

Session 11: Mission-orientation in local economic development

Key points from the discussion

Thesis 1

Sustainability concepts (e.g. Doughnut Economics) remain abstract and not tailored to the local level, although they are expected to implement missions. The greater the need for translation or adaptation and the lower the resources for it, the lower the manageability and attractiveness of the approach for municipalities

Thesis 2

Mission orientation in local economic development requires the innovative capacity of local economic development agencies, which involves a focus on new topics, openness to new stakeholders and transformative learning in the own organization.

Thesis 3

Participative governance is a tool for achieving missions for sustainability at a local level. It requires, however, high levels of transparency, joint responsibility and active engagement of all the actors.