

# livingdegrowth

Lightning Talk on GROWL, co-munity, commons-based peer production, agile and collective action

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A network  
to learn and  
build knowledge  
on degrowth

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# What is GROWL?

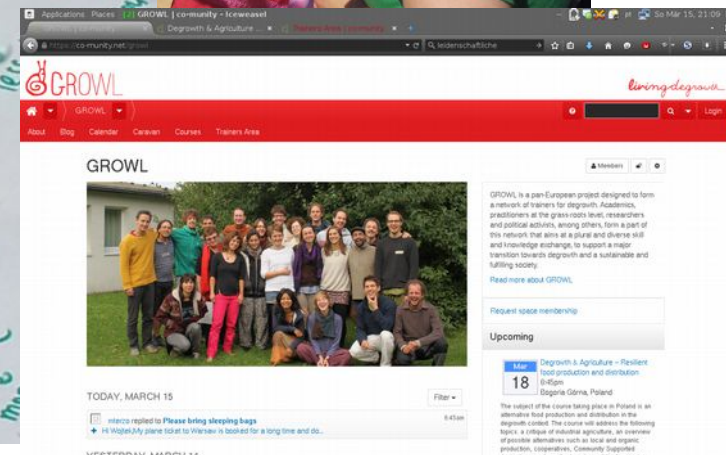
EU Grundtvig Strategic Partnership on Adult Education

International network of trainers and learners

Bridging theory and praxis

Open knowledge and materials

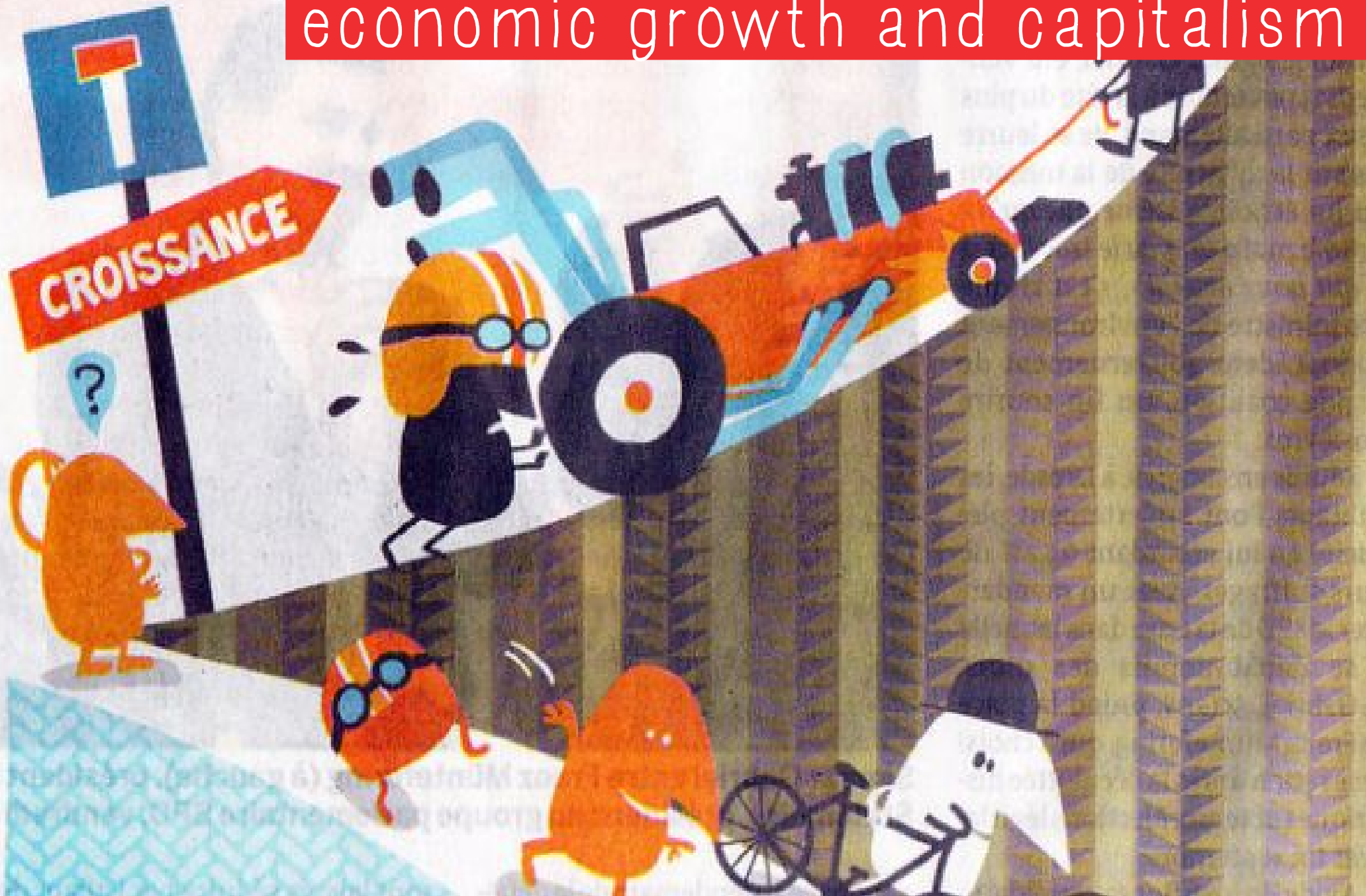
Offline Courses



# Systematise and reproduce successful experiences (nowtopias)

what kind of work has made you happy in the past and why?

# Reduce dependency from economic growth and capitalism



Provide tools to address the multi-dimensional crises



Promote convergence

THE ONLY  
SUSTAINABLE  
GROWTH IS  
DEGROWTH

Support collective action

# What do we want to do?



Test, experience and relate a diversity of approaches, content, tools and methodologies for training on degrowth

Build a framework to promote a continuous and cumulative learning process across different levels, actors and languages

Promote exchange, collaboration and co-production of degrowth knowledge commons (commons-based peer production)

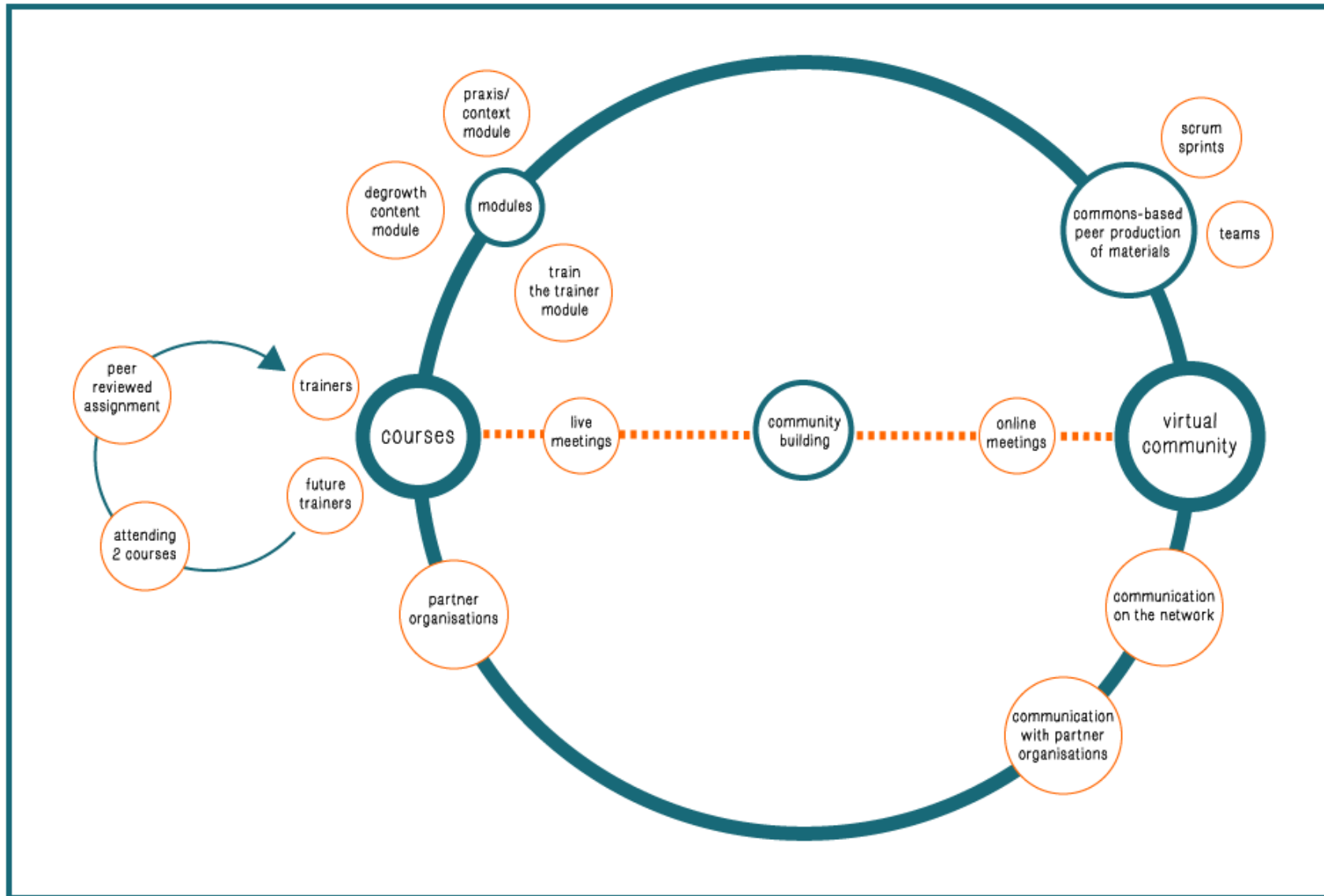
# Communities of practice



Lave, Jean, and Etienne Wenger. 1998.  
“Communities of Practice.”  
Social learning theory



# Community building Train-the trainer · CBPP





## Modules

***Train-the-trainer (TTT)***

***Degrowth core content***

Local economic alternatives

Mental infrastructures

Solidarity economy

Social dimension of agroecology

Degrowth & agriculture

Work in a degrowth society

Community building

Degrowth public policies

## Courses

*Berlin, Feb '14*

*Can Deceix, France, May '14*

*Valec, Czech Republic, Jun '14*

*Leipzig, Sep '14*

*Thessaloniki, Oct '14*

*Brussels, Nov '14*

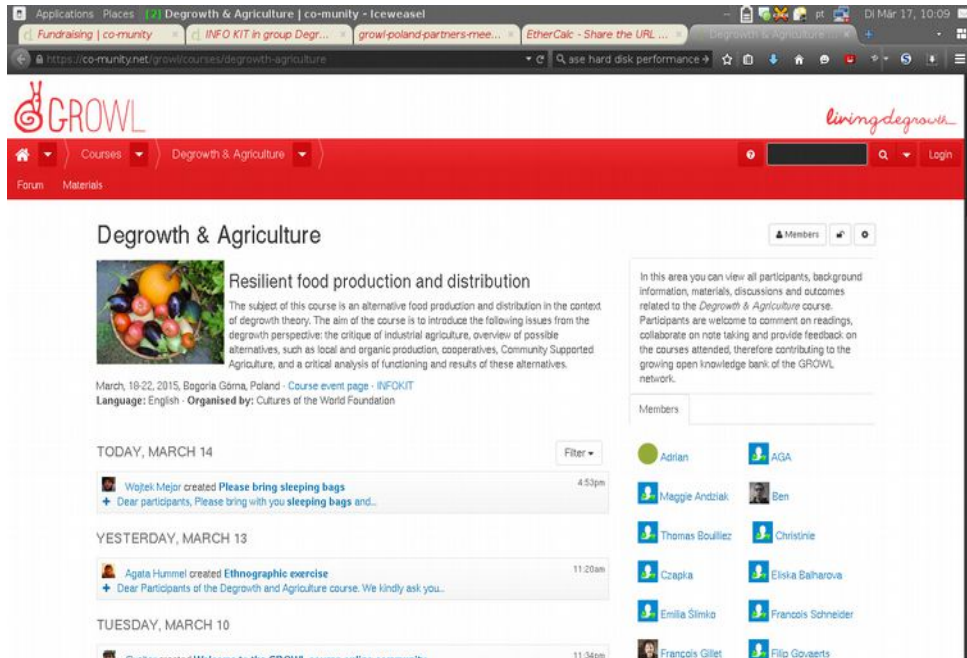
*Poland, Mar '15*

*Austria, Apr '15*

*Witzenhausen, Germany, Jun '15*

*Montemor-o-Novo, Portugal, Jul '15*

co-munity.net



Bootstrapping

ca. 5000 users

Communities:

- degrowth
- food sovereignty
- community-supported agriculture
- transition towns
- food coops

Drupal Open Atrium  
for the grassroots and  
community-based organisations

# Agile co-production Chronos ... Kairos



A screenshot of a Trello board titled "Current Sprint" for the organization "GROWL". The board is organized into four columns: "Sprint Backlog" (22.5 points), "In progress" (15 points), "Review" (8 points), and "Done" (12 points). The "Sprint Backlog" column contains several cards, including "Make Think About easily accessible on the platform" (0.5 points), "Presentation on how the network works" (5 points), "Course organisation checklist" (5 points), "register participants in future courses on the platform and inform them" (2 points), "Tutorial on the use of the platform" (3 points), "Presentations on degrowth made on other courses" (2 points), and "Introduction on the concepts of sources, strategies, narratives". The "In progress" column features a "degrowth" banner card, "Overview on the sources (original concerns) of degrowth" (5 points), "Text on the history of degrowth movement" (2 points), "Collect and prepare ideas for assignments" (1 point), and "List of readings on degrowth" (3 points). The "Review" column has "Comprehensive database of methodologies, experiences and materials" (5 points) and "What is GROWL, what you can do, on website" (2 points). The "Done" column includes "Print a Think-about" (0.5 points) with a flyer image, "GROWL flyer" (5 points), and "Define who is staying at the stand in Leipzig" (0.5 points). A right-hand sidebar shows a "Menu" with a "Members" grid (including ANT, AK, AM, JF, MW, MM, M, MT, N, SK, F, F, P, TW, AK, C, DG, ES, F, J, JF, KM, K, L, P, S, SB, SH, TB, TL) and an "Activity" log with entries like "Gualter moved (0.5) Define who is staying at the stand in Leipzig from Review to Done." and "Gualter converted Make it easily accessible on the platform from a checklist item on (0.5) Print a Think-about." The browser address bar shows "https://trello.com/b/vPV1u2M/current-sprint".



## Coming up

RELAIS network

Further development of co-munity

Interoperability with/integration of further services (e.g OwnCloud, plantei.eu)

Degrowth Portal

5th International Degrowth conference  
(Budapest, 2016)



## Open Questions

Focus on the current communities or broadening?

Interoperability and federation, where and how?

Apply to CAPS / join a CAPS?

## Needs

Drupal devs

Designers

Funding



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