EnaBanda is a collective working on cultural and research activities looking into challenging debt economy and strengthening thinking about degrowth. On one hand, to question the limits of economic growth within understanding of the challenges faced by society and environment, and, on the other hand, to note, analyse and catalyse dialogue about debt politics and policy proposals. Enabanda's research interest is debt economy within a concept of degrowth. During the financial crises years, we took part at the European initiative TroikaWatch as a national contact point and contributor. In 2015 the case study was conducted Impact of International Finance and other Institutions on Key Policies of Slovenia. Nevertheless, since the beginning of 2016, EnaBanda is a project partner in the project CSOs as Equal Partners in the Monitoring of Public Finance from countries mostly from the Balkan region. During the project years the Report: Slovenian Public Debt and a policy paper on Slovenian Household indebtedness were published. Nowadays, we are taking part within greater coalition working on Citizens for Financial Justice. On the degrowth side, last year we edited special edition of the Journal for the Critique of Science, Imagination, and New Anthropology (ČKZ), on Degrowth, and one of the articles within the edition was also on Debt Economy. We were initiators of FB group ODRAST as well as coordinators of the Slovenian translation of the book Degrowth: a Vocabulary for the New Era, where our researcher wrote a Forward to the edition. We were also among team members of an organizing committee for the International Degrowth Conference in 2016 and a participant from Venice's one on. In the last couple of years EnaBanda's Film and Video production has been devoted to producing documentaries and short fiction films. Its most recent short documentary Fundaments (2018) premiered at the Sarajevo film festival won the reword for the Best short film at the Zagreb film festival 2019, it has been selected to over 10 international film festivals. Some of the most notable films that EnaBanda also produced are Utopia in Green (2013), Manhole (2015) and City of Light (2017). Moreover, EnaBanda is one of the organizers of the annual 3-days script writing workshop for short films - »Kratka scena« - based in Ljubljana in the framework of the Short film festival - FEKK.

At the Winter Green Academy in November 2019 EnaBanda will convene a discussing and thinking Working Group on Degrowth and Debt that will be scheduled for the 2nd day of the Academy.

The Working Group on Degrowth and Debt will serve as a kind of platform for developing progressive thought(s), and for movements seeking to answer the growing challenges related to the field of financialization, indebtedness, power of finance, debt audit, debt cancellation prosperity without growth, (direct) democracy, social inequality, anti-austerity politics, etc. The topics will illustrate regional characteristics, but will also go beyond it to understand power dynamics that are inheritable from the EU and international level.

We want to discuss and further develop approaches as well as strategies that empower us in our struggles, allow us to change the balance of power and open up spaces for debates and actions. The Working group will be a step towards creating a permanent epistemic community, and establishing debt and degrowth network for strengthening cooperation and learning from each other. In this way, the group will establish networking of various actors on financial justice, raise awareness for the issues and its alternatives from theory as well as practice. It could form alliances among networks of networks and these are fundamental to weave the alternatives and foster systemic changes.

Three key note speakers will offer three different dimensions of the debt talks, debt questions and its alternatives. We will discuss about strengthening the power of European CSOs, working as part of a global movement to push governments and powerful institutions to adopt transformative changes to the financial system. By calling for calls for binding set of standards to define and ensure responsible lending
and borrowing; an independent and fair procedure for debt resolution, which should assess the legitimacy and the sustainability of countries’ debt burdens; a human rights based approach to debt sustainability; and cancellation of unsustainable and unjust debts. That could help to achieve ending debt crises that hinder prosperity, and financial sector rules that promote prosperity and do no harm.

One of the focuses will be (il)legitimate public debt (as seen in the case of Greece). The aim will be to speak about the processes of creation and growth of public debt, the way and reasons for which debt is contracted, and its impacts - how conditionality attached to the loans have on the economy and society. We would like to discuss and rethink the (il)legitimacy of debt: when the debt obligation can be seen as illegal, illegitimate, odious and unsustainable and therefore canceled. Human lives and human rights should not be jeopardized through procedures of debt repayment which are clearly unconstitutional, illegal, violation of international law and human rights law and extortional.

Furthermore, there is debate about whether economic growth can continue and increasing evidence that the pace of growth in industrialised economies is environmentally unsustainable. This has renewed debates about whether the current economic system based on interest-bearing debt can be made viable in a post-growth scenario. In addition, there has been renewed focus on the problem that declining growth tends to lead to increasing inequality, with the implication that socially unsustainable levels of inequality may result from prolonged periods of low or negative growth.

The key note speakers at the module Degrowth and Debt will be three prominent and radical thinkers.

- **Zoe Konstantopoulou** is human rights lawyer and politician. She served as a president of the Greek parliament over the first seven months of SYRIZA government in 2015. In that time she has also been presiding the Truth Committee on Public Debt, which was transformed into a citizens' association when the Government tried to shut it down after the September 2015 elections. During the last six years she has been presenting at international fora injustices against the Greek People, and the economic and political dictatorship imposed upon Greece by its creditors and the banking system. Konstantopoulou is leading the political movement Course to Freedom, initiated in April 2016, as an open, direct-democracy movement, with the major goals to fight for democracy, justice, transparency, human rights, the abolition of illegal debt and the claiming of the German reparations for WW1-WW2.

- **Jean Saldanh**, Director or **Mark Perrera**, Senior Networking and Advocacy Officer. They both work at Eurodad (the European Network on Debt and Development), it is a network of 50 CSOs from 20 European countries. Eurodad works for transformative yet specific changes to global and European policies, institutions, rules and structures to ensure a democratically controlled, environmentally sustainable financial and economic system that works to eradicate poverty and ensure human rights for all. The main institutions targeted by the Eurodad network include European governments, the World Bank, the United Nations, International Monetary Fund and the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development.

- **Tilman Hartley** is a visiting researcher at the Institute for Environmental Science and Technology (ICTA) at the Autonomous University of Barcelona. A political scientist by training, he researches debt in non-growing economies with the aim of finding out what kind of financial institutions might be compatible with a more environmentally and socially sustainable economy.

The format of the module will have two parts. The first part will be made of three lectures of the three invited guest speakers, each for 45 minutes. That will serve as introduction to their topic, getting the concrete knowledge basis for deeper understanding and for further discussions (for the second part of the
module). It will serve as upgrade for knowledge advancement and a creation of a more systematic production of knowledge. At the end of each lecture there will be 15 minutes for a debate.

The second part will be much more participatory and inclusive for participants of the Academy. The idea is that there will be three smaller groups each facilitated by one of the guest speakers. Each group will be working on one issue/question (selected by the guest speaker) and try to tackle it as a group, and by the end of the workshop come up with a concrete proposals (45 minutes). Moreover, each group will present to the other two their thinking flows, questions, issues, and explain final proposals (30 minutes). These will be followed by a wider discussion (15 minutes). For summing up, the all three guest speakers will be asked to share their view points about the workshop, to share a feedback from working in a smaller group and try to identify the dynamics that could create the momentum for a transformation favourable to systemic change (20 minutes). The last 10 minutes will be for the final questions from participants of the module. In this context, we want to discuss and further develop approaches, strategies that empower us in our struggles, allow us to change the balance of power and open up spaces for debates as well as actions.