

"IMAGINE: Nature as a legal person

... Enabled by research on rights for all for a new life in harmony"

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Nature receives personal rights

In the future, an alternative economic model will emerge that is based on a revolutionary concept concept: nature is granted legal personal rights that guarantee it the right to exist, thrive and regenerate. Inspired by existing approaches in Latin America, this model goes far beyond this and places the relationship between the economy, society and the environment on a completely new basis.

In this utopian scenario, nature is no longer seen as a mere resource to be utilized and exploited, but rather to be used and exploited, but as an essential partner with its own rights. Companies and private individuals have a legal obligation to consider the impact of their actions on the and ensure that their activities do not violate the rights of nature. This is leading to a profound change in the way economic decisions are made and is forcing decisions are made and forces all players to place sustainability and environmental protection at the environmental protection at the heart of their strategies.

Participation of civil society

Another key element of this model is the active participation of civil society and indigenous communities in indigenous communities in decisions that affect the environment. The involvement of these groups in the decision-making process ensures that a variety of perspectives are taken into perspectives are taken into account and the deep connections between people and their natural are recognized. This promotes a culture of coexistence and respect for nature that goes far beyond the boundaries of traditional economic models.

In this utopia, recognizing the rights of nature leads to a world where economic progress and environmental protection go hand in hand. Companies flourish because of their innovative and sustainable approaches, while at the same time natural ecosystems are protected and regenerated. Society is developing a new

awareness of the importance of nature, which is reflected in a respectful and responsible approach to the environment.

This alternative economic model shows a way for humanity to live in harmony with nature and create a sustainable future for all living beings on our planet.

Research at the site

- ***Research Center for Climate Law - ClimLaw: University of Graz: <https://climlaw.uni-graz.at/en/>***
- ***Department of Environmental Systems Sciences, University of Graz: <https://ess.uni-graz.at/en/>***