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# About urbaMonde

## A city produced by and for their inhabitants

Alongside public and private sector-led urban development, the city is also built by its inhabitants, from the bottom-up.

Urban dwellers organize, plan, finance, build and manage housing developments, and common spaces take the lead to improve their neighborhoods.

Supported by financial means and appropriate policies, **this Social Production of Habitat (SPH) results in more sustainable, inclusive and affordable urban spaces and housing solutions**, meeting the needs of the inhabitants.

Convinced that the inhabitants and final users of urban spaces should be at the center of all processes that produce the city, urbaMonde's mission is to support the groups of inhabitants who carry out SPH projects and who are committed to making their cities more sustainable and

inclusive and to implement the right to the city and to adequate housing.

UrbaMonde operates in Switzerland and in France, by offering technical support to public actors in participative urban development projects, **as well as to groups of inhabitants implementing collaborative housing solutions, while promoting innovation in non-speculative land management and the access to affordable housing finance.**

The association also supports groups of vulnerable inhabitants in their collaborative housing projects, through international cooperation projects in Africa, Latin America and Asia. To this end, **it promotes innovation in land and financial management tools, documentation, exchange of experiences and networking.**



Since 2014, urbaMonde coordinates the CoHabitat Network, an international network of organizations and actors in the collaborative housing sector.

### The tools of CoHabitat



Open Database



Network Awards



Regional Meetings



Habitat Solidarity Fund

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# Foreword

**As the second year of the COVID-19 pandemic, 2021 required urbaMonde to be flexible and adaptable.**

In spite of the ups and downs, 2021 proved to be a solid year for our association: most of our activities were successfully carried out, we finalised the reorganisation of the French team and were able to return to the field, especially in Dakar. What a pleasure to be back with our partners!

Publication of studies, webinars, workshops, conferences, media coverage and various collaborations: we have gained visibility both at the Franco-Swiss and international levels, and have been able to strengthen our links with organised groups of inhabitants, with our operational partners in our fields of intervention, as well as with the academic world.

The global challenges, accentuated by the context of pandemics and climate change, confirm the urgency of implementing the right to the city and the right to adequate housing.

They reinforce our conviction that the inhabitants and end-users of the urban space must be the bearers of adapted, solidarity-based and innovative solutions and **must be at the heart of the processes that produce the city and its habitat.**

This is why, in 2021, urbaMonde has continued its commitment to sustainable cities produced by and for their inhabitants, in particular by strengthening its work in support of disadvantaged communities and their collective actions in favour of more inclusive, more resilient housing accessible to all.

**Local and international solidarity remains at the heart of our activities as a central issue for co-creating and sharing effective solutions to current and future challenges.**

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# ACRONYMS

**ABZ**

Allgemeine Baugenossenschaft Zürich

**ACHR**

Asian Coalition for Housing Rights

**AFD**

French Development Agency

**CHI**

Co-operative Housing International

**CLT**

Community Land Trust

**CVAM**

Mutual Aid Housing Cooperatives

**ENFORMA**

National Training School of FUCVAM

**FEDEVACO**

Federation of Cooperation Vaud

**FGC**

Federation of Cooperation Geneva

**FHaS**

Habitat Solidarity Fund

**FPH**

Charles Léopold Mayer Foundation  
for the progress of mankind

**FSH**

Senegalese Federation of Inhabitants

**FUCVAM**

Uruguayan Federation of Housing  
Cooperatives for Mutual Aid

**SDI**

Slum Dwellers International

**SPH**

Social Production of Habitat



# PROFESSIONAL SUPPORT FOR LOCAL STAKEHOLDERS

# Latin America

*New project*

## Implementation and dissemination of a Community Land Trust model in Brazil

**With the support of the FGC and in the framework of a collaboration between urbaMonde and Comunidades Catalisadoras, this new international cooperation project aims at promoting land security and strengthening vulnerable urban communities through the development of a Community Land Trust in Brazil.**

By opposing real estate speculation and preventing evictions, the CLT model combines collective land management with individual residents' interests through a proprietary arrangement, in which collective land ownership is combined with individual building ownership. The adaptation of the CLT model to

the Brazilian reality is very important in the context of favelas and informal settlements where the risks of forced displacement are very present, as well as gentrification once the land is regularized.

Once implemented, the collective ownership of land promoted by the CLT guarantees the permanence of the inhabitants in these communities while keeping the buildings protected from real estate speculation, thus ensuring safe and affordable housing in perpetuity. In addition, the collective management of land favours community development, **ensures the control of the territory by its residents and strengthens their power of advocacy with**

**public authorities.** This new three-year project has been formulated throughout 2021, for a start in January 2022.

Over the next three years, Comunidades Catalisadoras will carry out activities targeting the dissemination of the model at the regional and national levels; the identification and mobilization of pilot communities interested in implementing a CLT in their territories; the formulation of an institutional and legal framework regulating the model at the national and regional levels; and technical support to organizations and groups interested in the model in the Brazilian territory.

## Support for the development of housing cooperatives in Uruguay, Paraguay, Bolivia and Peru

**With the support of the FGC and FEDEVACO, urbaMonde and the Uruguayan Federation of Mutual Aid Housing Cooperatives (FUCVAM) have joined forces in an international cooperation project aimed at strengthening and developing the mutual aid cooperative model (MAHC) in Uruguay, Paraguay, Bolivia and Peru,** through its replication and consolidation of the movement at national and regional levels.

Based on the principles of direct democracy, mutual aid, collective ownership and self-management, this model emphasises the participation of the inhabitants in the entire process of producing their hous-

ing and allows low-income people to access suitable housing without prior savings.

A second three-year phase was launched in June 2019, with the aim of strengthening the achievements and continuing to support the work of FUCVAM and its National Training School (ENFORMA). The focus is on popular education and training of inhabitants in the MAHC model, as well as on documentation, exchange of experiences and raising awareness of public authorities about the potential of the model.

**2020 and 2021 have been two particularly complicated years for this project due to the limitations**

**imposed by the COVID-19 pandemic.** With the closure of national borders, the project has been heavily impacted in terms of its regional activities. The pandemic situation, in addition to the political and economic crises affecting the countries involved in the project, forced FUCVAM to put several activities on hold and to concentrate its efforts in its struggle to maintain and improve the conditions of access to subsidies for Uruguayan MAHCs. Links with actors in Paraguay, Bolivia and Peru were maintained at a distance. In each of these countries, the inhabitants of the MAHCs **continued to show great solidarity with each other and with the other inhabitants of their neighbourhoods.**



## Highlights of the year

- » The publication of a collective work « Los de arriba, estudios sobre la riqueza en Uruguay », produced in collaboration with the University of Montevideo, printed in 2,000 copies and debated in five open access online discussions.
- » Two international online seminars, with more than 140 participants from different countries, on topics such as the history of the MAHC model, political instruments, women and cooperativism, and popular education.
- » An international meeting between young professionals and activists of the Latin American MAHC movement in Mexico City in September, where they participated in the Palo Alto cooperative project.

## Implementation of the EcoQuartier methodology in Mexico

**On request of the French Ministry of Territorial Cohesion, urbaMonde carried out a mission to support the State of Campeche and the Agglomeration of La Rochelle - its decentralised cooperation partner- in the implementation of the ecoQuartier approach.**

Following the adaptation of the ecoQuartier methodology to the historic district of San Antonio in Cali, Colombia, the mission consisted of exploring the possibilities of applying this approach to the Mirador district in San Francisco de Campeche. Informally settled, without public infrastructure, this area close to the centre represents a potential **for participatory and sustainable de-**

**velopment**, provided that all stakeholders are involved from the beginning of the process.

In this exploratory mission, urbaMonde carried out **a mapping of actors and served as an interpreter of planning practices in France and Mexico.**

A specific project perimeter was integrated into the sector's Partial Urban Development Plan, in order to protect the land from speculation and to envisage a collaborative development of the Mirador in the future.

In 2022, the technical services of the La Rochelle Agglomeration will con-

tinue to work with the city and state of Campeche on this ambitious eco-neighbourhood project.



# Central America

## Support to the development of housing cooperatives in Nicaragua

**This project supports the dissemination of the mutual aid housing cooperative model in the department of Matagalpa, Nicaragua**, through the support of the technical team of the Multipro service cooperative. The project began in 2015 with the support of FGC and FEDEVACO, and a new three-year phase has been accepted (2021-2024).

By the end of 2021, six cooperatives are organised and consolidated in the municipalities of Matagalpa, San Dionisio, Esquipulas and La Dalia. They have their own central office (CECOVI), which allows them to have a better impact on public authorities and municipalities, as well as a local revolving fund that facilitates the purchase of land. **Three new cooperatives are in the making.**

### Highlights of the year

- » The construction of a model earthen house; this experience allows the members of the San Dionisio cooperative to pronounce the validity of this technology and its possible extension to other cooperatives.
- » The realisation of the Second National Congress of Social Housing, in collaboration with the National University of Engineering, to continue building alliances between organisations active in this domain and increase their impact on public policies, especially through the increased recognition of housing cooperatives.
- » After one year of operation, the School of Cooperativism has demonstrated its relevance and usefulness, in a difficult context of an economic crisis where discouragement could weaken the functioning of cooperatives. The school has also fostered the formation of new groups, which are in the process of being legalised in 2022.

# Africa

## Strengthening and documentation of collaborative and self-managed housing in Africa

**About 200 young people from precarious neighbourhoods in African cities have benefited from this training and experience exchange project on audiovisual production and citizen media.**

With the support of the SDI Secretariat, a network of federations of people living in precarious neighbourhoods across Africa and Asia, the media teams in eight African countries participated in the production of multimedia content **on the work of their parent federations and life in precarious neighbourhoods.**

The teams have told stories about the challenges faced by people in these neighbourhoods, but also about the many solutions found and the resilience of the people, and are involved in online

awareness and advocacy campaigns. **This project, which will end in 2021, has strengthened the role of these young people in SDI's leadership,** contributing to the generational renewal of the movement and opening many doors for some of them who now have solid skills to develop their professional projects.



Photo: Know Your City Zambia

# Senegal

## Support program to the Senegalese Federation of Inhabitants for the reconstruction and improvement of precarious neighbourhoods in the suburbs of Dakar

**This year, urbaMonde completed its Support Program to the Senegalese Federation of Habitants, which rehabilitated 372 houses in the Dakar suburbs between January 2018 and June 2021** – out of a total of 665 since 2014. This program received financial support from the Fondation Abbé Pierre, FGC and FEDEVACO.

UrbaMonde and its field partners, FSH and urbaSEN, have been collaborating since 2007. Their common goal is to improve living conditions in the precarious neighbourhoods of the Dakar suburbs, through an approach that places the inhabitants at the heart of the co-design of the city. In fact, the informal neighbourhoods of the Dakar suburbs expose their inhabitants to many haz-

ards: seasonal flooding, insecurity, and precarious housing.

A new phase of the project has been accepted by our historical backers. The objective of this new phase, which began in November 2021, is **to continue the rehabilitation work and to create a new dynamic through the construction of new housing for the FSH cooperative created in early 2021.**

This housing operation will take the form of an eco-district labelled by the French Ministry of Cohesion and Territories that will see the emergence of 150 new affordable housing units accessible to the cooperative's member beneficiaries excluded from the banking system. Local and sustainable

materials will be at the heart of the reflection for this district which wants to be innovative and demonstrator on a national scale.

In 2022, the project will be associated and agreed upon by the 100,000 housing program of the Senegalese government via the Ministry of Urbanism, Housing and Public Hygiene.

UrbaMonde is delighted to continue urbaSEN's technical and strategic support for another three years.

## Integrated Flood Risk Management Program

**In the informal settlements of Dakar's suburbs, flooding is a daily occurrence for residents.**

The Pikine Irrégulier Nord Guédiawaye - Gestion Intégrée du Risque d'Inondation project aims to test solutions to improve the resilience of these neighbourhoods to this risk.

UrbaMonde is part of the consortium implementing this project since 2019, together with GRET, urbaSEN and FSH.

The project aims at an innovative approach through measures to anticipate the risk of flooding (adaptation of housing, participatory planning, awareness-raising and implementation of early warning systems), the construction of semi-collective and public drainage infrastructure for wastewater and rain-

water, and finally the sustainability of the works through sustainable and shared management.

The project is backed by the FSH's Rotating Fund, which finances, through loans, the financial participation of residents in the projects.

**Starting in 2019, this project will end in June 2022, but operational follow-up is planned.**

## Inondations-Dakar.org : an open database

Launched in 2019 in collaboration with urbaSEN and GRET, the open data platform Inondations-Dakar.org gathers, makes available and popularises the knowledge of the different actors involved in flood risk management in Dakar.

The platform is collaborative and aims at creating a community of users, engaged in flood risk management and sustainable urban development.

If you are also working on this topic and would like to become a partner of the platform, please contact us. We would be happy to discuss a possible partnership with you!

► [contact@inondations-dakar.org](mailto:contact@inondations-dakar.org)

## Dakar Urban Fabric Initiative

Since June 2020, UrbaMonde, in partnership with GRET, urbaSEN, the Etc collective and Transitec, has been implementing the Dakar Urban Incubator project, funded by AFD and UN-Habitat.

Diagnostic and co-design workshops carried out with local actors and residents have made it possible to define the development of two public spaces in the cities of Rufisque and Pikine, along the structural urban transport lines being built in the Dakar conurbation: the Regional Express Train (TER) and the Bus Rapid Transit (BRT). Management processes defined with local partners and grassroots community organisations will ensure the sustainability of the works.

## Facilitating the Program of the Urban Fabric Initiative

UrbaMonde is part of the group in charge of running the Urban Incubators, alongside GRET, Cabanon Vertical and IRD.

This group continues to support the operational teams of four incubators in Tunis, Abidjan, Dakar and Ouagadougou, in connection with structuring projects financed by AFD in these cities.

The first Urban Incubators Week was organised in Dakar from 6 to 10 December 2021 and brought together actors from the four active incubators as well as representatives from public structures in Tananarive (Madagascar) and Nairobi (Kenya), where new Urban Incubators are in the emerging phase.



Multi-country exchange at Rufisque station, Dakar - Photo : Bénédicte Hinschberger

# Burkina Faso

## Support to the participatory project to improve housing in informal neighbourhoods of Boassa, in Burkina Faso

**Yaam Solidarité is supporting the underprivileged populations of Boassa (a suburb of Ouagadougou), in the rehabilitation of their housing, in an approach that promotes the use of local and sustainable materials.**

Within the framework of the project “Housing and living better in the unplanned areas”, financed by AFD and the Abbé Pierre Foundation, urbaMonde supports Yaam Solidarité in its consolidation as **an actor in urban planning and the production of dignified and sustainable housing in Burkina Faso.**

The other partners in this project are CRAterre, urbaSEN and GRDR.

The project has led to a reflection on the implementation of financial, land and organizational mechanisms likely to strengthen the capacity of the inhabitants of Boassa in the appropriation and development of their living environment. The establishment of a revolving fund, managed by the Federation of Inhabitants of Burkina Faso, and financed by the savings of the inhabitants is the result of this work.

Finally, as part of the “multi-country” component of this project, urbaMonde participated in October 2021 in the meeting organized by urbaSEN in Dakar between representatives of Yaam Solidarité, GRDR (Guinea Bissau) and Bogo Ja (Mali).



# Asia

## Support for strengthening the regional network of community-led housing

**In June 2019, the Asian Coalition for Housing Rights (ACHR), partner of the CoHabitat Network, and urba-Monde launched a three-year project with the support of the FGC.**

Based in Thailand, the coalition was founded in Bangkok in 1989 and brings together housing professionals, NGOs and community organisations from twenty Asian countries.

This project aims to strengthen the Asian regional network and national networks of women's groups and collaborative housing professionals in the thirteen participating countries: Bangladesh, Cambodia, India, Indonesia, Japan, Mongolia, Burma, Nepal, Pakistan, Philippines, Sri Lanka, Thailand and Vietnam.

The two years of the COVID-19 pandemic had a strong impact on this project, especially on the main activities concerning face-to-face meetings at national and international level.

Efforts were thus concentrated on documentation and exchange of experiences online, with **a particular focus on political and financial support mechanisms** for the development of different community-led housing models.

### Highlights of the year

- » ACHR's participation in the ICA Housing Cooperatives - Asia Pacific Regional Forum and the 8th Asia Pacific Housing Forum.
- » Documentation of 15 participatory housing projects in seven Asian countries.
- » The establishment of local processes for capitalising on the experiences of ACHR members, accessible online and allowing for the exchange of experiences and distance training on the mechanisms and tools necessary for the development of participatory housing projects.

# Europe

## MOBA Housing SCE, first cooperative housing in South East Europe

**MOBA, a network of cooperative and anti-speculation housing initiatives in Central, Eastern and South-Eastern Europe** created in 2017, was formalised as a European Cooperative Society (ECS) in March 2020.

This year, the network secured €20,000 from Fundacion, in part to invest in its revolving fund, and to conduct the first round of lending for the benefit of one of its member cooperatives. This cooperative has formalised the purchase of a building in Prague which will be the pilot experience of this type in the Czech Republic.

**UrbaMonde is a member of this cooperative and supports the development of cooperative housing in the region.**



# Solidarity among inhabitants

International solidarity and cooperation is a key principle of the right to development, especially in the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals, of which MDG 11 “Make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable” is central to urbaMonde’s actions. It is also a core value carried by housing cooperatives and other organisations promoting participatory housing.

Solidarity at all levels is now, more than ever, essential to facilitate access to dignified and sustainable housing for the most vulnerable. In this sense, urbaMonde would like to thank the Swiss housing cooperatives and organisations that have shown solidarity towards groups of inhabitants in precarious situations to enable the realisation of their innovative participative and ecological housing projects.

## HOUSING CO-OPERATIVES AND SOLIDARITY ORGANISATIONS



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**La Rencontre**

## ZURICH

The Zurich cooperative ABZ has granted, through its support fund, a donation of CHF 25,000 in favour of the Dalia housing cooperative in Nicaragua - a project supported by urbaMonde and implemented by its local partner Multipro; and a donation of CHF 33,542 in support of the project “Peace and housing cooperatives. A multi-scale approach, from the construction detail to the cooperative model; the case of the Ciudadelas de Paz”, conducted jointly by ETHZ, the National University of Bogotá, urbaMonde and the ex-FARC combatants of the ETCR Tierra Grata in Colombia (see “Academic partnerships”).

## GENEVA

The Geneva housing cooperatives Équilibre and Codha have contributed CHF 15,000 to the Habitat Solidarity Fund, which helps finance the revolving funds of our local partners in Senegal and Nicaragua for their construction and renovation projects.

**In total, since its creation in 2018, the FHaS has collected more than CHF 68,000 in donations and deposits in favour of the inhabitants of Senegal and Nicaragua!**



# COLLABORATIVE HOUSING PROMOTION

Co-operative "Groupe 4 mars", Lyon, France - Photo : Léa Oswald

## Study on citizen financing mechanisms for affordable housing production in Africa

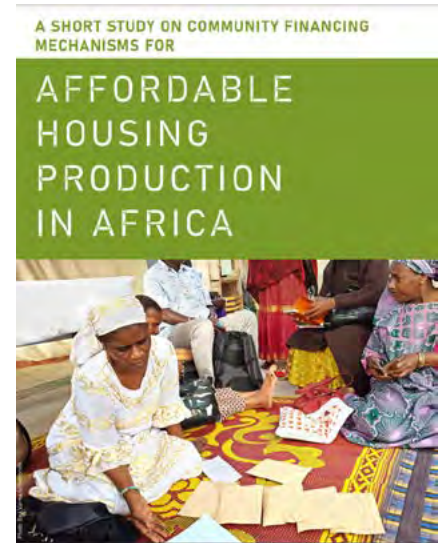
In December 2020, the Centre for Affordable Housing Finance (CAHF), urbaMonde and urbaSEN signed a partnership agreement to conduct **a case study on the collaborative production of affordable housing in Senegal and its financial and legal modeling.**

This short study documents and disseminates 10 experiences of affordable housing production programs and projects in Africa, **focusing in particular on their financial model and design.**

Using bibliographic research and in-depth interviews, the study analyzes the capacity of projects and partners to fit into the public and private financing chain, and to mobilize so-called «citizen» or «community» finance.

**A community financing component,** combined with additional funding sources (private or public, grants or loans, etc.) is common to all of the experiences selected.

► [Read the full study](#)



## National Meeting of Participatory Housing, France

**UrbaMonde France and Switzerland met in Lyon for this major event of the French participatory and cooperative housing** where every three years groups of inhabitants, professionals of the accompaniment of projects, of architecture and urbanism, social backers, researchers, civil servants of communities, and people curious about the alternatives to the manufacture of the city from the top to the bottom meet.

**We co-organized several round tables and also met with our partners:** Habitat & Participation (Belgium), Community Land Trust Brussels, Coopérative La Borda and Habitat Participatif

France. **These meetings ended with a visit to the Groupe du 4 Mars housing cooperative in the heights of the Croix-Rousse district.**



## Campaign for a Solidary Habitat, Switzerland

**Thanks to funding from FGC and FEDEVACO, the campaign to raise awareness of housing issues for vulnerable populations in Senegal and Nicaragua has been extended until June 2021.**

As in the previous year, the semi-confinement period had a direct impact on the campaign, limiting public meetings and those planned in local housing co-operatives. To continue our information and awareness work, a series of four webinars were held, featuring a total of nine experts.

These webinars presented the various facets of participatory and solidarity housing, from access to land and financing to construction.

The closing event of the campaign took place at the Espace Dickens in Lausanne, during a screening of the two urbaMonde films, followed by a round-table discussion with Pierre Zwahlen, president of FEDEVACO, Grégoire Junod, mayor of the city of Lausanne, and Guy Dériaz from urbaMonde Vaud.

**Although the campaign is now over, urbaMonde is already thinking about potential new knowledge sharing and awareness-raising projects of collaborative housing.**



## Support to the worldwide World Habitat Awards

**UrbaMonde and World Habitat have strengthened their synergies** with a partnership agreement through which urbaMonde France participates in the promotion and enhancement of the World Habitat Awards organized since 1986 by World Habitat, as well as in the publication of public posts on collaborative housing in the World Habitat blog.



## International fair for participative grouped housing, Belgium

The 12th edition of the International Fair for Participatory Housing organised by Habitat & Participation offered conferences and interactive online workshops.

Organised in collaboration with Habi-coop and Habitat Participatif France, **urbaMonde proposed a round table dedicated to the cooperative housing model for young people in training.**

Our two speakers shared their experience of living together in cooperatives and explained the specificities of the model and its advantages for small budgets.

## FEDEVACO workshop on participation, Switzerland

In September, FEDEVACO placed the Development Partnership Day under the theme of participatory methods. Various partners, including urbaMonde, proposed several workshops that allowed participants **to discover and experiment with different participatory tools.**

Based on the feedback, discussions and tools presented, four tool sheets were produced to present the different approaches and tools, **including our collaborative housing escape game.**



# CoHabitat Network

**The CoHabitat Network brings together community-led housing organizations and their allies with the aim of implementing their rights to housing through collective, sustainable and non-speculative solutions led by inhabitants.**

The CoHabitat Network aims to publicize and recognize these initiatives, in order to empower communities to improve their homes, neighborhoods and lives.

The CoHabitat Network is a non-institutionalized, collaborative, decentralized network focused on projects and concrete bottom-up actions; it operates on the principles of co-production of information, experience sharing between peers, the creation of financial solidarity mechanisms and political advocacy.



## NETWORK ACTIVITIES IN 2021

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### URBAN OCTOBER

The Network participated again in Urban October, UN-Habitat's annual initiative, with an online campaign promoting community-led housing projects, focusing on access to land and finance. A case study was published, a webinar and a peer-to-peer exchange were organised (activities detailed below).

### ACCESS TO LAND & FINANCE FOR COMMUNITY-LED HOUSING: SHORT CASE STUDIES FROM AFRICA, EUROPE AND LATIN AMERICA

At the initiative of urbaMonde and World Habitat, the CoHabitat Network has published a case study on access to land and financing for collaborative housing projects. It shows how, in various contexts, the participation of residents, interactions with the neighbourhood, collaboration with public authorities and other stakeholders lead to comprehensive projects, including innovations in eco-design and energy efficiency, affordability, circular and solidarity economy, social inclusion and mutual aid between neighbours.

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## WEBINAR “LAND & FINANCING FOR COMMUNITY-LED HOUSING: LEARNING FROM SUCCESSFUL PROJECTS”

To launch the above-mentioned study, we organized a webinar with the participation of Nina Turull Puig from the Catalan organization Sostre Civic, which promotes cooperative housing projects in use session, Andrea Wieland from the Zurich housing cooperative mehr als wohnen and Marina Kolovou from the organization Women of the World about the collaborative housing project Phan Thazin in Yangon, Myanmar. Moderated by Alex Frediani from IIED and Nina Quintas from urbaMonde.

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## WORKSHOP “COMMUNITY-LED HOUSING IN THE SPOTLIGHT”

This year, due to the context of health restrictions, it was impossible to carry out a new “face-to-face” edition of the CoHabitat Network’s regional collaborative housing awards. For the first time, they took the form of an online workshop between projects promoted directly by network partners interested in this initiative (ACHR, CHI, SDI, urbaMonde, World Habitat). Five project leaders presented their experiences and commented on those of others during a virtual workshop, facilitated by Julie LaPalme (CHI) and concluded by Adriana Allen (HIC).

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Want to know more about the Network's 2021 activities?  
Read the full annual report here.

# In 2020, urbaMonde participated in...

## the following events...

**Quand participer rime avec communauté**, by FEDEVA-CO, online, January 14

**Responding to COVID-19 in Informal settlements through Communication Practices: Lessons towards securing the right to housing in São Paulo and Lagos**, by The Bartlett Development Planning Unit, [online](#), February 16

**Arquitectura para la reconciliación: el contexto de las cooperativas de vivienda en latinoamérica**, by the National University of Colombia, [online](#), March 9

**International Experiences in People-led Housing**, by Ateneo Sociology and Anthropology, [online](#), March 15

**Roundtable “L’art et la rue”**, by Réseau des Pépinières Urbaines, [online](#), May 4i

**Community-led housing, a pathway for more caring and just urban futures**, by IIED, [online](#), June 24

**Congress of the Swiss Sociological Association 2021**, roundtable “Housing Justice”, online, June 28

**Vivienda cooperativa - Habitatge cooperatiu**, by Transició Ecològica i Habitatge, [online](#), October 8

**Housing justice and urban planning during pandemic times**, by the Bartlett Development Planning Unit, [online](#), November 17

**The role of public-private-people partnerships in promoting social & affordable housing opportunities**, by Habitat for Humanity, [online](#), November 17

**Rencontres du réseau 2021 F3E**, by the network F3E, online, December 7

**Innovative cooperative housing finance options**, by Asia-Pacific Housing Forum, online, December 8

## the following publications...

### **Sixth UCLG GOLD report led by DPU-UCL**

Drafting of project sheets for each of the six thematic chapters of the report on interesting case studies. This writing was done by urbaMonde, World Habitat and CHI on behalf of the CoHabitat Network and was published in 2022. .

## to the following broadcasts...

### **Ces méthodes participatives qui inspirent,**

La Télé, Switzerland, October 31

### **Les coopératives de logement au Nicaragua,**

Esprit Solidaire, Switzerland, April 6

# Trainee

**UrbaMonde-Switzerland has established a collaboration with Après-GE and its professional reintegration programme PPE+.**

For 6 months, the landscape architect Léa Vidal was hosted within the Swiss team to accompany various activities related to the CoHabitat Network, as well as to co-design the workshop on serious games organised by urbaMonde within the framework of FED-EVACO's workshop on participation.

This collaboration was very fruitful for all parties involved. **Convinced of the importance of training future urban professionals in participatory housing**, urbaMonde plans to continue this partnership with Après-GE in the years to come.

# Academic partnerships

**UrbaMonde works alongside academic actors in research projects aimed at analysing, evaluating, documenting and disseminating practices related to collaborative housing, sustainable construction and the challenges of urban development in general.** It also pays particular attention to training and raising the awareness of future housing and urban planning professionals about the right to housing, the right to the city and participatory planning, construction and management methods.

**In 2021, urbaMonde continued to strengthen its links with its academic partners. The team was also actively involved in teaching courses in the Master's programmes in geography at the UNIGE and UNIL, as well as in Vaud high schools.**



LUND UNIVERSITY

At the invitation of the University of Lund, Sweden, urbaMonde-France participated in 2021 in the setting up of a European research project in the framework of the call "ERA-NET Urban Transformation Capacities" (ENUTC) with the universities of Seville (Spain), Vienna (Austria) and Lyon (Ecole Urbaine de Lyon). Our project entitled CO-HOPE (Collaborative HOusing in a Pandemic Era) is one of the 16 projects selected by the secretariat of this call to be funded.

CO-HOPE will run from April 1, 2022, to March 31, 2025, and consists of the im-

plementation of a transdisciplinary and international analysis framework on collaborative housing in a pandemic era, from the link affordability - to social inclusion - to health. At least three fields of study will be analyzed in each of the five partner countries, to have a cross-sectional view.

UrbaMonde-France will be particularly involved in the coordination with the French cooperating partners of the consortium (Habitat Participatif France, L'Epok and Hal'ge), as well as in the formulation of recommendations for public

housing policies and the dissemination of the results of this project to different audiences, professional or not.

For urbaMonde-France and the Ecole Urbaine de Lyon, funding for this study will come from the French National Research Agency (ANR).

## **ETH** zürich Wohnforum

For several years, urbaMonde has been in regular contact with the WohnForum of the ETHZ in the framework of research projects **on the development of collaborative housing, with a focus on the cooperative housing model and its replicability in various contexts.**

In 2021, ETHZ, the National University of Bogotá and urbaMonde established a collaboration with a long-term vision through the project “Peace and Housing Cooperatives. A multi-scale approach from construction detail to cooperative model; the case of Ciudades de Paz” in Colombia.

This project aims **to support a community of former FARC combatants in the realisation of their project** for a mutual

aid and collective ownership housing cooperative.

By providing technical assistance for the participatory planning and construction of two community buildings, the project aims **to reinforce cooperative values and encourage sustainability** of the building, while laying the groundwork for the community’s future housing.

This pilot project is being implemented in Tierra Grata, a Ciudadela de Paz in northern Colombia, where 350 ex-combatants live, and could become a reference for other vulnerable communities in Colombia.



UrbaMonde and Co-Lab Research of TU Delft continued their collaboration started in 2020 and officially launched the Co-Lab Mapping project, a visualization tool for collaborative housing in Europe, focused on nine countries where forms of collaborative housing are well established and represented by national umbrella organizations.

UrbaMonde contributed to the development of the visualization tool by providing access to its vast European network of partners and databases.

This collaboration has also allowed the enrichment of 400 new projects on the CoHabitat.io tool of the CoHabitat Network.



[mapping.co-lab-research.net](https://mapping.co-lab-research.net)

The academic workshop *Urban Futures: Co-designing the City - Critical Analysis and International Experiences* dedicated to innovative urban planning has been designed to address the different challenges of thinking about and implementing the SDGs while planning, managing and organizing “urban life”.

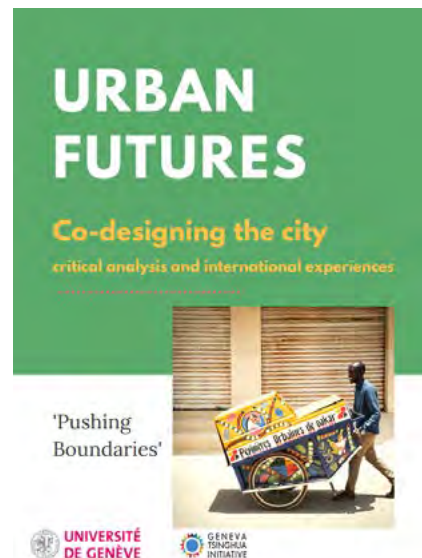
It is followed by Master two students from the University of Geneva. It is supervised by Armelle Choplin, Raphaël Languillon and Éloïse Pelaud.

UrbaMonde has participated online several times to share its experience of projects in Senegal and Uruguay.

UrbaMonde has also initiated a commission for students to produce an in-

ternational review of tactical urbanism. This project is part of the Urban Fabric Initiative program and has produced a critical analysis of the concept and practice of transitional urbanism and an international comparative assessment of transitional/tactical urbanism initiatives around the world.

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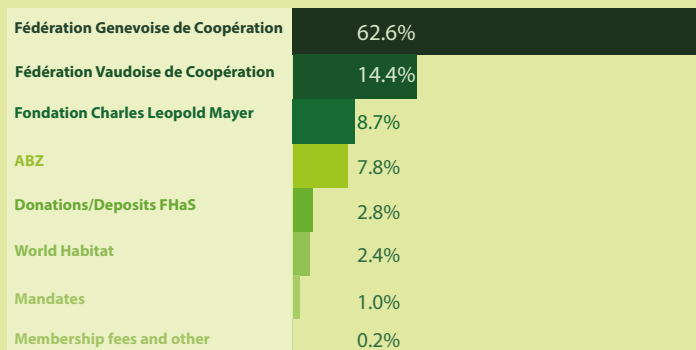


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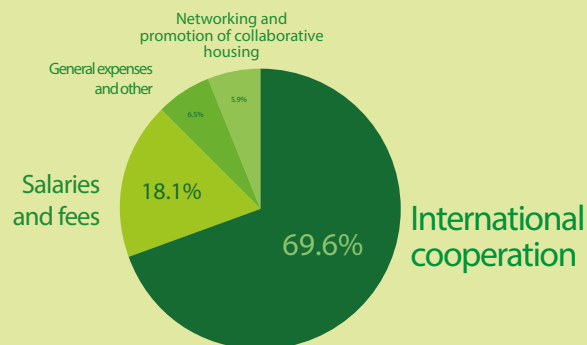
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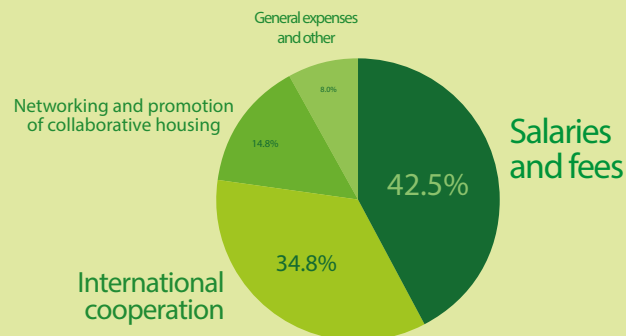
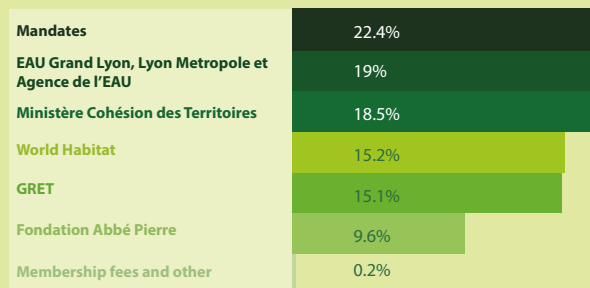


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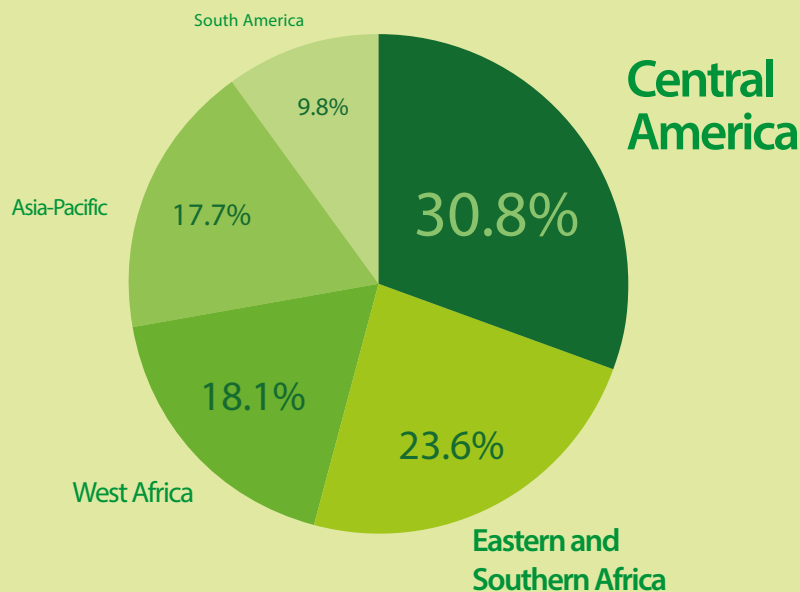
### France

**TOTAL**  
in EUR **158'088.-**



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## Geographical distribution of international cooperation expenditure



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