6 October 2026, Berlin and online

Sustainability Transformation Conference 2026

Living within Planetary Boundaries

Facing Facts • Rethinking Strategies • Building Bridges

A European Sufficiency Conference

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Why attend?

High-level discussions and speakers: such as keynotes by Johan Rockström and Dirk Messner

Lively formats: inspiring inputs and interactive sessions

Targeted to a wide international audience: academia, policy advisors, policymakers, civil society

How to attend?

- **Location:** Umweltforum, Pufendorfstraße 11 in Berlin (places for in-person participation are already fully booked)
- **Time:** 6 October 2026, 9 am to 6 pm
- join via **livestream** - online participation does not require registration, Link will be available on 6 October at www.umweltrat.de |
  Please note: Of the parallel sessions, not all will be available for livestream.

Decision makers, researchers, and civil society at large need to seriously **face scientific facts about ecological limits**. Current pathways of production and consumption are causing dangerous climatic and environmental change. **Equally challenging realities are unfolding in economy and society.** Rising populism is undermining democratic institutions, resistance against sustainability transformations is growing, and social cohesion appears to erode. Ambitions in the implementation of sustainability are declining at multiple levels, including the European Green Deal. These dynamics are reinforced by economic crises, which fuel calls for a stringent focus on economic growth and resource exploitation. International cooperation and multilateralism are weakening, while national institutions prioritize security and deregulation.

Sustainability science and policy need to address these challenges. It seems clear that some of the established strategies and narratives for sustainability have lost traction. Many argue that we need new approaches and discourses that **build bridges** between different interests and realms of society. However, reducing the level of ambition and delaying action would risk essential goals such as global health, food security, and ecological integrity. On the contrary, it is hard to see how we can stay within planetary boundaries without a **more fundamental shift in strategies** which now mainly rely on efficiency and green growth, but fail to address more fundamental topics such as **social justice, sufficiency, and inclusive welfare**.