



PEOPLE, PARTNERSHIPS AND POWER

Building Alliances for Urban Sustainability Transitions

5th INFORMED CITIES FORUM

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St. Pauli Ruine
Dresden, Germany

CONFERENCE
PROGRAMME

 by the ARTS project
Accelerating Transitions


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DAY 1: THURSDAY, 16 JUNE

9.30 - 10.00 REGISTRATION & COFFEE



CONFERENCE FACILITATION

Ania Rok, Coordinator
ICLEI - Local Governments for Sustainability
Arif Khan, as a "Critical Friend"
Loeb Fellow, Harvard University

10.00 - 11.00 WELCOME SESSION

Dr. Kristin Kaufmann, Mayor for Work, Social issues, Health and Housing of the City of Dresden, Germany

Dr. Andreas Otto, Deputy Director Head of Research Management, Leibniz Institute for Ecological Urban and Regional Development (IOER), Dresden, Germany

Dr. Niki Frantzeskaki, Associate Professor, DRIFT, Erasmus University Rotterdam, The Netherlands

11.00 - 12.30 SESSION 1: PEOPLE

This session will illustrate the risk of limiting sustainability to environmental performance and encourage a broad view of sustainability transitions, setting the stage for looking into concrete examples of transition initiatives. Facilitation: **Dr. Leen Gorissen**, VITO, Belgium

Key words: *environmental justice, inclusion, technological vs social innovation, diversity, empowerment, right to the city*

Mundano, Pimp My Carroça, Brazil

Joke Quintens, Deputy Mayor, City of Genk, Belgium

Liselotte Noren, Founder, Refo, Sweden

Gabriella Schneider, Transition Wekerle, Hungary

12.30 - 14.00 LUNCH
St. Pauli Salon (see map)



14.00 - 15.00 SESSION 2: PARTNERSHIPS

This session will take you from theory to practice, by presenting the experiences of five regions that were part of the ARTS project on what makes up the acceleration of sustainability transitions. Examples of what works, how it evolves with partnerships (and not only) will be introduced next to tensions and struggles present in the making of urban sustainability transitions.

Facilitation: **Dr. Niki Frantzeskaki**; Presentation: **Dr. Markus Egermann**

Brighton, United Kingdom: **Prof. Gordon MacKerron**

Stockholm, Sweden: **Dr. Sara Borgström**

Genk, Belgium: **Dr. Leen Gorissen**

Budapest, Hungary: **Logan Strenchock**

Dresden, Germany: **Kristin Reiß**

15.00 - 18.00 REALITY CHECK: FIELD WORKSHOPS

Join in on one of six diverse workshops throughout Dresden. Please see pages 5-6 of the programme for more information about each workshop.

- [1] Entrepreneurs for Transition: Economy for the Common Good
- [2] Changing (A City) Together: Working Across Sectors, Themes and Scales
- [3] Co-creating Stories of Change: Art, Culture and Sustainability Transitions
- [4] Any Places Left? The Role of Open Spaces in Fostering Transitions
- [5] Edible Dresden: Urban Gardens, Consumer Cooperatives and Community-Supported Agriculture
- [6] Towards Acceleration Strategies: Can Modelling Help?

19.00 - 20.30 DINNER

Conference participants are invited to enjoy a delicious vegetarian dinner, drinks and music after the field workshops. The dinner will be held at **Rosenwerk**, Dresden's unique makerspace for transition initiatives, artists and anyone with an idea they want to bring to life.

Location: Rosen Str. 92 (see map, right)

20.30 - 22.00 A FAB(LAB)ULOUS OPEN EVENING

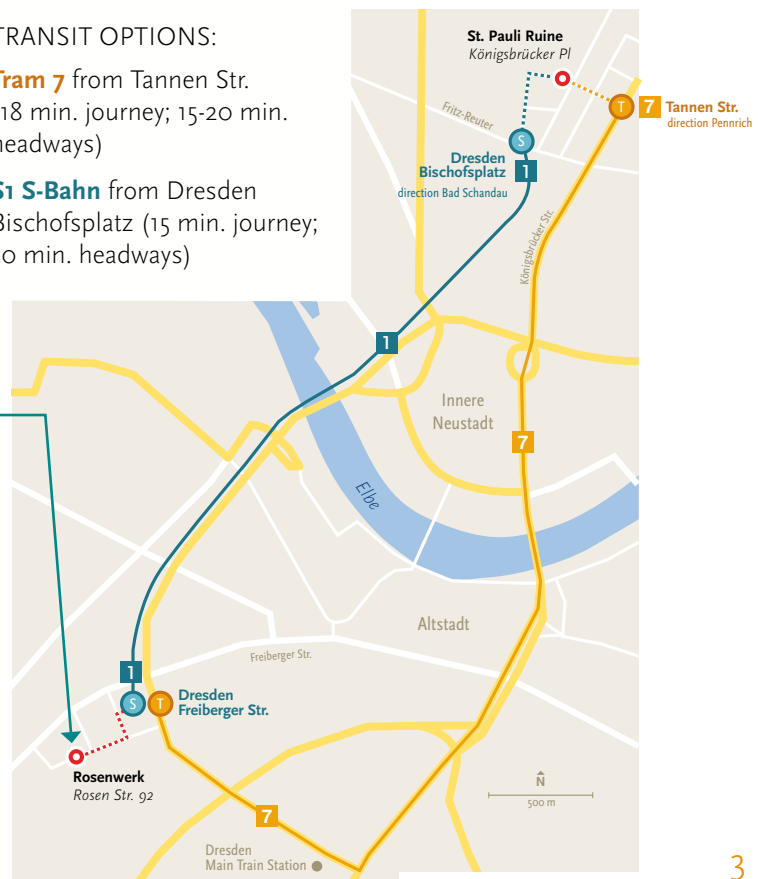
Connect with new and old friends at **Rosenwerk**, which will be transformed by Tagträumer Productions with artistic and light installations, music, a photo booth, live DJ, projections and surprises to discover. This is a public event open to everyone in the community.

Location: Rosen Str. 92 (see map, right)

TRANSIT OPTIONS:

Tram 7 from Tannen Str. (18 min. journey; 15-20 min. headways)

S1 S-Bahn from Dresden Bischofsplatz (15 min. journey; 30 min. headways)



DAY 2: FRIDAY, 17 JUNE

9.00 - 9.30 REGISTRATION & COFFEE

9.45 - 11.00 SESSION 3: POWER

This session will focus on the ways in which transition initiatives challenge existing practices, norms and institutions, in particular with regards to governance structures, funding models or narratives of (un-)sustainability. Facilitation: **Prof. Derk Loorbach**, DRIFT, Erasmus University Rotterdam, The Netherlands

Key words: *societal change, decentralization, empowerment, shifting roles, niches, competition for limited resources, commons, funding mechanisms, systems thinking*

Prof. Ricard Gomà, Professor of Political Science, Autonomous University of Barcelona, Spain

Paola Cannavò, Member of the Board of Trustees and the Scientific Committee of the LABoratory for the GOVernance of Commons - LabGov, Italy

Ugo Guarnacci, DG Research & Innovation, European Commission

Annemarieke van Egeraat, City of Rotterdam, Netherlands

11.00 - 11.30 COFFEE BREAK

11.30 - 12.30 CLOSING SESSION: WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE?

This session will reflect on the last few days of the conference, as well as the wrap up of the three-year ARTS project, ultimately answering the question: where do we go from here?

Prof. Derk Loorbach, Professor of Socio-Economic Transitions, DRIFT, Erasmus University Rotterdam, The Netherlands, with **Ania Rok** and **Arif Khan**.

12.30 - 14.00 FAREWELL LUNCH
St. Pauli Salon

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Entrepreneurs for Transition: Economy for the Common Good

How can we build a local economy that is good for people and the planet? Should we count on established economic actors changing their ways or rather create alternative models? Can you (and should you) make money with sustainable businesses?

Workshop 1 begins in St. Pauli Ruine, where Konzeptwerk Neue Ökonomie will lead discussions on a range of alternative models of economic activity. We will then visit the packaging-free shop, Lose Laden, before continuing to Projektschmiede to learn about the local currency, Elbtaler, and Quartiermeister Beer. Join us in a discussion about strategies that cities can take to encourage and support local business approaches that also support sustainability transitions.

Venues: St. Pauli Ruine, Lose Laden (Böhmische Str. 14) , Projektschmiede (Bautzner Str. 22)



2



Changing (A City) Together: Working Across Sectors, Themes and Scales

How can different people and institutions work together to accelerate the sustainability transition? Who (if anyone) leads the way? How can we move from competition to cooperation? Can you find space for reflection while still getting things done?

Tom Umbreit, Director of the Environmental Centre Dresden, will introduce the history of collaborations and cooperations across sectors, themes and scales in Dresden, followed by a World Café facilitated by Sören Rogoll (Transition Town Dresden), Manisha Jain (IÖR) and Franziska Ehnert (IÖR / ARTS project).

Venue: Environmental Centre Dresden, Kunstraum, Schützenplatz 1



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Co-creating Stories of Change: Art, Culture and Sustainability Transitions

How do the stories we tell and hear influence our ideas of what is possible? What happens when you put researchers, activists and artists together? Can art and culture help to fire up enthusiasm? Is art that carries a political message still good art?

Workshop 3 features artists, initiatives and cultural institutions engaging with sustainability transitions in Dresden and other ARTS regions, and invites participants to reflect on the role art and culture can play as places and people change.

We will walk and talk in mobile discussion teams, casting a transitioner-artist's eye over the city en route to Riesa Efau. There, three ARTS partner initiatives, Stories of Change (Dresden), Fargfabriken (Stockholm), and ONCA (Brighton), will share their work and the underlying concepts to start the discussion, followed by a reflection by Magdalena Kubecka (City DNA / Cities Magazine).

Venue: Riesa Efau, Adlergasse 14



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Any Places Left? The Role of Open Spaces in Fostering Transitions

Who decides how a city uses its space? Do transition initiatives need physical spaces to act? How can we create and maintain open spaces, permanent or temporary?

In Workshop 4, each participant will be provided with a bicycle and together we will form a “Critical Mass” to visit locations in Dresden that have struggled for space in the city. One of them, the Geh8, an artist-run space in a former rail workshop, is now a local example of a sustained free space. Together with the collective Stadt.statt.Strand and the URBACT Refill project, we will discuss ideas for gaining and sustaining free spaces, cooperative urban planning culture, and new forms of funding for urban open spaces.

Venue: geh8, Gehe Str. 8

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Edible Dresden: Urban Gardens, Consumer Cooperatives and Community-Supported Agriculture

What is the link between a city and its surrounding region? Why is food so political? How many sustainable food initiatives does a city need - and can there be too many?

Take a bicycle tour of Dresden! We will start at St. Pauli Ruine and take a rolling tour of projects and gardens at the heart of Dresden's sustainable food issues. The group will discover urban garden Hechtgrün, consumer cooperatives Verbrauchergemeinschaft eG and VG Grüntal, edible park Listpark, and community-supported agriculture cooperative dein Hof at urban garden Aprikosengarten. We will discuss how the different approaches are connected at the city-regional scale and how this promotes or hinders Dresden's food transition.

Venues: Hechtgrün / VG (Fritz-Reuter-Str. 32) / Aprikosengarten (Leisniger Str. 61)

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Towards Acceleration Strategies: Can Modelling Help?

What can computer modelling tell us about how sustainability transitions work, and how they can be influenced? How can modelling support strategic decision-making processes of local initiatives, policy-makers and other organizations?

In Workshop 6, we will engage in a model facilitated discussion about acceleration strategies in Dresden and the other ARTS regions. The workshop is intended for those interested in addressing sustainability transitions from a strategic point of view.

Venue: St. Pauli Salon, Hecht Str. 32

A place for notes, ideas, sketches, email addresses, and miscellaneous inspiration.



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