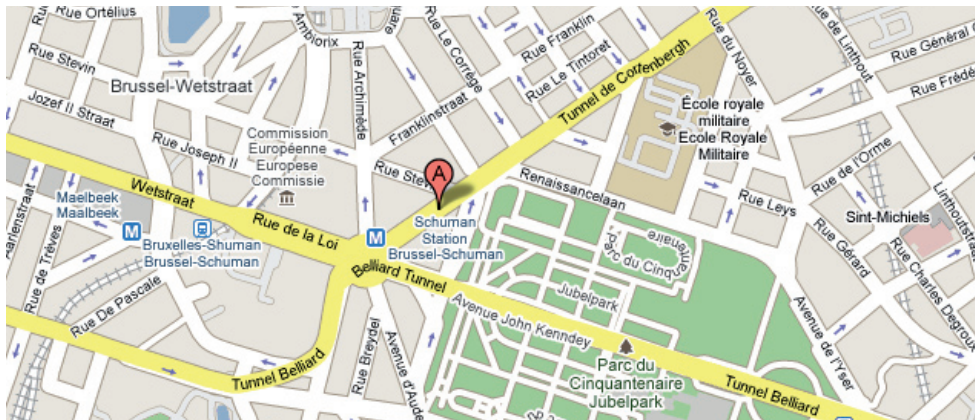


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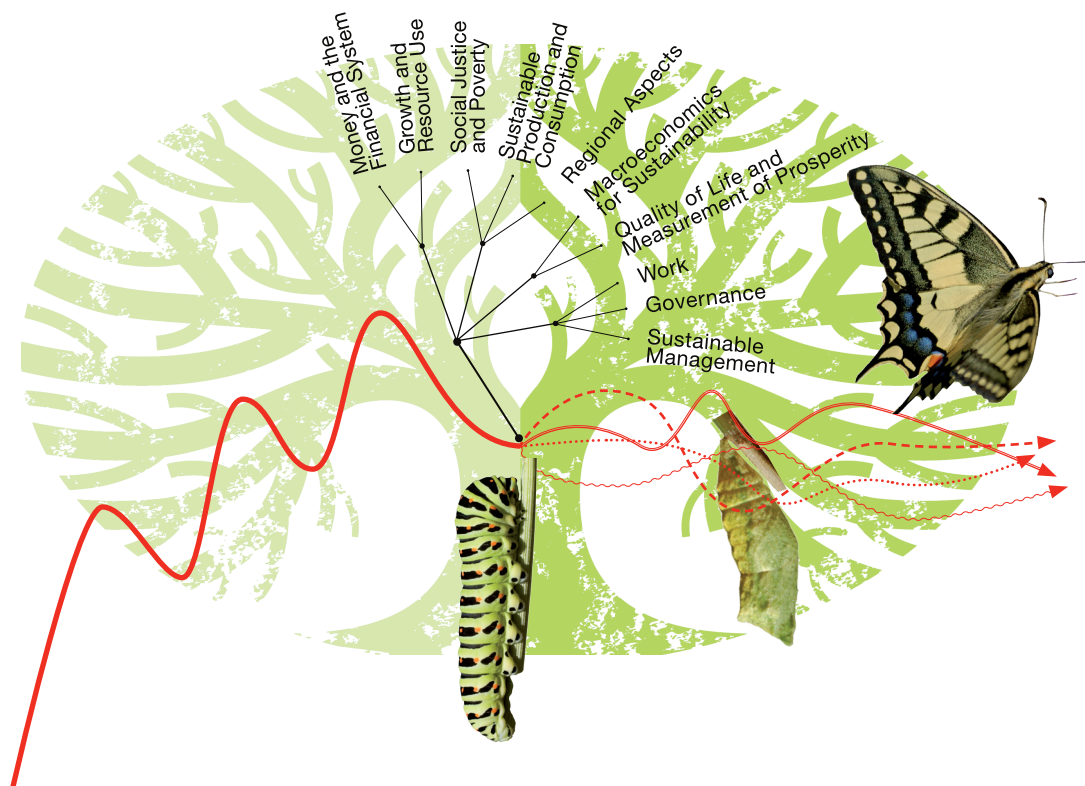
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INVITATION TO THE BOOK PRESENTATION GROWTH IN TRANSITION

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Background of the book

Stimulating growth through adjusting macroeconomic conditions remains the principal policy response to pressing problems of unemployment, poverty and environmental degradation. However, the current growth trajectory has led to a reduction of our overall resource use – as we use resources and energy more efficiently we consume more – nor created the conditions for full employment and increasing wellbeing.

An international cast of commentators from politics, administration, civil society, business and science engage with the central question: Is there an alternative trajectory for Western economies that sustains wellbeing whilst confronting ecological and social breakdown?

This book was written in the context of the Growth in Transition Initiative (www.growth-intransition.eu), which intends to trigger a dialogue among institutions and people about how we can shape a transformation process towards sustainability.

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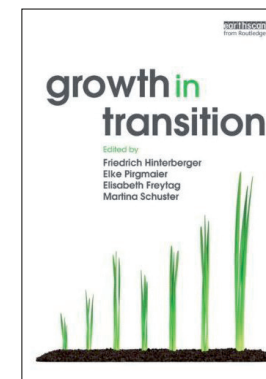
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The book presentation will take place

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at the **Austrian Permanent Representation, Brussels**

Agenda:

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Comments by contributors

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Growth – Crisis – Change: How the Financial and Energy Crises Reveal the Need for Sustainable Development

Jo Leinen (European Parliament) – tbc
The EU on the Pathway to Sustainable Growth?

Questions and discussion

Mingle with drinks