

## Invitation for media accreditation

**14 and 15 November 2018**

### **International Growth in Transition Conference: Europe's Transformation: Where People Matter**

**Location:** Austria Center Vienna, Bruno-Kreisky-Platz 1, 1220 Vienna

On 14 and 15 November 2018, the 4th international Growth in Transition Conference, “**Europe's Transformation: Where People Matter**”, takes place in the context of Austria's Presidency of the Council of the European Union. The conference is hosted by the Federal Ministry for Sustainability and Tourism together with the Austrian Environment Agency and is supported by 31 stakeholder organisations. The conference focuses on exploring economic and social pathways toward proactive approaches and the vision of a society that improves the wellbeing of its citizens. Speakers from the social and environmental sectors together with others from academia, economics and politics will join some 700 conference participants at the Austria Center in Vienna. The theme of this year's Conference is the implementation of sustainable development goals (SDGs) and the Paris Agreement. The Conference will be opened by **Ban Ki-moon**, the former General Secretary of the United Nations and current President and Chair of the Council of the Global Green Growth Institute (GGGI)

Austria's Minister for Sustainability and Tourism, **Elisabeth Köstinger**, Dutch Minister for Infrastructure and Water Management, **Stientje van Veldhoven**, French Secretary of State to the Minister for Ecological and Inclusive Transition, **Brune Poirson**, the first Vice President of the European Commission, **Frans Timmermans** and **Wolfgang Burtscher**, Deputy Director-General of the European Commission's Directorate-General for Research and Innovation, will set out their positions and goals at the conference. Other speakers include **Kate Raworth**, British economist and sustainability expert, **Tim Jackson**, Professor of Sustainable Development at the University of Surrey and the author of “Prosperity without Growth”, **Brenda King**, former President of the Sustainable Development Observatory, innovation researcher **Emma Dewberry**, **Hans Bruyninckx**, Executive Director of the European Environment Agency, **Michaela Moser**, social scientist and expert on poverty, **Christoph Badelt**, Director of the European Institute for Economic Research, and **Willibald Cernko**, Chief Risk Officer at Erste Group.

#### **Information about the Conference programme and speakers:**

**<https://wachstumimwandel.at/conference2018/programme>**

#### **Programme on Wednesday, 14 November 2018**

**9:30 am: Conference opening and keynote addresses** by Elisabeth Köstinger, Wolfgang Burtscher and Ban Ki-moon

4TH INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

14–15 November 2018 Austria Center Vienna

EUROPE'S TRANSFORMATION  
WHERE PEOPLE MATTER

### Accreditation

The entire conference is **open to the media**.

We welcome your attendance at the conference. Please register at [presse@wachstumimwandel.at](mailto:presse@wachstumimwandel.at)

After registration please seek accreditation at <https://www.eu2018.at/de/media/Media-accreditation.html>

Entry to the conference venue is only permissible with accreditation. Press passes can be collected from the media desk at the conference reception. These grant you full access to the Growth in Transition Conference.

We are happy to arrange interviews on request with conference speakers and photo opportunities. More information can be found at <https://wachstumimwandel.at/conference2018/press/>

### About the conference

“**Europe’s Transformation: Where People Matter**”, the 4th International Growth in Transition Conference, takes place on 14-15 November 2018 in the Austria Center, Vienna. Showcasing a broad spectrum of perspectives from politics, economics and civil society, the conference encourages active participation in the transformation of society. The thematic focus of this year’s Conference is the implementation of sustainable development goals (SDGs) and the Paris Agreement.

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