International Stakeholder Dialogue
Growth in Transition in Local Communities – A Key to Success
October 3rd 2014
Place of Venue: Hotel "Neptun", Kardinala A. Stepinca 31, Dubrovnik

• Start in 2008
• Designed as Stakeholder-Dialogue
• 22 partner institutions
• core question: what kind of growth?
• Discourse on Growth, Prosperity and Quality of Life
• 2 International Conferences in Vienna January 2010 and October 2012
• Next conference in Vienna February 2016
Partners

Federal Chancellery
Federal Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs and Consumer Protection
Federal Ministry of Finance
Federal Ministry of Science, Research and Economy
Office of the Provincial Government of Lower Austria
Office of the Styrian Provincial Government
Office of the Provincial Government of Vorarlberg
Municipal Department for Environmental Protection in Vienna (MA 22)
Federal Institute of Agricultural Economics
UniCredit Bank Austria

B.A.U.M. – Austrian Network for Sustainable Management
Austrian Chapter of the Club of Rome
Austrian Chamber of Agriculture
Oesterreichische Nationalbank
Eco-social Forum Austria
REWE International AG
schülerInnen.gestalten.wandel
SERI – Sustainable Europe Research Institute
Environment Agency Austria
Austrian Federal Economic Chamber
SOL (People for Solidarity, Ecology and Lifestyle)
European Environmental Office
• Vienna International Conferences: each about 550 participants from 15 countries
• Good mix of scientific community, administration, civil society and business community
• High recognition and positive feedback that initiative is carried out by several ministries and a broad range of societal institutions
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 organize activities and participation?
• How do we want to live, work and organize 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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• The issues “What kind of growth?” and “Beyond GDP” are presentable issues in the debate now

• We have to follow the “Beyond GDP”-debate and outcomes very closely

• We have to keep the issue on the political agenda and operationalize it:
  
  What do we mean by “qualitative growth”? e.g. a high quality of life for all, today and tomorrow

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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

• Link to Europe 2020-Strategy:
  
  Greening the European Semester - target on resource use

• Link to Eco-innovation (at DG Environment and Climate Action)
  
  work together with DG Environment and Climate Action
Be part of the dialogue on Growth in Transition and join our discourse!

Conference documentation:

www.growthintransition.eu
www.wachstumimwandel.at

“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

“Growth in Transition is a unique initiative worldwide, which should be copied by others.”
Peter Senge, Management consultant, MIT Boston
“What is needed is not a new form of economy but a new way of life.”
Conference participant
Thank you!

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