are possible and that the commitment to a different lifestyle, one that requires a different pace, is serious. The Cooperide team bikes for 14 days as a performance of change. **The Cooperide members show that it is possible to live life differently – and that this is desirable.**

The ride starts on August 7th and will end at the Rhineland climate camp on August 21st. A daily route has been decided upon, biking an **average of 70 km per day**. In many cities the team is planning local activities.

Contact us for details!

Cooperide 2017: All stops

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