

# About the Conference

In 2008 the Austrian Federal Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry, Environment and Water Management – in cooperation with SERI – Sustainable Europe Research Institute – started a process dealing with the question, which kind of growth is compatible with sustainable development. The Initiative “Growth in Transition” constantly tries to involve as many institutions and persons as possible in a dialogue, how we can frame a process of transition towards sustainability.

More about the Austrian process:  
<http://www.growthintransition.eu>

An initiative in Finland followed the example of Austria, also using the brand Growth in Transition (<http://tinyurl.com/m5ylbr5>).

In January 2014 there was an international conference in Brussels “International Stakeholder Dialogue Growth in Transition – Sustainable Economic and Social Concepts” with participants from eight countries. A main objective of this event was to encourage institutions in other member states to start similar processes and possibly to establish

the brand “Growth in Transition” in such cases too. Finally a network using this brand could come into being.

The City of Dubrovnik, represented by Mrs. Andrea Novakovic, Head of Dubrovnik Development Agency, participated in the conference in Brussels after which it was decided that a similar event should also take place in Dubrovnik, Croatia. While the focus of the Brussels conference was broader one, the Dubrovnik event has the goal of presenting and discussing local development initiatives which would fit in into the “Growth in Transition formula”.

Topics would tackle issues such as present and future development, challenges for cities and examples of successful local projects and networks in that field.

The conference will also encompass contributions and presentations from local level of other EU and non – EU member states, such as Austria, Germany, Italy, Bosnia and Herzegovina and Montenegro and from international organizations.

CONFERENCE

# Growth in Transition in Local Communities A Key to Success

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OCTOBER 3RD 2014 | DUBROVNIK, CROATIA

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VENUE: HOTEL "NEPTUN", KARDINALA A. STEPINCA 31, DUBROVNIK

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**WELCOME RECEPTION FOR ALL ATTENDANTS:  
OCT. 2ND, 18:00 – 19.00, HOTEL NEPTUN**

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LANGUAGE: **ENGLISH** | MODERATION: **MR. MARK THOMAS** | REGISTRATION: **INFO@DURA.HR**

ACCOMODATION: **WWW.IMPORTANNERESORT.COM**

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BACKGROUND PAPER IS ATTACHED | PARTICIPATION: **FREE OF CHARGE**

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# PROGRAMME

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- 09:00 - 09:30** Registration of participants
- 09:30 - 10:00** Welcome and opening speeches by hosts
- Mr. Željko Raguž**  
DEPUTY MAYOR OF DUBROVNIK
- Mrs. Andrea Novaković**  
HEAD OF DUBROVNIK DEVELOPMENT AGENCY
- 10:00 - 10:30** “Growth in Transition” Initiative – European model for development showing the way in practice
- Mrs. Martina Schuster**  
AUSTRIAN MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT
- 10:30 - 11:00** Dubrovnik and its present and future development challenges - example of the local community's growth in transition
- Mrs. Jelena Lončarić**  
HEAD OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY OF DUBROVNIK
- 11:00 - 11:30** Coffee break
- 11:30 - 11:50** How to create space for change? Local governments and transition initiatives
- Mrs. Ania Rok**  
ICLEI - LOCAL GOVERNMENTS FOR SUSTAINABILITY
- 11:50 - 12:10** Bottom-up: A way of European Parliament acting and reacting on local sustainability projects
- Mrs. Dubravka Šuica**  
CROATIAN MEMBER OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT, ENVI MEMBER
- 12:10 - 12:40** The Global Transition Movement - Supporting Community Action
- Mr. Rob Hopkins**  
TRANSITION NETWORK, FOUNDER (VIA VIDEOSTREAM)
- Mr. Franz Nahrada**  
GLOBAL VILLAGES, INITIATOR AND CONNECTOR
- 12:40 - 13:00** Plenary Discussion
- 13:00 - 14:00** Networking at the buffet lunch
- 14:00 - 14:20** Initiatives and experiences of Italy on green growth
- Mr. Paolo Soprano**  
ITALIAN MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT
- 14:20 - 14:40** Being part of the European network for more than a year - examples of what can the Ministry bring to the local level
- Mrs. Branka Pivčević Novak**  
CROATIAN MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, HEAD OF SERVICE FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT
- 14:40 - 16:10** Panel Discussion: Choosing between sustainability and business as usual - is there a room for balance?  
MODERATOR: MR. MARK THOMAS
- Mrs. Vesna Bukarica**  
FZOEU, CROATIA
- Mr. Ivan Jurilj**  
REDAH, BIH
- Mr. Željko Turk**  
PRESIDENT OF CROATIAN TOWNS ASSOCIATION
- Mr. Franz Nahrada**  
GLOBAL VILLAGES, INITIATOR AND CONNECTOR
- Mr. Friedrich Hinterberger**  
SERI, VIENNA, AUSTRIA
- 16:10 - 16:30** Conclusions and Outlook
- Mrs. Andrea Novaković**  
HEAD OF DUBROVNIK DEVELOPMENT AGENCY
- 16:30 - 17:30** Get Together and Drinks