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# Welfare, Wealth and Work for Europe

Europe moving towards a new path  
of economic growth  
and social development



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## OBJECTIVE



### Paving Europe's way to socio-ecological transition

What kind of development strategy should Europe opt for in the face of the financial and economic crisis and the big challenges ahead: globalisation, demographic shifts, climate change and new technologies? What kind of strategy will guarantee welfare, wealth and work for Europe in the long term? And which governance reforms are needed to implement such a strategy? These are the questions an ambitious European research project is working on.

Its name is its mission: **Welfare, Wealth and Work for Europe – WWWforEurope**.

**WWWforEurope** seeks to change the actual course of economic thinking and policy making.

■ To bring about this change **WWWforEurope** conducts research to lay the analytical foundation for a new orientation of **Europe's economic course towards smart, sustainable and inclusive growth**.

■ Based on this foundation **WWWforEurope** aims at a socio-ecological transition in Europe that leads to **high levels of employment, social inclusion, gender equity and environmental sustainability**.

■ To push this transition **WWWforEurope** opens a **dialogue with policy makers, stakeholders and representatives of the civil society** in Europe and engages in public discourse.

## SYNTHESIS

### Policy design for socio-ecological transition

Research in **WWWforEurope** seeks to realise and exploit linkages between its research topics. It closely examines **how different policy instruments work together**.

This allows to identify potential synergies and trade-offs when it comes to binding together the results of all research areas. This framework forms the basis to develop a coherent strategy and policy design for a socio-ecological transition of Europe's economy.

### WWWforEurope in a nutshell



## RESEARCH PROGRAMME



### From essential questions to a coherent strategy

WWWforEurope addresses essential questions in five areas of research that reflect vital fields for policy action:

**Area 1** deals with challenges for the **European welfare state**, exploring the influence of globalisation, demography, new technologies and post-industrialisation on welfare state structures.

**Area 2** provides evidence for designing policies aimed at minimising the conflict between **employment, equity and sustainability**, using welfare indicators beyond traditional GDP measures.

**Area 3** investigates the role that **research and innovation** as well as **industrial and innovation policies** can play as drivers for change by shaping the innovation system and production structures.

**Area 4** focuses on **governance structures and institutions at the European level** and the need for adjustments to be consistent with a new path of smart, sustainable and inclusive growth.

**Area 5** explores **the role of the regions** in the socio-ecological transition taking into account institutional preconditions, regional labour markets and cultural diversity as well as examining the transitional dynamics of European regional policy.