2018 has been a year of growth for the Gastivists Collective and further consolidation of LINGO as an organization. Highlights of our work in 2018 have been:

1. Gastivist Collective
We continued to send the monthly Gastivist newsletter, facilitate meetings online and in-person and visit meetings and conferences of other networks and organizations to link our struggles together and generate synergies. Kjell participated in a conference organized by Patagonia, our first funder, in Bosnia and used the opportunity to visit Krk island to connect with the resistance against the LNG terminal there, and on the way back met a group of young activists in Berlin who subsequently named their group „Gastivists Berlin“ and have been very active against policies favourable to gas in Germany.

Speakers Tour „United Beyond Gas“
We organized a tour with Oli from a Mexican group fighting against the Tuxpan-Tula pipeline that visited Barcelona and Perpignan (MidCAT pipeline resistance), Geneva, Ghent and Melendugno (NoTAP resistance) in Southern Italy. This led to the establishment of new local groups.

Gasdown
On October 13th, we facilitated the Global Gasdown-Frackdown Day of Action together with Food&Water Watch, with over 100 actions on 6 continents. This was the first time that the global anti-gas movement became visible. The video calling for the Gasdown was viewed 26,000 times on facebook. Here is a video showing some of the activities: https://www.facebook.com/gastivists/videos/312838679543666/

Actions at the UNFCCC
At the intersessional in Bonn in May we had a delegation which lobbied governments to account for methane on a 20 year as well as 100 year timescale („dual accounting“). We published and distributed a brief about the topic and held a strategy session
on gas in collaboration with Climate Action Network (CAN) International. We also organized several actions, including an internationally coordinated action along the fracking supply chain.

For COP24 in Katowice, we accredited Gastivists, such as Roscoe, one of the activists who was sentenced to prison in the UK for a non-violent (and effective) action against fracking („FrackFreeThree”) and Carol from Catalunya who has successfully fought against the MidCAT pipeline which is now basically cancelled. We also accredited a Swedish documentary filmmaker and a UK labour politician (who had to cancel his attendance because of Brexit). We organized a successful side-event on fossil gas together with UKYCC and MOCICC.

A meeting at COP on the topic of LNG resulted in the creation of the new global network Goodbye LNG which we facilitate.

2. China Investments

We conducted research into and published 5 case studies of positive examples of Chinese overseas investor responsibility. A field trip to China resulted in contacts with friendly NGOs, but the state-owned enterprises mentioned in the case studies proved impossible to contact for comment or insights. Early in the year, Kjell presented the case studies at a lunch meeting at IUCN Netherlands, the funder of the study. On a trip to China in September, he held a well-visited session of the Beijing Energy Network, presenting the cases. The case studies were later launched as a joint publication between LINGO and IUCN NL.

3. PhD Scholarship

Kjell won a scholarship from Rosa-Luxemburg-Foundation to realize his PhD studies on „Successfully keeping fossil fuels in the ground“ at the University of Leeds under the supervision of Prof. Paul Routledge and James van Alstine. He will start in January 2019 and will have four years (three years standard time, plus one year extra for being a parent) of subsistence funding to complete the degree. This will allow him to explore the academic dimension of the LINGO work as well as get training in academic methods and explore many interesting ideas that synergize with the LINGO work, without having to worry too much about fundraising.

4. Carbon Entanglement

Kjell collaborated with IISD in preparing country studies on fossil fuel revenue in Brazil and China. These will be part of a report looking at BRICS countries plus Indonesia. Subsequently, Kjell approached Iniciativa Climática de México to repeat the approach for Mexico, which is starting a political transition with the election of Andrés Manuel López Obrador as new president.
5. Mexico and Chiapas

Kjell collaborated on an IISD study on the electricity sector in Mexico as a consultant and prepared inputs on fossil fuel subsidies in Mexico, getting a better understanding of fiscal issues surrounding fossil fuels in Mexico. Later he signed a contract with Iniciativa Climática de México to write a report on “carbon entanglement”, or the fiscal revenue from fossil fuels in Mexico.

We created a flyer informing about the dangers of a gas pipeline along the coast of Chiapas which was sent to multipliers along the coast along with a more general flyer about the dangers of pipelines and fracking from the Mexican Alliance against Fracking.

We fundraised for a project to inform communities in Northern Chiapas about the negative impacts of oil and gas drilling on their lands and built a physical model of the land around Ostuacán, Chiapas, where hydrocarbon extraction is already taking place. This model will be used for visits to communities. The project is a collaboration with the laboratory of local research institute Ecosur and the NGO Centro de Lengua y Cultura Zoque, which has been instrumental in organizing the successful resistance against oil and gas drilling in the Zoque region of Northern Chiapas.

We successfully raised 6000 Euros for a project of workshops for traditional midwifes in Las Margaritas, Chiapas, in cooperation with the NGO Nichim Dios and already organized a first workshop out of a series of five. The further development of the project was then hampered by the challenge for Nichim Dios to open a bank account which is connected with a significant amount of paperwork which was not anticipated.

6. Submissions, co-signed letters and statements

We made a submission to the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD) Energy Sector Strategy review together with Food & Water Europe in February, co-signed an open letter to the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) Board of Governors in March, co-signed a declaration on the Nigeria-Morocco Gas Pipeline in April, an open letter to German Economy and Energy minister Altmaier in May and co-published a 20-page brief with Oilchange International and other organizations to debunk the “Clean Gas Myth” for the G20 in June.

7. Fundraising

The following table gives an overview of the 23 funding applications submitted in 2018, 8 of which were successful (35%), for a total of 147,178 Euros. The PhD scholarship of the Rosa-Luxemburg-Foundation is not paid through LINGO, but to Kjell in a personal capacity. The same applies to the funding for the Mexico Entanglement report, which was formalized as a consultancy

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contract with Kjell directly. The support by IUCN NL for the travel to Beijing to hold a presentation at the Beijing Energy Network was also paid directly to Kjell. These three entries are included here for giving a fuller picture of activities, not for accounting purposes.

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13 Game Changers  Engagement Global  10k EUR  14.6.2018  negative
14 Polen-D-Aktivisten austausch  Stiftung für Deutsch-Polnische Zusammenarbeit  15k EUR  15.6.2018  negative
15 LINGO PhD  Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung  50k EUR  19.7.2018  negative
7  Beijing Energy Network Presentation  IUCN NL  0.7k EUR  1.8.2018  |  700  direct support to Kjell
8  Mexico Entanglement  Iniciativa Climática de México  80k MXN  6.8.2018  90k MXN  4200  direct consultant contract with Kjell
18 Gastivists  Joseph Rowntree Charitable Trust  60k EUR  19.8.2018  negative
19 Keep it in the Ground Fund  asb-Aktion Selbstbesteuerung e.V.  4k EUR  20.8.2018  negative
20 Gastivists  Stiftung Nord-Süd-Brücken Inlandsprojekte  5.2k EUR  20.8.2018  negative
21 Gastivists  Umweltbundesamt  35k EUR  31.08.2018  pending
22 Shenzhen Ecodesign Workshop  Robert-Bosch-Stiftung  35k EUR  23.09.2018  pending
23 Beyond Gas Network  KR Foundation  8.12.2018  negative

35%  Success ratio

Total:  147178

Fiscal sponsorship  7000(Kevin) 350 EUR  admin donation

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### 8. Administrative issues

We finally received UNFCCC accredited observer status by decision of COP24. We assumed fiscal sponsorships for a climate march in Barcelona (7000 EUR), the COP24 art space (3000 EUR) and a grant to the Pont Valley Protection Camp, a protest camp against a planned new coal mine in the UK (5000 EUR). From the former two we received a total of 500 Euros for covering administrative work.