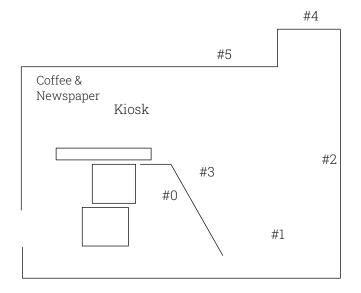


# Fintopia

Rethinking money and its systems



#### #0

# Continuing as before: Expected dystopia, 2050 Entrance option, knowledge base Money & Planet

The entry to the exhibition is basically free of charge, but not for nothing: it costs the examination of scenario #0 - the probable future that will occur if we continue on our current trajectory.

What awaits us if we don't take constructive action is a blow to the mind. With sufficient financial resources, we may seem to be able to overlook this. But the problems of the future will catch up all the more quickly. Because they have to do with today's money ...

## #1

# The Swiss New Banking: Virtue-based Finance Timeline of historical events, 2049

What will the history of the Swiss financial center look like, twenty-five years from now, if it will have made a substantial contribution to overcoming planetary challenges?

The Fintopia collective has put on rose-tinted glasses for the scenario: it will get by without a major crash. Is it believable? Does it make sense? Does it go far enough to protect our planet?

#### #2

#### **Diversity beats Growth: Beyond Growth, 2023/24 Collective perpetual drawing, diversity simulation** Collaboration with Rudolf Guhl

Participation welcome! Please fold, cut, merge and redesign. Resources can be found in the toolbox. How many possibilities can we get from one sheet of paper?

To act according to scientific and human rights principles in our economic activities would mean accepting limits: planetary boundaries and social minimum foundations.

Would that mean an economic standstill? According to the mathematical principle of convolution, it is the boundaries that span the space of motion in between. Erroneous directions are rerouted, and monolithic excesses branch out when they reach their limits.

What limits do we need in order to create a sustainable and diverse space of possibilities?

## #3

# Caring Commons: Demonetarization Research Wall, 2023; diary entries, 2047

Historian and journalist Emilia Rossi examines our near past for her book "A civilization on the quest for a Caring Society". With her research wall, she uses projects and ideas from the year 2023 to show what was already visible and liveable back then and contrasts these approaches with Eira Aleka's diary entries.

Eira Aleka, born in 2001, experienced this transformation first-hand: as a nurse in the healthcare sector, she was directly affected by the care crisis and the subsequent strikes of the Twenties. Eira later took an activist role in shaping the #Care4Life movement and thus also the introduction of community service. Today - at the age of 47 - Eira has been able to stop wage labor completely and works as a Commons Caregiver.

#### #4 Moneta seeds: Green Gold Rush, 2049 Plant seeds, information boards, safety equipment

Many habitats are ecologically depleted or even on the verge of collapse. But what if there was money to be made from the proven health of an ecosystem?

Let's imagine sensitive plants (Monetae) that only grow their highly valuable crops (Moneta seeds) in healthy ecosystems and thereby trigger something like an ecological gold rush: regenerative instead of extractive.

Or to put it another way: how do we manage to assign a justified value to a healthy nature?

#5 - Global

#### **The Finto: Currency for Planet, 2048 Currency bulletin, Interview** Collaboration with the Amt für Zukunft

Since the mid-2040s, also the Finto is considered a global key currency. It is created through planetary positive activities.

In the past, money was mainly issued through bank loans. Today, it is assumed that this debt-based pressure for "more" led to the extractive economic activities - and thus to the planetary crisis.

As a counterpoint, in 2023 the Finto - based on the Modern Money Theory - was developed for ecological and social impact: Money is created through planetarily significant projects (e.g. renaturation) and effects (e.g. sequestered CO<sub>2</sub>).

Mil Hagenberg (\*2004) is a Finto billionaire. In the interview, he explains how it all started, what benefits he sees from the Finto and where it should be headed in the future.

## #5 - Local The Finto: Currency for Planet, 2023 Issuing counter

In Fintopia, it is possible to create Fintos for the first time. Choose from a set of individual transformations!

Promise a change in behavior that is good for our planet or our society - be it in your private or professional domain. In return, you will receive newly minted Fintos.

Fintos are cash - at least in Fintopia, where all items in the kiosk can exclusively be purchased with FIT.

# Kiosk

Our kiosk only accepts cash in FIT. Change only if available!

1 FIT (Finto International Transformation Currency) equals currently approximately 3 CHF and can be purchased in scenario #5 or (as long as available) from the exhibition staff in exchange for CHF.

# The Better Times: Newspaper for Economy, Community & Environment, Issue 31.12. 2049

Collaboration of Kollektiv Fintopia with the Turing Agency and Büro Haeberli.

In the year 2049, we hope to be living in "The Better Times". This journal brings news from that very future. Other futures are also conceivable, worse ones anyway, and possibly even a few better ones.

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