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Designing Transitions

or how we can empower radical change

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Erasmus
Design.Impact.Transitions.
platform

Dutch Research Institute For Transitions

Academic research, consulting, education, activism

Social enterprise

30+ employees

Founded in 2004

mission

Accelerate and guide just suatainability transitions by developing knowledge in and with practice

Design Impact Transition platform

Transdisciplinary and transformative research, education and engagement

Strategic university platform

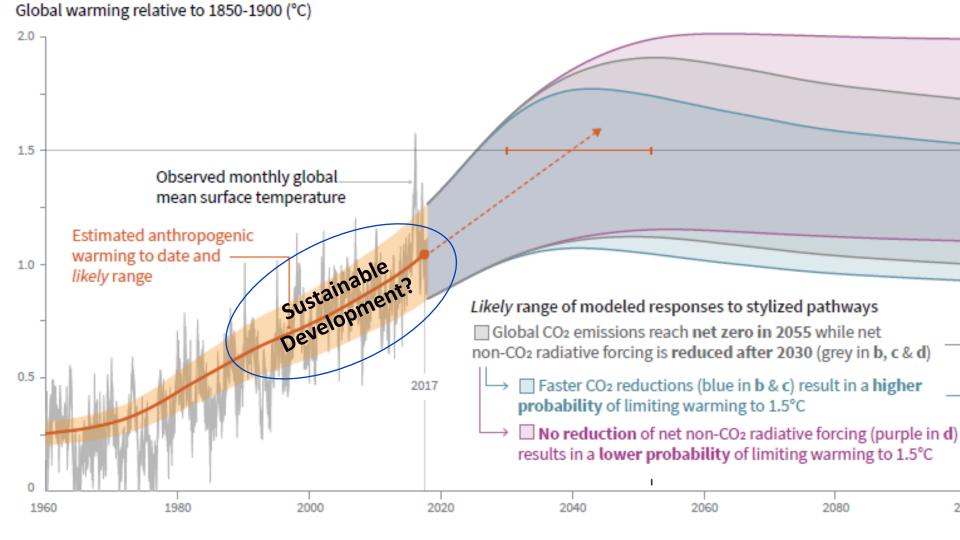
Core team and academics with impact assignments

mission

Establish and institutional space for transformative academic work at EUR

Come join the DIT launch November 25!

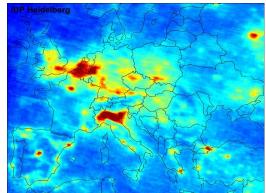






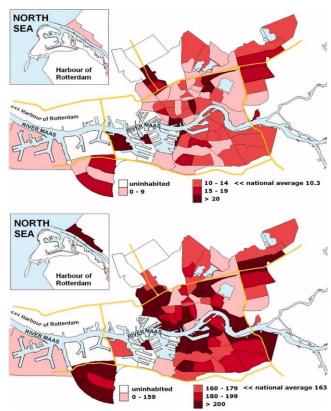
Persistent problems













Regime

Dominant and shared ways of **thinking, organising and doing** in a societal (sub)system

cultures: shared values, paradigms, worldviews, discourses

structures: institutions, economic structures, physical infrastructures

practices: routines, behavior, action, lifestyles



Implementation illusion

Risk paradox

Innovation trap

Imagination deficit

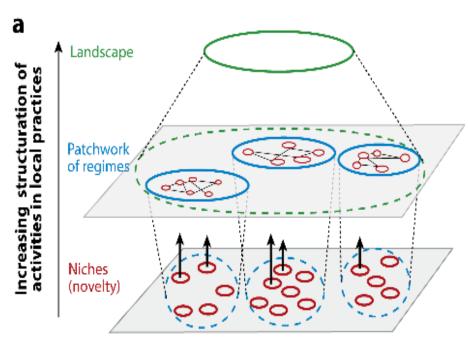




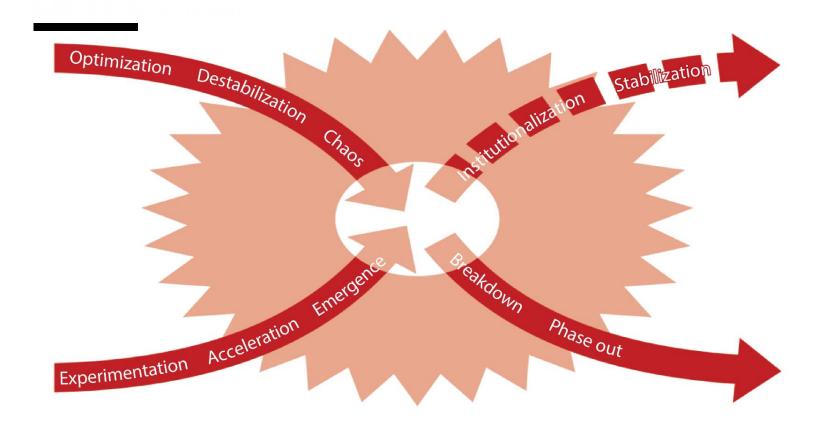


Transition: out of equilibrium

A process of structural, nonlinear systemic change in dominant regime that takes place over a period of decades (Rotmans et al, 2001, Grin et al, 2010)









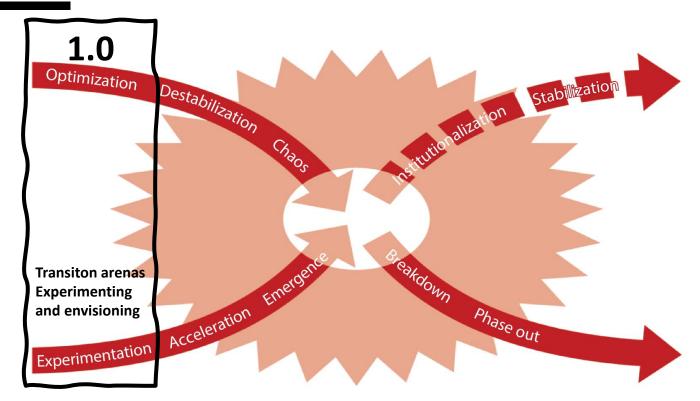
Transition governance principles: design logic?

Radical on the long-term, diplomatic on the short-term

- **Systemic:** engage with emerging dynamics across societal levels
- Back-casting: taking desired transition as starting point
- **Selective:** focus on transformative agency already engaging with transition
- Adaptive: experimenting towards multiple goals and transition pathways
- Learning-by-doing and doing-by-learning: ensure monitoring and reflexivity



Creating transformative discourse, triggering destablisation and accelerating transformative innovation





Transition arena higher education

4 sessions online

 Individuals from (applied) uni's, politics, SURF, government

New transition narrative about digitalization and future of HE





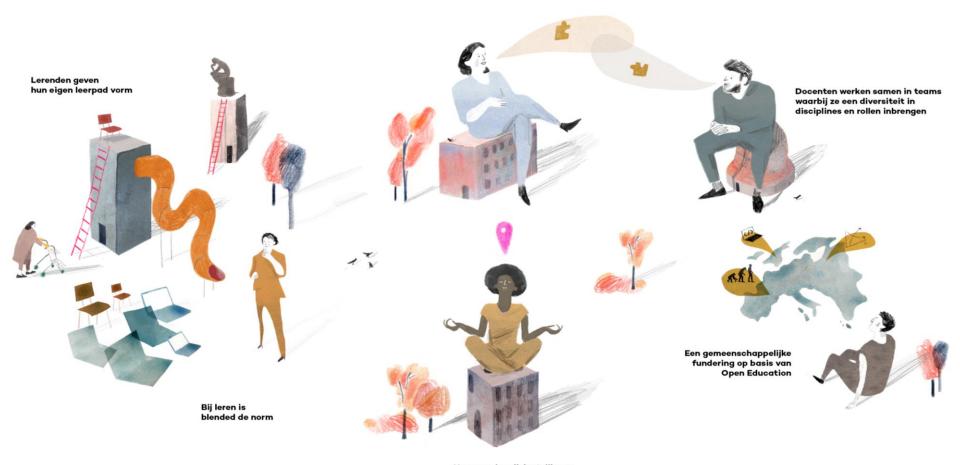












Hoger onderwijsinstellingen dienen als thuisbasis







Social mobility









BikePark

Fietsparkeren combineren met andere diensten & "openklappen" naar omgeving (ism Magis010)



Grootschalig inzamelen van kinderfietsen; beschikbaar stellen & laten pimpen door kinderen op Zuid (ism ANWB)

Fietsvriendelijke scholen

Scholenprogramma voor veilige schoolomgeving & opbouw fietscultuur (ism BMX fietsschool en PothPiek architecten)



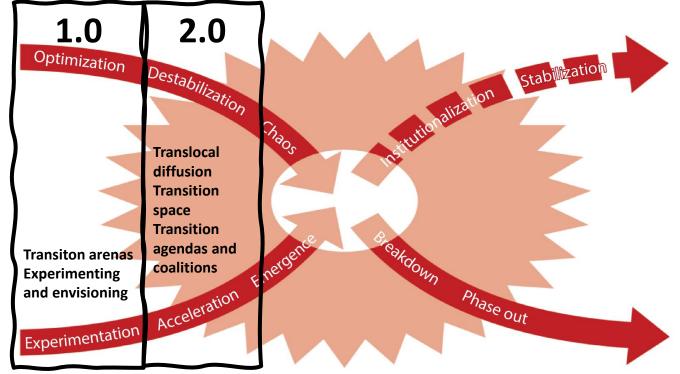






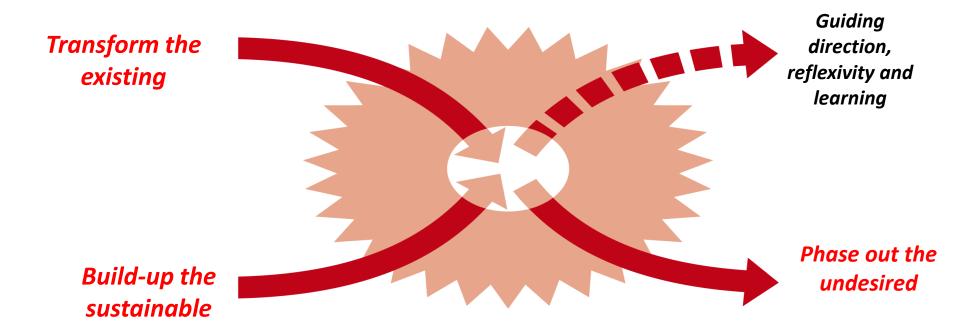


Connecting transformative agency, developing competitive niche-regimes, creating transition space, anticipating phase out



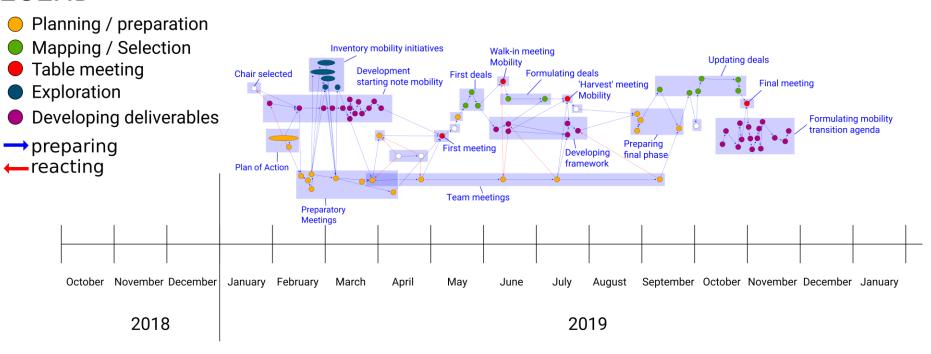


Transition governance mix





LEGEND



Urban mobility transition

Optimization

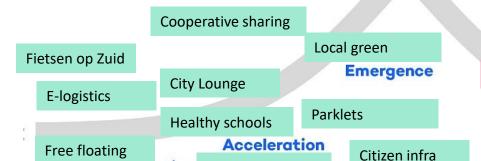
Destabilization

Zoning plans

Zero emission zone

Circulation plans





Happy Streets/ Parking day

Experimentation

Traffic rules

Standard street design

Breakdown Fossil subsidies

Indivdual fossil car

Phase out

Street parking







"Transformative change" means a fundamental. system-wide reorganization across technological, economic and social factors. including paradigms, goals and values. By its very nature, transformative change can expect opposition from those with interests vested in the status quo. But such opposition can be overcome for the broader public good." -IPBES Global Assessment

Historical 1970 2010 Increased conservation efforts + more sustainable production + more sustainable consumption Increased conservation efforts •-----

This artwork illustrates the main findings of the article, but does not intend to accurately represent its results (https://doi.org/10.1038/s41586-020-2705-y)

LEVERAGE POINTS

Total Values & Visions Justice & Teleconsumption social Inequality Innovation Knowledge coupling inclusion of GQL & waste norms Precautionary Managing for centives Integrated Laws & & Adaptive

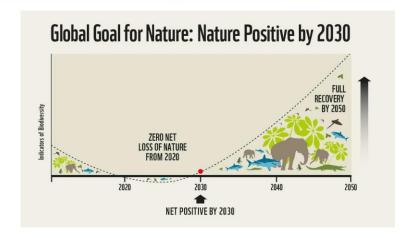
Capacity

Decision making

management LEVERS for transformative change

resilience

enforcement





Transitions in the making?

"The people of the world do not want half measures or empty promises. They are demanding transformative change that is fair and sustainable... Together, let us kick-start a decade of delivery and action for people and planet."

António Guterres, Secretary-General of the United Nations









The EU Green Deal

The European Green Deal is about **improving the well-being of people**. Making Europe climate-neutral and protecting our natural habitat will be good for people, planet and economy. No one will be left behind.

The EU will:



Become climate-neutral by 2050



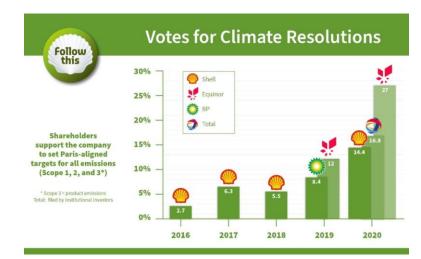
Protect human life, animals and plants, by cutting pollution



Help companies become world leaders in clean products and technologies

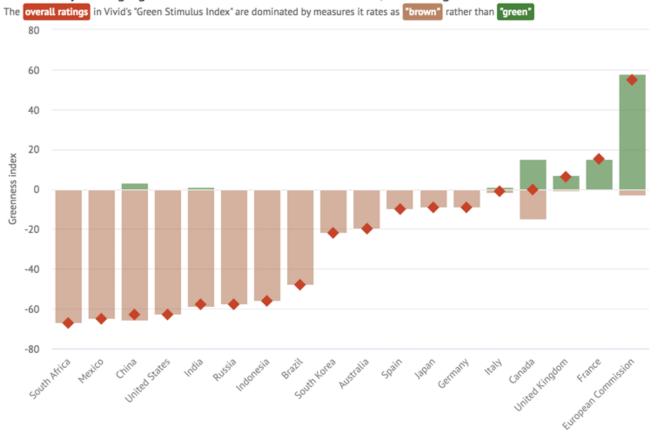


Help ensure a just and inclusive transition



drift

'Potentially damaging' stimulus measures dominate so far, according to Vivid Economics



UK to offer £265m in subsidies for renewable energy developers

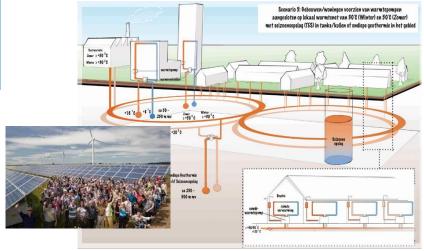
Wind, solar and tidal projects will compete for contracts, including funding for onshore schemes $\,$

Fossil fuel industry gets subsidies of \$11m a minute, IMF finds

Trillions of dollars a year are 'adding fuel to the fire' of the climate















Germany to pump additional €3 billion in ailing automotive industry

The investment will extend a subsidy for electric vehicles and attempt to secure jobs that are in jeopardy due to the coronavirus pandemic. The announcement follows talks between Chancellor Merkel and industry heads.







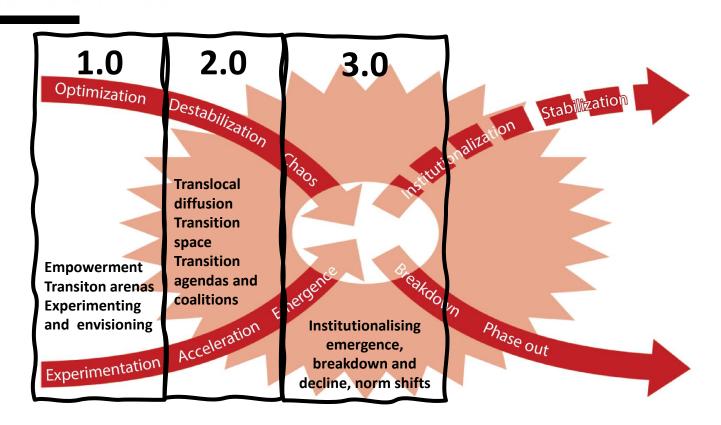


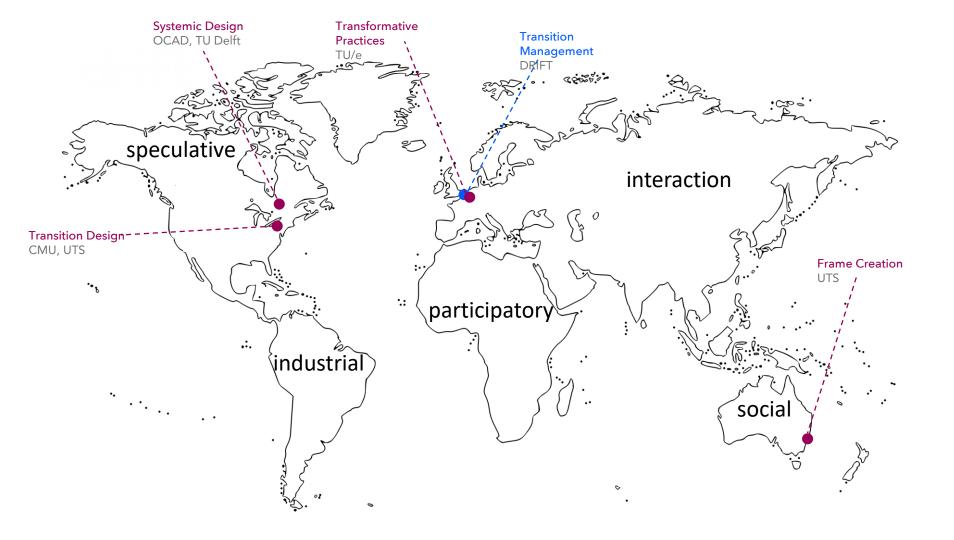






Catalyse radical transitions, develop socio-political momentum, accelerate breakdown







Making radical transitions visible

Commons based local

Social shared mobility

Nature positive new

Ecological infrastructure

Regenerative nature

IABR-

29.03.2021

DERK LOORBACH APPOINTED CHIEF CURATOR 10TH IABR, SHOCK AND ROLL (2022)

The board of the International Architecture Biennale Rotterdam (IABR) has appointed director of Dutch Research Institute for Transitions (DRIFT) and professor of Socioeconomic Transitions at the Erasmus University Rotterdam's Erasmus School of Social and Behavioural Sciences DERK LOORBACH as chief curator of the next edition of the IABR, SHOCK AND ROLL.

SHOCK AND ROLL will open in the fall of 2022 and is the first in a new series of biennales that will go all out for transition. The series will focus on the urgent need to put into design practice the all-embracing change to which science incites us, which the Paris climate objectives call for, to which the



- Global call for transition practices
- TM 3.0 process
- International exhibit and cultural program fall 2022

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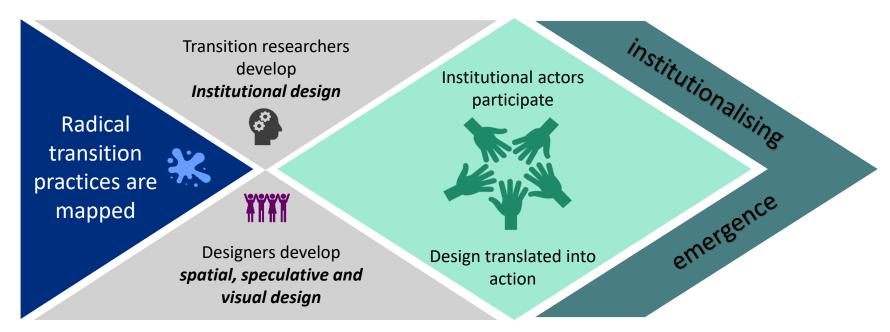
Design usually starts from within the system, whereas transition starts from outside the system

Design works more tangible whereas transition works more cognitive

Designers try to be inclusive within their processes, whereas transition is more selective



'Development by design'



drift for transition





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