By 2050 Europe will have become a model for a dynamic, open economic area with internal sustainability and stability, limited income spread, declining absolute emissions and positive spillovers to neighbours and the world at large. This is the vision of WWWforEurope.

The research programme

WWWforEurope addresses essential questions in areas of research that reflect vital fields for policy action to implement a socio-ecological transition, as well as their interlinkages, synergies, conflicts and trade-offs:

- It deals with challenges for the European welfare state, explores the influence of globalisation, demography, new technologies and post-industrialisation on welfare state structures.
- It analyses the impact of striving towards environmental sustainability on growth and employment, and provides evidence for designing policies aimed at minimising the negative spillovers to economies.
- It investigates the role of research and innovation as well as industrial and innovation policies as can play a driver for change by shaping the innovation system and the production structure.
- It focuses on governance structures and institutions at the European level and the necessary adjustments to be consistent with a new path of smart, sustainable and inclusive growth.
- It explores the role of the regions in the socio-ecological transition taking into account institutional preconditions, regional labour markets and cultural diversity, and observes the transitional dynamics of European regional policy.

The mission


WWWforEurope – Welfare, Wealth and Work for Europe – started in April 2012 as a four-year research project within the 7th Framework Programme funded by the European Commission. The project is coordinated by the Austrian Institute of Economic Research (WIFO) under the guidance of Karl Aiginger, director of WIFO. It brings together researchers from 34 scientific institutions in 12 European countries with interdisciplinary expertise in economics, demography, political science and gender research. Members of WWWforEurope’s scientific and policy boards include: Kenneth Joseph Arrow | Gunilla Almgren | Tony Atkinson | Karl Aiginger, director of WIFO. It brings together researchers from 34 scientific institutions in 12 European countries with interdisciplinary expertise in economics, demography, political science and gender research.

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