ECGIC 2024 focuses on future-fit economic models

The Economy for the Common Good (ECG) movement and three regional scientific institutions co-host the III Economy for the Common Good International Conference themed "Converging Future-Fit Economic Models: Advancing Just and Sustainable Regions" (ECGIC24).

Leeuwarden, 20 May, 2024 | This event, building on the momentum of the ‘Beyond Growth’ conference in the EU Parliament in May 2023, will be held in the North Holland city of Leeuwarden. Partners for this event are the universities of Groningen and NHL Stenden and the research institute Wetsus. Set to take place from June 3rd to 5th, the conference will focus on the exploration and promotion of ecologically and socially sustainable economic models and practices.

The quest for sustainable economic models is more critical than ever as six planetary boundaries have been exceeded, democracy is weakening globally and social inequalities continue to rise. The conference aims to bring to light economic models and practices that promote sustainable production methods, consumption habits and new narratives on what “economy” actually is.

The conference program will explore sustainable economic models, their convergence, and interaction over three days. Day 1 will focus on Theory, Day 2 on Sustainable Practices, and Day 3 on Regional Implementation.
A key highlight of the conference is a roundtable discussion on June 3rd, with representatives of five eminent future-fit economic models:

- Doughnut Economics | Kate Raworth, UK
- Post-Growth | Paul Schenderling, NL
- Care Economy | Lebohang Liepollo Pheko, SA
- Social and Solidarity Economy | Jason Nardi, IT
- Economy for the Common Good | Christian Felber, AT

The discussion will be moderated by the expert on economic transition Katy Wiese from the European Environmental Bureau (EEB).

Christian Felber, Austrian author and co-initiator of the movement, will deliver a keynote on comparing alternative economic models and set the stage for the roundtable discussion. He will also conduct a workshop on “Limited individual ecological consumption rights”, a potential game-changer in environmental policies. He explains the spirit of the conference: “The ECGIC2024 conference offers a platform for the scientific community to explore and develop new models and narratives for sustainable economics. We will highlight and showcase value-based, democracy-promoting economic models that reduce..."
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inequality and place sustainability at the core. The interdisciplinary science is asked to help fix our growing problems.”

The conference is open for registration. For more information on the conference program and how to register, please visit the official website.

About the Economy for the Common Good
The Economy for the Common Good advocates a more ethical economic model, in which the wellbeing of people and the environment become the ultimate goal of business. The worldwide movement exists since 2010 and is based on the ideas of the Austrian writer Christian Felber. Currently the movement consists of over 4,000 activists in more than 170 local chapters and 40 associations. Over 1,200 businesses, towns and organisations have completed the Common Good Balance Sheet. Worldwide nearly 60 municipalities and 200 universities are actively involved in spreading the idea of the Economy for the Common Good. On 29 Sep. 2018 the International Federation was founded and now consists of 11 national associations. (12/2023)

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