

Urban Transitions Mission's Trainings

DEAL with cities – planning and policies

Date: Monday, 20 November 2023

Time: 13:30- 14:30 (CET)

Join Online: [here](#) - **Pw:** UTM

The UTM and the Doughnut Economic Action Lab host a training specially designed to offer UTM cities insights and knowledge on core principles, tools and case studies of cities putting the ideas of Doughnut Economics into practice in local government processes, policies, and strategies.

Starting with Amsterdam in 2020, over 60 local governments across the world, alongside thousands of individuals and community groups, have started experimenting with what it means to be turning the concepts of Doughnut Economics into practice, aiming at 'meeting the needs of all people within the means of the living planet'.

In this training, UTM cities will be introduced to the core concepts of the Doughnut and case studies of how cities are using these to transform the ways in which they work – using it as a unifying framework, as a tool for impact assessment, as a tool for fostering community and stakeholder engagement etc.

The exchange is dedicated to city experts and policy-makers who could bring transformative thinking and new tools into the development of the city action plan and strategy.

Ahead of the training, **cities participating are invited to share any prior knowledge or specific interest in Doughnut Economics, and prepare following the questions included in the agenda**, in order to make the most of the discussion.

"Doughnut Economics: Seven ways to think like a 21st century economist" is a book by Kate Raworth proposing an economic mindset that's fit for the complex social and ecological challenges of our times. It invites us to change the definition of what progress looks like – from endless GDP growth to 'meeting the needs of all people within the means of the living planet'.

[Doughnut Economics Action Lab \(DEAL\)](#), was co-founded by Kate Raworth, and is a small organisation supporting changemakers around the world working to put the concepts of Doughnut Economics into practice. Leonora supports the work of local and regional governments across the world.

Agenda

13:30	Welcome – <i>Giorgia Rambelli, Urban Transitions Mission</i>
13:35	Tour de table – <i>All participants</i>
13:45	DEAL with cities – what is Doughnut Economics and how it can be applied in cities – <i>Leonora Grcheva, DEAL, Cities & Regions Lead at the Doughnut Economics Action Lab</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Doughnut Economics principles• DEAL in practice – examples of cities applying the concepts of Doughnut Economics
14:10	Discussion and DEAL in UTM cities – <i>All participants</i> <i>moderated by Miriam Badino, Urban Transitions Mission Coordinator</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Participants are welcome to share their feedback to the previous session, expanding on their challenges and needs regarding “meeting the needs of all people within the means of the living planet”<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ In your city’s work and/or in your projects, have you come across or specifically engaged with “post-growth thinking” and frameworks such as Doughnut Economics or Wellbeing economies or planetary boundaries? If so, have you found these to be relevant and useful for your work, why and where?○ In your work, which frameworks, models or ways of working have you used to envision, measure and monitor positive ecological and social sustainability outcomes? Have you had any challenges or do you have any criticisms of the practical implementation of the frameworks that you have experience with?○ Do you think that Doughnut Economics and some of the tools shared could bring some value or fill some gaps in your current city strategy?○ How, and what are some aspects you’re particularly interested in to learn more about?
14:25	Wrap up and next steps – <i>Giorgia Rambelli, Urban Transitions Mission</i>
14:30	End