RCC working plan based on the RCC events held in 2013

What do we need to do to make the principles behind the quota system feasible and implementable?

- modify language, for example change the word quotas to alternative words like entitlements, rights. See also: http://www.teqs.net/faqs/#Rationing
- search for bottom up movements, existing positive examples, such as transition towns in order to explore how those concepts can work hand in hand with these best practices practice
- promote research on the feasibility and practicalities of these ideas in order to show decision makers that those can be implemented
- initiate pilot projects; through which we can prove how these system can work in practice considering the concerns emerged during already existing projects from the UK (see: http://www.teqs.net/faqs/#Local for links to research conducted on this topic)
- get more environmental-, social-, development-, other NGOs from the Global South as well as other relevant stakeholders; such as really good businesses, academics; economists, ethical banks on board, through which we can reach many people with this kind of “absolute ecological limits” within the planetary boundaries thinking
- explore similar initiatives; such as the study going on at the IEEP on exploring existing policies; through which resource use reduction can be achieved
- explore the ways to support the already existing initiatives; through the implementation of which the system can be extended;
- an open letter to the European Commission signed by big NGOs or/and famous scientists, to ask for dialogue to discuss the exploration of tools to achieve the absolute reduction of resource and energy use.
- identify and develop communication tools, such as online games aiming the broad understanding of the necessity of the allocation schemes
- explore the linkages between these schemes and the new well-being concept
- support the International Resource Panel to become an intergovernmental platform, with a stronger mandate and scientific based knowledge function (cfr IPCC)

To do in next months:

- Explore (European) research opportunities for having better background knowledge and feasibility studies on promoting and implementing this kind of allocation schemes.
- EU Consultations, both meetings and electronic ones, can be used to promote this kind of schemes
- At UN context focus on what kind of future we NEED instead of want
- Continue the work in the process of the SDGs and the post-MDGs agenda, and based on the contraction and convergence scheme to set the targets worldwide on production and consumption.
- Before the EP elections approach potential MEPs and organize with them an event in the Parliament
- Channel our thoughts in the discussions on resource efficiency among MSs
- Provide input to the EU European Trade Strategy
- Provide input to the designation of the EU Energy Policy
- Provide input into the Review of the waste directive in 2014
- Continue to work on alternative tools for the distribution of consumer rights avoiding as much as possible as the presence of preserve free market mechanisms
- Establish partnerships with organization, listed in the Vilanova workshop conclusions
  - Ask for info from the CEE Bankwatch
  - Explore synergies with similar activities, such as Cap and Share
- Compile guidelines on how the quota scheme can contribute to the realization of the Energy Efficiency Directive
- Start electronic consultation on how merge the different tools and search for countries where acceptance for such a scheme is higher
  - Import/export question: evaluate what we can produce internally and ban imports with a heavy backpack, tax what we cannot avoid to import)
  - the RCC ask to fill the gap in regulations addressing human rights violation driven by the EU trade policies and search for coalitions, platforms (e.g. Alternative Trade Mandate) dealing with these problems.
  - How to deal with very big lobby groups, being extremely powerful in the current system, but with the potential of being losers of capping resources use?
  - On which resources we should focus on? Energy or materials at first stage, extending later on it to Energy, CO2, land, water?