



Platoniq

Bank of Common Knowledge

Mutual Education Networks

The aim of the *Bank of Common Knowledge (BCK)* is to export the positive effects and strategies of the free software movement and p2p systems to the areas of education and citizen participation, setting free the full potential of individuals and collectives through self-determination, autonomy and infinite networking. *BCK* is organized as an open source model of knowledge transfer, a laboratory for inventing and trying out new forms of production, education, organization and distribution, involving new roles for producers and receivers, experts and amateurs, teachers and students...

BCK is working on several strategies to lay the foundations of this mutual education network, offering every individual the chance to share their current interests with other, similarly motivated peers in the fields of ecology, technology and communication, alternative economies, civil and human rights, public space use or any knowledge to make life easier and more autonomous. We are currently testing various knowledge transmission and communication formats, such as games, demos, workshops, first person experiences, challenges, first aid kits or take away theory. These activities are documented in a set of video manuals or knowledge capsules currently being produced for inclusion in the *Bank of Common Knowledge*.

However, the main goal of the project is not to build an online video archive, even if that would end up being one of the consequences. The real challenge for the *Bank of Common Knowledge* is to build a model of transmission and free exchange whose social organization and self-training strategies can be easily replicated.

BCK is one of the many projects that has emerged in a society where peer production and peer governance present new opportunities for individuals and groups to create value together. Platoniq tries to place these new developments in both a historical context and a future oriented context. This is no utopia anymore, copyleft and the sharing of knowledge is a functional revolution.

Free Knowledge Markets

The *Bank of Common Knowledge Markets* are made possible through the offers and requests that *BCK* receives from citizens: How does a consumer cooperative function? How can I share *wifi* with my neighbors? Is it possible to earn money through collaboration instead of competition? Is it possible to unfreeze patent-protected scientific knowledge? What can we learn from traditional cultures in the economic context? How can we regularize immigration documents in Spain? How can we set up a wiki without a computer?

The *Bank of Common Knowledge Market* attempts to cover a wide range of topics and materialize them through free workshops and manuals for urban survival. A gathering of transgressive and generous experiences by individuals and communities who put into practice various forms of autonomy in daily life. Those exchanges are recorded and published online under a copyleft license in order to guarantee that knowledge keep on circulating.

Besides, experimenting with new forms of participation and organization is fundamental for the *BCK*. The *BCK* organization is always open and follows dynamics made of cooperation, documentation of the whole process and a responsibility distributed among all the persons involved. Anyone interested can participate in the *BCK*, either by joining the internal organization, or by offering or requesting knowledge or even by helping us produce contents to be distributed online.

