Transformations to Sustainability

(Virtual) Midterm workshop, June 2020
Session 1
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Zoom Last Supper. Credit: unknown (Twittersphere) – Oxfam Blogs Corona Cartoon Competition
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Project postcards
t2sresearch.org/workshop2020
Where are we now?
Programme timeline

Kick-off workshop, Sept 2018

Mid-term workshop, June 2020

Final event, 2021/2022
Exploring the potential contribution of green microfinance in transformations to sustainability

Frederic Hoybrechts, Johan Baelaen, and Gert Van Hecke

In this review, we explore the potential contribution of green microfinance to transformative urban areas for environmental sustainability. We discuss the role of microfinance in fostering social cohesion, building resilience, and contributing to sustainability. We also discuss the challenges and limitations of green microfinance, including its potential to address social and environmental issues. We conclude that green microfinance can be a powerful tool for transformative sustainability, but it requires careful planning and implementation to ensure its effectiveness.

References

Blogs and opinion

1. Exploring the potential contribution of green microfinance in transformations to sustainability
2. Understanding the role of microfinance in fostering social cohesion and building resilience
3. Overcoming the challenges and limitations of green microfinance

For more information, visit www.t2sresearch.org/covid19
Recent updates

1. Project reports received March/April 2020 – analysis and feedback being prepared
   • Programme evaluation June-October 2020

2. COVID-19 crisis
   • Programme extension under negotiation with European Commission
Meeting objectives

• To share knowledge and learn from each other, focusing on the theoretical, methodological, practical and socio-political findings, issues, needs or challenges which have arisen.

• To (self-)assess progress so far, at project and programme levels and to think strategically about the remaining project and programme duration.

• To strengthen connections between the projects and identify perspectives and opportunities for cross-project contributions to knowledge, policy and action.

Climate Change. Credit: Raf Schoenmaekers
Workshop theme: The politics of engaged research for sustainability

Raising questions for research around:

- Theory
- Methodology
- Ethics
- Practice, policy, action

In the context of global health, social and economic crisis

“We’re ready to begin the next phase of keeping things exactly the way they are.”
# Arc of workshop

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All project members invited to draw connections across projects, raise questions, share insights and ideas, write a commentary or a blog, lead future discussion on a topic...
## Agenda 2 June (90 minutes)

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5-minute break