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**14-15 NOVEMBER 2018 AUSTRIA CENTER VIENNA**

The initiative 'Growth in Transition' is organising its fourth international conference, entitled 'Europe's Transformation: Where People Matter', which will bring together 700 participants, on 14-15 November 2018 at the Austria Center Vienna. Austria will be holding the EU Presidency in the second half of the year 2018. The conference will be part of the Trio-Presidency EE-BG-AT which focuses on eco-innovation. During the two-day event, plenary and parallel sessions will feature high level keynote speakers as well as relevant stakeholder organisations, companies, start-ups and researchers.

## **SPEAKERS:**

**Christoph BADEL** (tbc) | **Hans BRUYNINCKX** | **Willibald CERNKO** (tbc) | **Emma DEWBERRY**  
**Tim JACKSON** (tbc) | **Brenda KING** | **Elisabeth KÖSTINGER** | **Amina J. MOHAMMED** (tbc) | **Michaela MOSER** (tbc) | **Brune POIRSON** (tbc) | **Kate RAWORTH** | **Frans TIMMERMANS** | **Stientje VAN VELDHOF**

The conference will address the transformation towards a resilient and sustainable society from very different perspectives. Conference topics will range from the role of the finance sector to theories underlying the economy and the measuring of people's well-being. At the same time, social and distributional aspects, democracy and quality of life will be addressed as issues which play a crucial role in the transformation of society. A special focus will be put on the sustainable management of natural resources and the possibilities of a low-carbon society. In view of the challenge of a sustainable transformation of society, the role of the media in shaping public opinion and in producing fake news will be examined. The digital revolution has already transformed the world we live in. The question raised at the conference will be whether there is a chance of shaping a sustainable digital economy. Gender equality is a key factor in bringing about a profound system transformation. At the conference the role of women in traditionally male dominated sectors will be explored.

## **MAIN TOPICS:**

The sustainability transformation in Europe and the role of the SDGs | The societal challenge of climate change and digital economy | The implementation of the Paris Agreement | Social Innovation and the role of the private sector in a low carbon transition | Circular economy and beyond

## **ABOUT GROWTH IN TRANSITION:**

The initiative 'Growth in Transition', which was launched in 2008, brings together transformation activists and decision makers from politics, science, the economy and civil society and promotes dialogue and an exchange of perspectives on growth, prosperity and quality of life. It provides an international platform which aims to address questions of growth and an alternative, sustainable economy. The initiative is organised by the Ministry of Sustainability and Tourism.

## **PARTNERS:**

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