

*Our recap from the first event:*

Tara Tarakiyee spoke about the ways in which open-source software, too, has extractivist effects on numerous levels. Even though software code is freely available, it often relies on unpaid labour. Furthermore, using it requires hardware, which in turn consumes resources in a way that is based on environmental destruction and mostly neo-colonial exploitation.

The three organising groups discussed ways to take action:

- The [Initiative Ökologie](#) from Dresden is examining the fundamentals and impacts of the chip factories being built around Dresden. With the establishment of TSMC, Dresden is becoming Europe's largest chip manufacturing hub, with enormous water consumption in the middle of a region threatened by drought. The discussion centres, among other things, on linking resistance against data centres with that against chip factories. A counter-conference or other forms of intervention are conceivable to coincide with the chip manufacturers' conference (Industry Strategy Symposium Europe 2027) that will take place in Dresden in March 2027.
- The [Cottbus Environmental Group](#) ([Instagram](#)) is focusing on the mining projects in Lusatia. The discussion covers, among other things, how struggles for water justice are taking shape locally in Lusatia and what challenges exist in organising these efforts. We also discuss how local water scarcity is increasingly having a supra-regional impact and how important it is for groups to connect their protests across regions and coordinate local struggles over resource distribution.
- The [SIRGE Coalition](#) (not present in person) focuses on the impacts of the expansion of energy projects on indigenous territories around the world. The discussion centres on how local/German data centre protests can adopt an internationalist stance and show solidarity with indigenous causes, even in the face of certain forms of neo-reactionary criticism of technology.