

livingdegrowth



A network
to learn and
build knowledge
on degrowth

An introduction

Solidarity & Cooperative Economy

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Why learn for degrowth?



Promote exchange between theory and practice

Systematise and reproduce successful experiences

Reduce resource use and ecological footprints

Reduce dependency from economic growth

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Bring together
practitioners, activists and
academics on agroecology
and degrowth

Create space for
collaboration and exchange

Loose and informal
network (of people,
projects, networks)

Non-hierarchical structure



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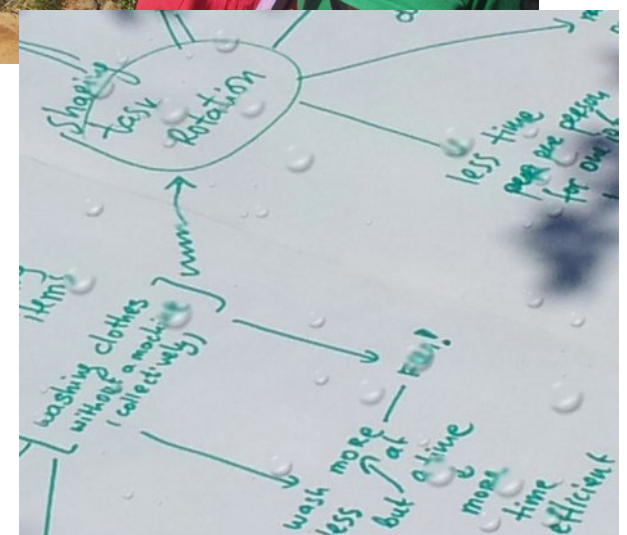
Meeting degrowth theory and its multiple praxis

Building a network of degrowth trainers

Developing curricula for training and education for degrowth

Creating Free/Libre/Open Knowledge on degrowth

Supporting and joining degrowth hubs for learning and research



“Degrowth Innovations”



Nowtopias

- Permaculture
- Urban gardening
 - Community gardening
 - Guerrilla gardening
 - Edible cities
- Ecological villages
- Community-supported agriculture
- Farmer-consumer community food networks

Different fields of research

- Mental infrastructures
- Work



Issues with the continuity of the learning process and threats to collective action:

- Atomization and dispersion of initiatives
- Lack of common framework capable of addressing complex political issues at multiple scales
- Contradictions between different actors and positions threaten collective action

Learning and innovation

Diversity of actors as a key feature

Sustainability dialectics

How to support a fruitful exchange and promote a continuous knowledge building process?



Postnormal science

Expert-lay knowledge divide

Extended peer community (Funtowicz & Ravetz, 1994)

- consisting not merely of persons with some form or other of institutional accreditation (stakeholders), but rather of all those with a desire to participate in the resolution of the issue” (Ravetz, 1999)

Diversity and context-dependence

- Diversity of strategies for degrowth
- Different persons => Different skills

New learning processes?



Overcome limitations of conventional systems of learning

- Building communities of students and scholars is as important as providing access to educational content
- Involvement of participants in the development of learning approaches

Communities of practice

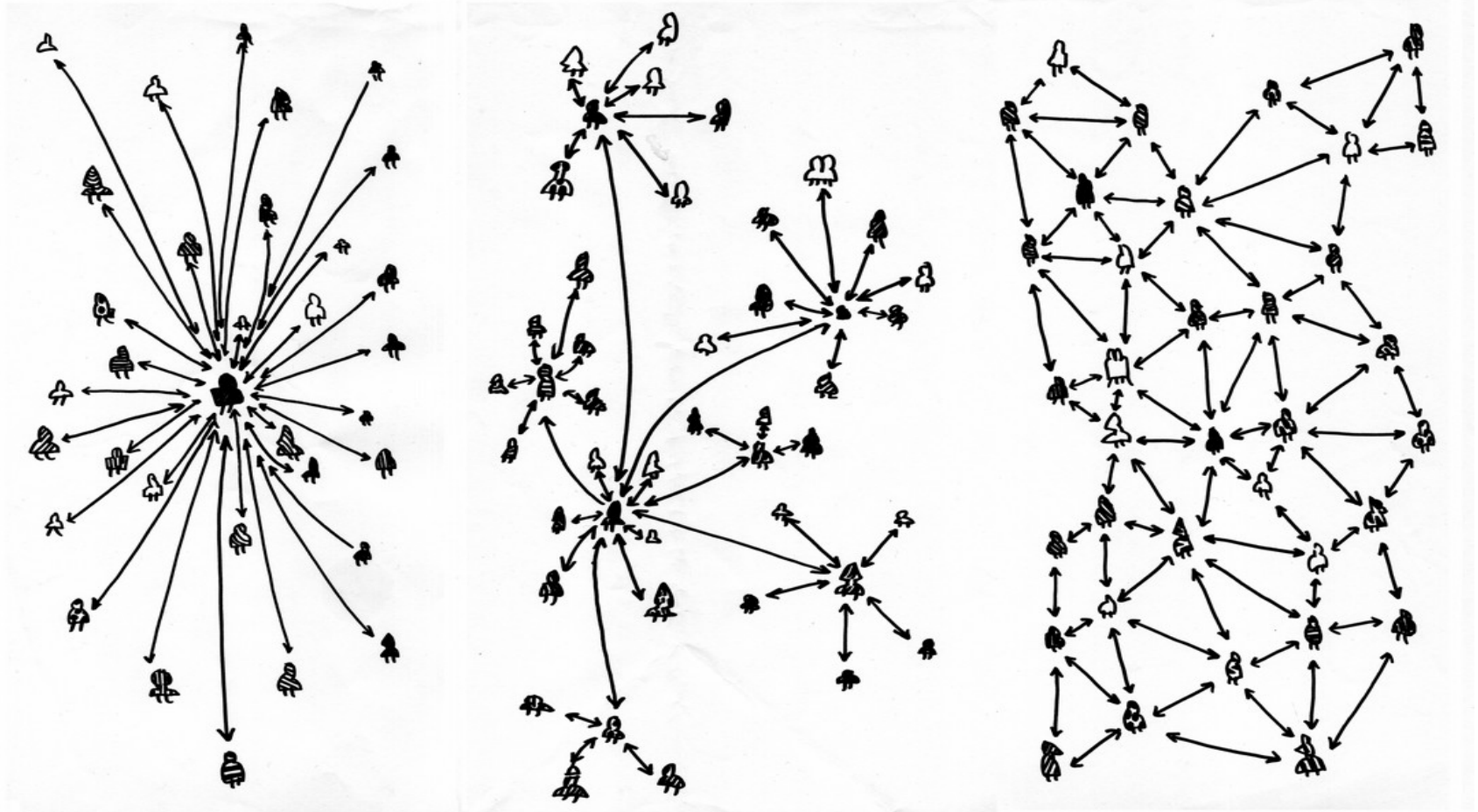


Lave, Jean, and Etienne Wenger. 1998.
“Communities of Practice.”
Social learning theory



From school to P2P

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Commoning

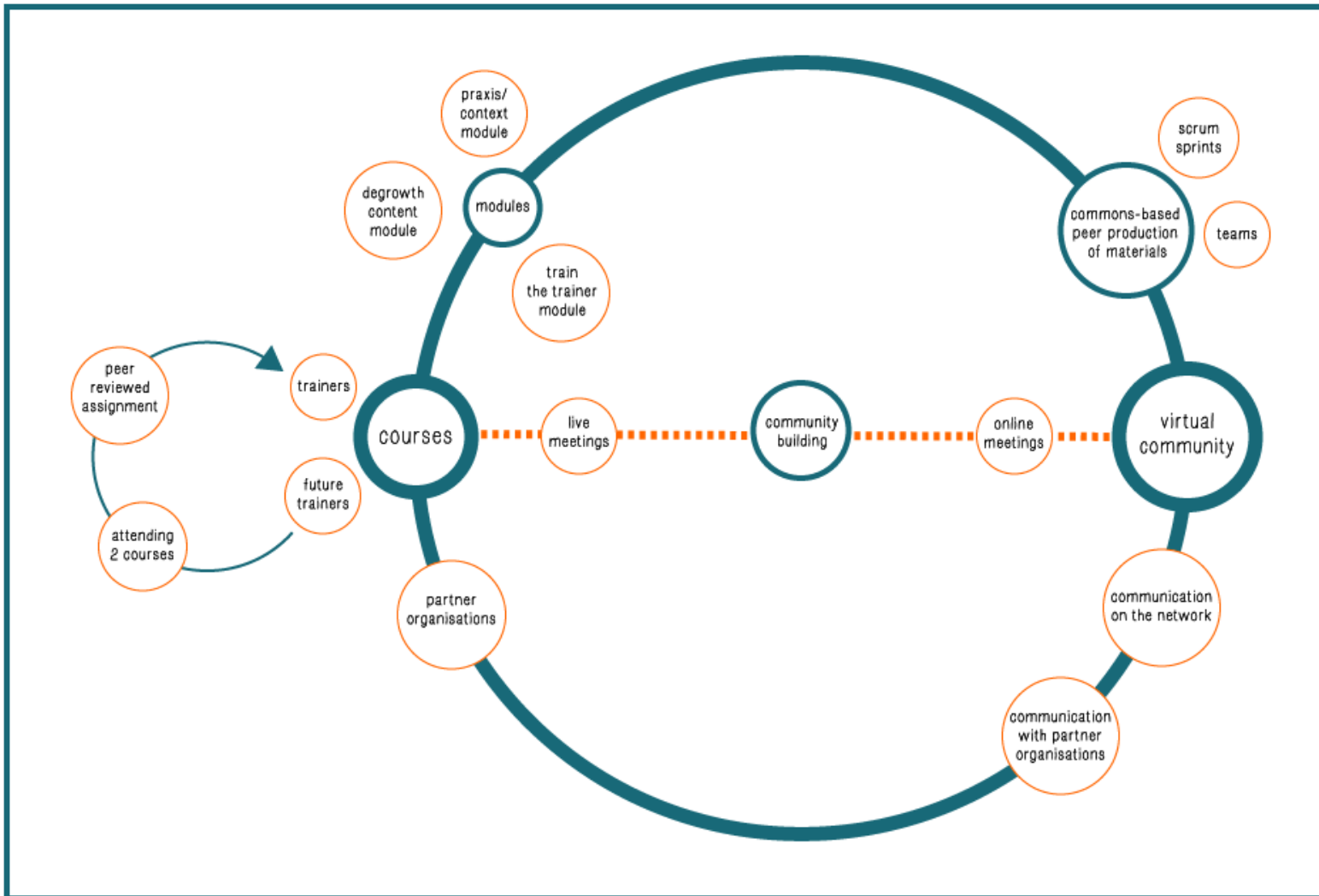
„the action of the multitude in their effort to reappropriate spaces and resources in order to transform them in commons“

Open access and open knowledge creation communities

Commons-Based Peer Production

- groups of individuals join to work together to produce information, knowledge or cultural goods from and for the commons (Benkler and Nissenbaum, 2006)

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Modules

Train-the-trainer (TTT)

Degrowth core content

Local economic alternatives

Mental infrastructures

Solidarity economy

Social dimension of agroecology

Work in a degrowth society

Degrowth & agriculture

Community building

Degrowth public policies

Courses

Berlin, Feb '14

Can Decreix, France, May '14

Valec, Czech Republic, Jun '14

Leipzig, Sep '14

Thessaloniki, Oct '14

Brussels, Nov '14

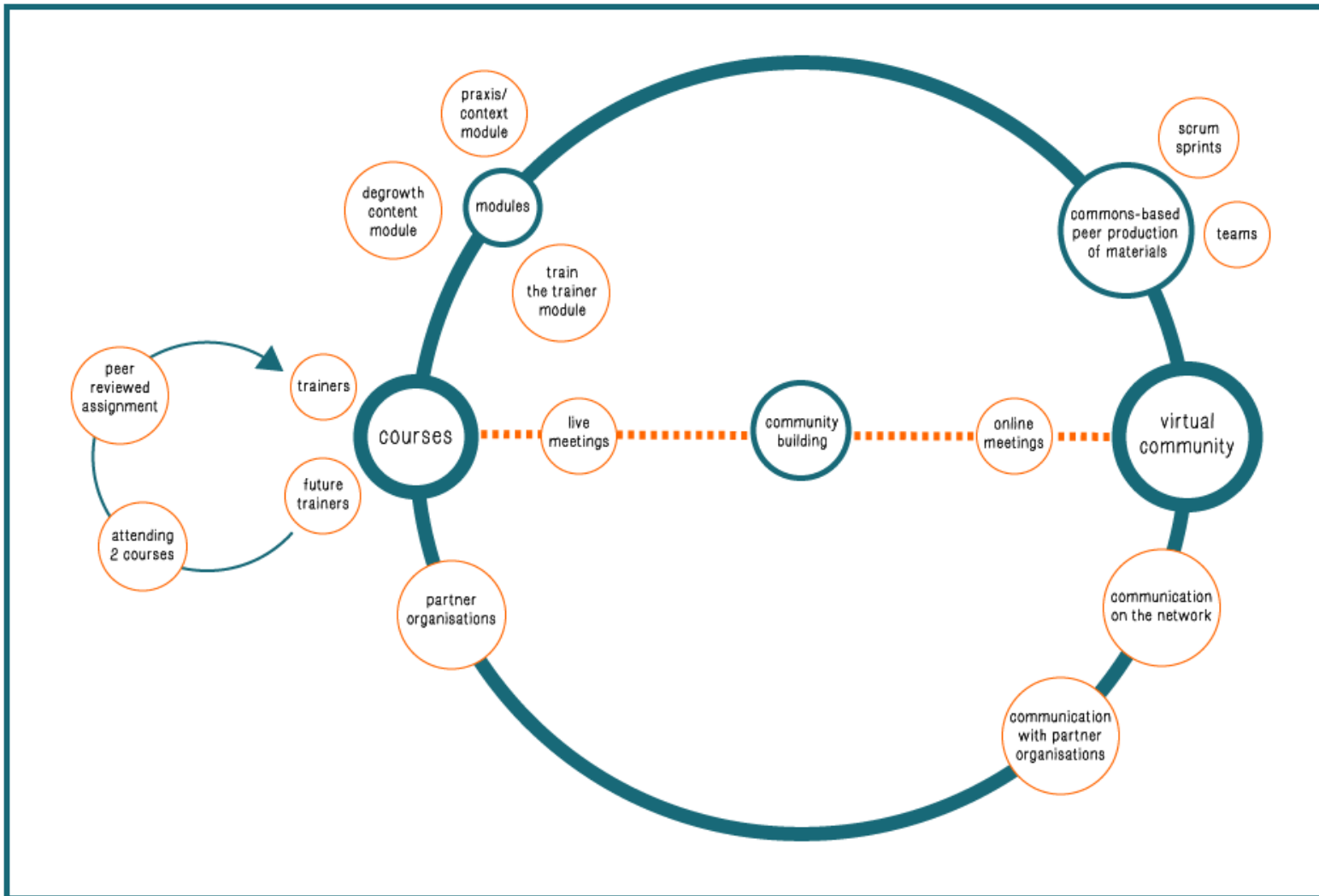
Poland, Mar '15

Austria, Apr '15

Witzenhausen, Germany, Jun '15

Montemor-o-Novo, Portugal, Jul '15

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Becoming a trainer on degrowth



- take part in at least two GROWL courses
- prepare an assignment between the two courses, which includes content development and a course/workshop proposal connected with the chosen topic
- present it to the network and at the second GROWL course
- get a positive feedback from the GROWL community and two assigned reviewers

co-munity (2.0)



GROWL is a pan-European project designed to form a network of trainers for degrowth. Academics, practitioners at the grass-roots level, researchers and political activists, among others, form a part of this network that aims at a plural and diverse skill and knowledge exchange, to support a major transition towards degrowth and a sustainable and fulfilling society.

GROWL's concrete objective is to provide tools for positive change in individual lives and overall society, in response/as an alternative to the multi-dimensional crises (economic, social, ecological, human) that currently confront Europe.

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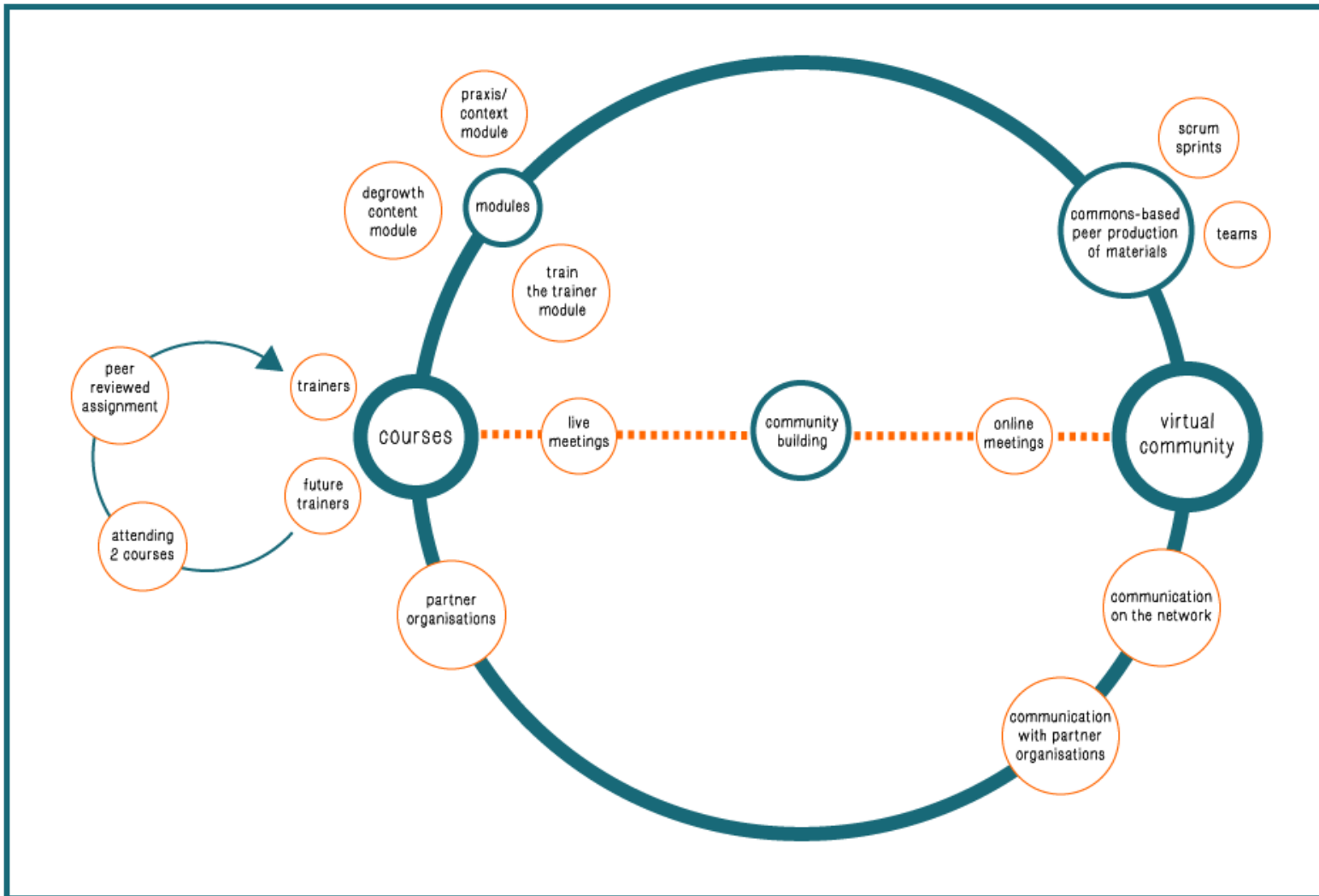
- About GROWL
- Courses and events calendar
- Apply to courses
- Course areas
- Donkey tour
- Methodologies

You are the group manager

Upcoming Events

Event Date	Title	Body	Location	Event Time
Sep 02	"Mental Infrastructures and Degrowth Transformation"	The course "Mental Infrastructures and Degrowth Transformation" will take place in Leipzig from September 2nd to September 11th. It is built around the IV. International Conference on Degrowth for Ecological Sustainability and Social Equity (http://leipzig.degrowth.org/en/).	Augustusplatz 10, 04109 Leipzig Sehliser Str. 31, 04425 Taucha	4:00pm to 5:00pm
Oct 01	Solidarity & Cooperative Economy	WEDNESDAY 1 OCTOBER ARRIVAL OF PARTICIPANTS	Thessaloniki, Greece	(All day)

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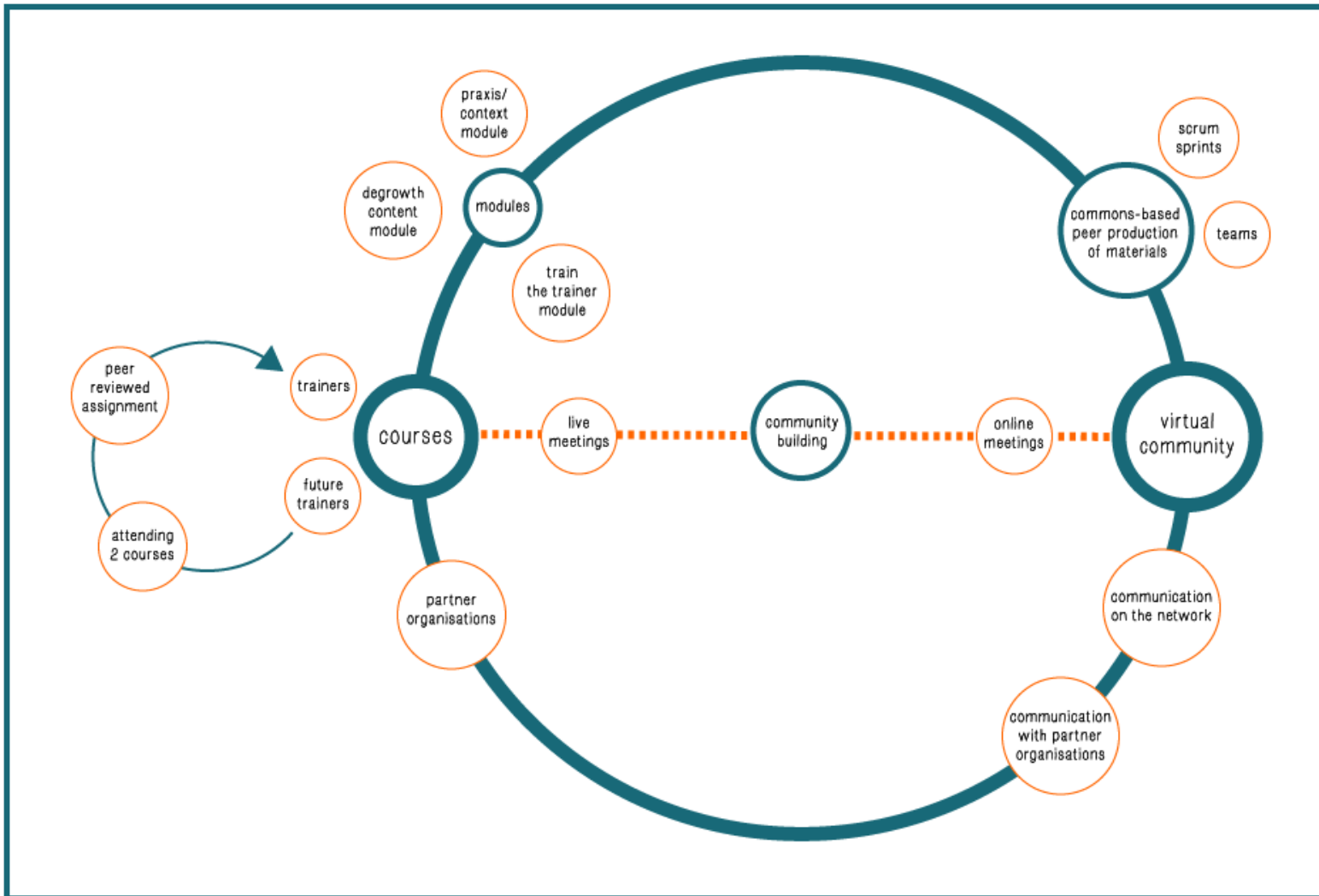
Sprints

co-producing knowledge



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 with titles like "Make Think About easily accessible on the platform" and "Presentation on how the network works". The "In progress" column features a card titled "degrowth" with a colorful graphic and another card "Text on the history of degrowth movement". The "Review" column has a card "Comprehensive database of methodologies, experiences and materials" and "What is GROWL, what you can do, on website". The "Done" column includes a card "Print a Think-about" with a flyer image, "GROWL flyer", and "Define who is staying at the stand in Leipzig". On the right side, there is a "Members" section with a grid of user avatars and an "Activity" section showing recent actions like "Gualter moved (0.5) Define who is staying at the stand in Leipzig from Review to Done". The browser's address bar shows the URL "https://trello.com/b/vPV1lu2M/current-sprint".

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Be a part of it!



learn about degrowth theory and practice



become a degrowth trainer



use & co-produce training methodologies and materials



join a donkey caravan!

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