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International Stakeholder Dialogue Growth in Transition – Sustainable Economic and Social Concepts

January 16th and 17th 2014

Place of Venue: Trèves Building, 74, Rue de Trèves,
1040 Brussels, Room TRE 7701, 7th floor



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- Start of the initiative “Growth in Transition” in 2008
- Designed as Stakeholder-Dialogue with core question:
What kind of growth?
- Discourse on Growth, Prosperity and Quality of Life
- 5 Workshops in Vienna and Brussels
- 2 International Conferences in Vienna
January 2010 and October 2012
- 20 partner institutions



Partners

Federal Chancellery	Federal Institute of Agricultural Economics
Federal Ministry for Labour, Social Affairs and Consumer Protection	European Environmental Bureau Austria
Federal Ministry for Finance	Austrian National Bank
Federal Ministry for Agriculture and Forestry, Environment and Water Management	Ecosocial Forum Austria
Federal Ministry for Science and Research	REWE International AG
Office of the Provincial Government of Lower Austria	SERI – Sustainable Europe Research Institute
Office of the Provincial Government of Styria	schülerInnen.gestalten.wandel
Office of the Provincial Government of Vorarlberg	SOL – People for Solidarity, Ecology and Lifestyle
City of Vienna – Department of Environmental Protection	Environment Agency Austria
B.A.U.M. – Austrian Network for Sustainable Leadership	UniCredit Bank Austria AG
	Austrian Federal Economic Chamber
	Vienna University of Economics and Business Administration



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- International Conferences: about 550 participants from 15 countries
- Good mélange of scientific community, administration, civil society and business community
- High recognition and positive feed-back that initiative is carried out by several ministries and a broad range of societal institutions







Contributions

to ongoing discussions at EU level:

- “EUROPE 2020” Strategy
- EU Sustainable Development Strategy
- etc.



Questions posed at the Conference 2012

- Where do we stand? What should grow? What is finite?
- What kind of prosperity do we want?
- Which structures and institutions do we need for the transition process?
- What strengthens our resilience?
- How can we organise activities and participation?
- How do we want to live, work and organise our economic activities?
- How do we get together into action?
- How can we create the individual and societal transition starting from the inner dimension?






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- And: What to do, when the time of growth, as the “great narrative” is over?
We need a positive post-growth vision
- The initiative “growth in transition” will be continued
(follow-up activities like events, book, studies)
- Link to Europe 2020-Strategy:
Greening the European Semester - target on resource use;

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Be part of the dialogue on Growth in Transition and join our discourse!

Conference documentation:

www.growthintransition.eu
www.wachstumimwandel.at


Thank you for your attention.



“I am feeling very encouraged and impressed by this initiative.”
Helena Norberg-Hodge, Alternative Nobel Prize winner




“We have to challenge the pressures for growth.”
Frank Hensel, CEO, REWE International AG




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“Growth in Transition is a unique initiative worldwide,
which should be copied by others.”
Peter Senge, Management consultant, MIT Boston



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“What is needed is not a new form of economy but a new way of life.”
Conference participant



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**Thank you very
much!**

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