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## From Me to We

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The crisis of civilisation in the form of global heating and mass extinction shows that things cannot go as before. More and more voices are calling for reorienting our societal goals to incorporate scientific findings about what makes us happy. The good news is le club of tome-and-others that often, what we need to be able to continue living as part of the planet's ecosystems are the very things that make our lives better anyway. Examples of this are good relationships, nonmaterial values, meaning in life, nature, and other factors that have one thing in common: They are not bound to exploitation and often cannot be measured in GDP. We call this reorientation of the economy "well-being economics."

New approaches and concepts for concrete implementation often emerge in local communities, such as villages, cities, and neighbourhoods, as well as intentional communities (such as community housing projects and NGOs).

We want to strengthen and contribute to these developments, starting at this regular's table. There, we are presenting and making available a platform on which diverse people from science, business, art, and practice can connect.

This exceptional regular's table is an opportunity to spend time with likeminded and inspiring humans in a relaxed setting, making new connections and sharing thoughts and ideas. If you want to go deeper, you can join the Wellbeing Network in Vienna, where we exchange, inspire, and support each other, cooperate if the opportunity arises, keep each other up to date, and disseminate projects.

Let's create futures of communities together!



## FROM ME TO WE 2ND MEETINC ON **"FUTURE/OF** COMMUNITIE/"

We are excited to invite you to our 2nd Meeting on Futures of Communities, entitled "From Me to We". Following our initial meeting on April 18th, 2023 in Vienna, we will gather again to discuss our common goals and interests and how this emerging network **University of Applied Arts** can best serve you and be organised Please join us and register: here in Austria and fritz@hinterberger.com internationally.



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In this time of multiple interconnected crises, we have to evolve from "Me to We" in order to be able to engage with changes ahead of us in a more harmonious way.

Communities play a decisive role when it comes to developing our societies towards a "good life for all" in the sense of a "wellbeing society", redefining our society beyond the pursuit of economic growth. As communities we understand villages or smaller cities (not mega cities) as well as various emerging forms of deliberate communities such as cooperatives, cohousing projects or ecovillages.

Many of the necessary solutions to mitigate the climate catastrophe and its consequences, and to profoundly transform the global development in the sense of creating wellbeing all, have been developed in communities all around the globe or started small and developed to much larger scales. Several networks which promote sustainability, regeneration and visions for thriving

> futures already exist. And yet there cannot be enough of them to bring much needed realisation fast enough into existence. One weakness of these approaches is that they are often not well known, are fragmented or stay in their silos, or are not spreading out and being implemented to the necessary extent. On the contrary, they are even being dismantled in some places.

> > Our project, "Futures of Communities", cultivates the connection and exchange of practices and actors from the fields of science and economy who deal with topics relevant to a more equitable, regenerative and thriving future. Furthermore, it integrates arts and culture, as well as spiritual traditions of remembering and imagining ways of being and belonging, which gives this initiative its individual character and enables creative and lively forms of evolution and networking.

Starting from local communities, the project should be presented as bringing together cells from many places and interweaving trans-regionally. Our project "Futures of Communities" supports sharing and dissemination of multiple practices and projects contributing to the wellbeing society for people, other species and the planet to flourish.

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