

TRANSPATH'S THIRD NEWSLETTER

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Highlights

Introducing TRANSPATH's Conceptual Framework

Foundational deliverable

Since early in the project, TRANSPATH's Conceptual Framework (D1.1) has quietly anchored everything the consortium does — but it's never had a plain-language introduction, so here it is. Developed by Sustainability's J. David Tàbara together with Kovács, Karlsson-Vinkhuyzen and Ryan, the framework sets out how the project understands "transformative change": not incremental fixes, but system-wide shifts in the economic, governance and value structures that drive biodiversity loss and climate change.

The framework identifies where to look for leverage points. Leverage points are places in a system where a small, well-targeted intervention can produce outsized, positive change. This change occurs across consumer, producer and organisational levels. It is the conceptual backbone for every work package that follows, from trade policy to the Ghana cocoa fieldwork to the Transformative Navigation Toolkit.

Download the Conceptual Framework: <https://transpath.eu/library>

Transformative resilience: Steering the EU's sustainability transitions amidst polycrisis

24 June 2024 · European Environment Agency (EEA) report

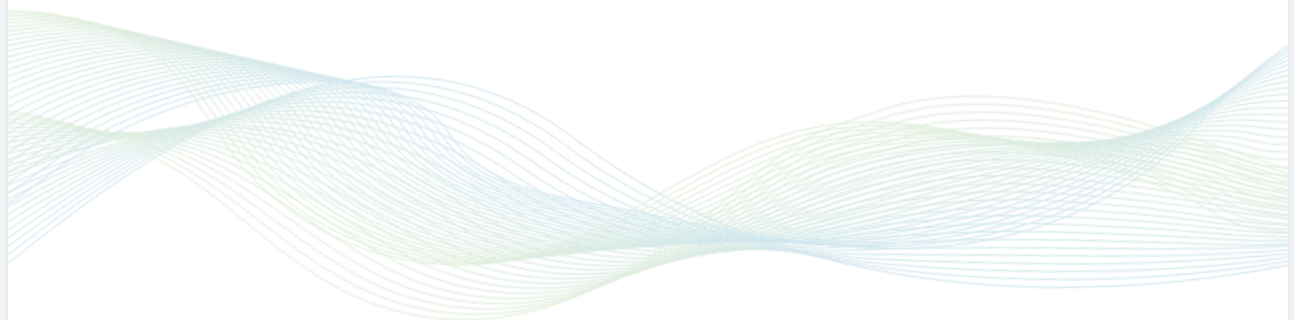
A new report from the European Environment Agency puts a name to the moment TRANSPATH works in every day: the "polycrisis", climate

change, biodiversity loss and pollution converging with economic and social pressures. The EEA argues that navigating this requires "transformative resilience": sustainability transitions that can absorb shocks while still pushing structural change forward, particularly in energy, the circular economy and the just transition.

The report's emphasis on participatory foresight, cross-institutional governance, and locally grounded capacity building closely mirrors TRANSPATH's own approach to identifying leverage points across the producer, consumer, and policy levels. This is a useful external validation of the project's direction at the mid-point of its research.

Read the EEA report:

<https://www.eea.europa.eu/publications/transformative-resilience-the-key-to-governing/>





TRANSPATH Showcased at World Biodiversity Forum 2024 in Davos

1 July 2024 · Davos, Switzerland

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TRANSPATH joined the World Biodiversity Forum 2024 alongside its transformative-change cluster partners, BioAgora, SELINA, CO-OP4CBD, RestCoast and Sponge Boost, sharing a stand with Pensoft Publishers where the team engaged researchers and policymakers on what transformative change for biodiversity looks like in practice.

Christian Neumann from the TRANSPATH project presented research at the forum, and an in-depth interview with him was in the works at the time of writing. The Davos gathering was a valuable opportunity for TRANSPATH to network with peer projects and highlight the project's early findings to a wider international audience.

Publications

TRANSPATH publications

D1.1 Conceptual Framework

Tàbara J.D., Kovács, Karlsson-Vinkhuyzen S., Ryan · TRANSPATH Deliverable D1.1 (2023)

The foundational framework introduced above.

Available on transpath.eu/library

D2.1 Roadmap for Science-Policy-Practitioner Lab Processes

Suchá, Schultzová, Kovács, Ryan, Kok, Harmáčková (GCRI/CzechGlobe) · TRANSPATH Deliverable D2.1 (2023)

Sets out how TRANSPATH's Science–Policy–Practitioner Labs are designed and run across the project's case studies.

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D4.1 Review of Policy Interventions in Trade, Finance & Commodity Chains

Alpízar F., Dingkuhn P., Nel J., Das U., Di Falco S. (Wageningen University & Research) · TRANSPATH Deliverable D4.1 (2023)

An early review of the trade, finance and commodity-chain levers TRANSPATH later builds on — including the groundwork for the Ghana cocoa traceability work.

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An EU Safe and Just Operating Space: Operationalising the Safe and Just Operating Space Framework for Transformative Change Planning in the European Union

Slob W. (supervisor: Karlsson-Vinkhuyzen S.) · MSc thesis, Wageningen University (2023)

Student spotlight: a Master's thesis applying TRANSPATH's "safe and just operating space" concept directly to EU policy planning.

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Relevant publications

Safe and Just Earth System Boundaries

Rockström J., Gupta J., Qin D. et al. (incl. Tàbara J.D.) · Nature (2023)

DOI: [10.1038/s41586-023-06083-8](https://doi.org/10.1038/s41586-023-06083-8)

Research Priorities for Global Food Security Under Extreme Events

Various · One Earth (2023)

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Governing for Transformative Change Across the Biodiversity–Climate–Society Nexus

Various · One Earth (2023)

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Upcoming events

COP16 — UN Biodiversity Conference

21 October – 1 November 2024

Cali, Colombia

COP29 — UN Climate Change Conference

11 – 22 November 2024

Baku, Azerbaijan

5th ESP Europe Conference — Ecosystem Services: One Planet, One Health

18 – 22 November 2024

Wageningen, the Netherlands



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