EXPERIMENTDAYS 17
EUROPEAN COLLABORATIVE HOUSING HUB

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The EXPERIMENTDAYS are a platform for collaborative, cooperative and community-led housing projects, ideas and actors of creative sustainability, understanding the city as a designed and shared space for living. Since 2003, the EXPERIMENTDAYS have offered the possibility to learn about different kinds of self-organized housing, find supporters and to think collectively about the future of urban development.

The EXPERIMENTDAYS 17 have primarily been organized by id22: Institute for Creative Sustainability. id22 is a multidisciplinary, non-profit organization based in the urban lab we know as Berlin. A focus is on the theory and practice of creative sustainability, emphasizing self-organization and local urban initiatives. The Institute coordinates educational services, networking events and publications exploring CoHousing and related projects like CoWorking and community gardening in the context of a post-growth, democratic urban development.

For the EXPERIMENTDAYS October, 2017 edition, id22 and urbaMonde with the Stiftung trias have organized the European Collaborative Housing Hub and Award, inviting a wide range of actors and initiatives from the field of collaborative housing across Europe and beyond to share experiences and strengthen the larger movement.

urbaMonde is a Swiss and French non-profit organization with the mission to support sustainable cities built “by and for their inhabitants”. Locally, urbaMonde strengthens the cooperative and collaborative housing movement in Switzerland and France; internationally, the organization accompanies vulnerable inhabitant groups and their federations in the implementation of innovative and sustainable habitat projects. UrbaMonde also facilitates the Social Production of Habitat Platform, gathering some of the major federations and networks active in the field of community-driven habitat (Slum dwellers International, Asian Coalition for Housing Rights, Grounded Solutions Network, Co-operative Housing International, Habitat International Coalition and Building and Social Housing Foundation).

Program Overview

BOOK LAUNCH, EXHIBITION & DISCUSSIONS, PROJECT AWARD & DISCUSSIONS
Friday 06.10.
Spreefeld, CRCLR Berlin
12:00 – 22:00 Discussions and lunch at the Spreefeld with European Collaborative Housing Experts. Opening event at the CRCLR House with the book launch of CoHousing Inclusive, discussions, Project Award ceremony and related discussions.

WORKSHOPS, BOOK READING & FILM SCREENING
Saturday 07.10.
CRCLR Berlin
10:00 – 22:00 Coffee and networking, twelve workshops in three blocks, book reading by Barbara Nothegger and film screening with Catherine Ricoul.

PROJECT VISITS & COMMUNITY DINNER
Sunday 08.10.
ufaFabrik, Kastanienallee 85, Spreefeld, Teepee Land Berlin
10:00 - 22:00 Visits of collaborative housing projects: ufaFabrik, Kastanienallee K85, TeePee Land and Spreefeld. Community Dinner at the Spreefeld.
06.10. Discussion and Lunch at the Spreefeld

**Eastern and Central European start-up project** as well as support actors, such as alternative banks, city planners, NGOs and housing professionals discussed strategies and further steps to support the emergence of collaborative and cooperative housing projects in the region.

**NOVÁ CVERNOVKA (BRATISLAVA, SLOVAKIA)** The Cohousing project is part of the creative and cultural center of Nová Cvernovka situated in a former chemical school and dormitory. It combines a creative working environment with public functions, vibrant culture and local design that will be complemented by the function of housing. This pilot of co-housing in Slovakia aims to create a model of affordable housing with a community dimension and social mission, integrated to a creative artistic environment.

**SMARTER BUILDING (BELGRADE, SERBIA)** Smarter Building is an initiative of the Who Builds the City platform. Since 2013 the group is working on a prototype model for affordable housing in Belgrade, that seeks to increase the financial independence and mutual solidarity amongst future residents. Serbia crucially lacks affordable housing options, forcing people into acquiring long-term debt, increases poverty, and gender-based dependence, Smarter Building aims to (self-)organize and construct a prototype model for a collective housing that can serve as an example.

**RÁKÓCZI COLLECTIVE (BUDAPEST, HUNGARY)** The Racoczi Collective is a group of young people from Budapest, committed to starting a collaborative and affordable housing project that could serve as an model in Hungary. Many have a background in social sciences, but there are also artists and community organizers. The group is active in various critical, civic and anti-systemic movements – whether supporting a cooperative bars and community space, the right to the city and housing movement or mobilizing neighborhoods and communities to critically engage with society and politics.

**ZADRUGATOR (LJUBLJANA, SLOVENIA)** Zadrugator is a housing initiative which strives to develop the first rental housing cooperative in Slovenia that would combine public financial capacities with community organizational capabilities. Inspired by cooperatives from Zurich, we are planning to build the cooperative on public land and with the partial support from public financing. Because cooperatives do
not exist in Slovenia, public advocacy and the promotion of the idea amongst various stakeholders was at the core of our work in the past years. We hope to start the realization process in 2018.

**SELF-BUILD COOPERATIVE HOUSING (HABITAT FOR HUMANITY POLAND)** Habitat Poland is creating a solution for families with poor credit rating through a self-build housing cooperative initiative. In the pilot project, Habitat Poland is supporting a cooperative consisting of 8 families who collaborate in order to build a multi-family building. The families have already bought a plot of land on the outskirts of Warsaw. Habitat Poland is now guiding the group through the legal and financial arrangements, including the process of securing a mortgage.

### 06.10. BOOK LAUNCH, EXHIBITION & DISCUSSIONS, PROJECT AWARD

**Friday, 06.10. 17:00 - 22:00**  
**CRCLR, Neukölln, Berlin**

5.30pm | Introductions and Welcome Statements

6pm | Book Launch  
with id22: Institute for Creative Sustainability

`CoHousing Inclusive - Self-Organized, Community-Led Housing for All`
Experimental dwelling forms—CoHousing Cultures—are entering the mainstream. But to what extent are they accessible and affordable for all, including people with more or less money, with or without refugee experience, with or without disabilities? Community-led housing initiatives are already developing diverse, sustainable neighborhoods, driven by civil society and increasingly supported by foundations, cooperatives and municipalities as well as housing companies and developers.

This book contains critical reviews of model projects representing a multifaceted European movement, complemented with photos and drawings. Short texts argue how political and financial conditions can be improved to better realize community housing. Finally, a range of voices offer unconventional and promising strategies.
6.30pm | Four Parallel Discussions
In relation to the book launch of CoHousing Inclusive on Friday, four CoHousing Inclusive visionary strategies were presented and discussed, including:

- Tübingen: Non-Profit-Oriented Housing Development
- Mietshäuser Syndikat, Berlin and International
- Community Land Trusts, London and Brussels
- ZUsammenKUNFT, Urban Development Cooperative, Berlin

7.30pm | European Collaborative Housing Award Ceremony & Discussions
with urbaMonde, Building and Social Housing Foundation

The European Collaborative Housing Award is a public recognition of innovative and inclusive housing projects, able to inspire their peers and influence housing policies, both locally and internationally. The Award provides a platform for experience sharing, seeks to increase the visibility and strengthen the Collaborative Housing movement across Europe. Winning projects integrate the shortlist of the 2018 World Habitat Awards, an annual award organized by Building and Social Housing Foundation and UN-Habitat.

Collaborative Housing projects (co-housing, housing cooperatives, community land trusts, participatory and self-organized housing initiatives, intentional communities etc.) were invited to document and submit their initiatives to the collaborative online ‘social production of habitat platform’ (psh.urbamonde.org). An international panel of housing experts and professionals selected four inspiring initiatives invited to participate in the 2017 edition of the EXPERIMENTDAYS.

Selection Committee 2017:
Anja Ploniscek (University of Ljubljana / Trajekt), Christiane Droste (UrbanPlus), Darinka Czischke (TU Delft), Guido Schwarzendahl (Co-operative Housing International, Bauverein Halle&Leuna), Liat Rogel (HousingLab), Mariangela Veronesi (Building and Social Housing Foundation), Marina Yoveva (Habitat for Humanity), Melissa Fernandez (University of Lancaster), Michael LaFond (id22: Institute for Creative Sustainability), Rolf Noy-Huy (Stiftung trias).

The second European Collaborative Housing Award was co-organized by urbaMonde (France/Switzerland) and id22 (Germany) with the support of the “On y va - Auf geht’s - Let’s go” program and the French Ministry for Territorial Cohesion.
European Collaborative Housing award-winning projects

CENNI DI CAMBIAMENTO – MILAN, ITALY
Cenni di Cambiamento is the most important social and collaborative housing project ever built in Italy within the SIF - the Italian funding platform for social housing. Completed in 2013, it hosts 122 social and affordable homes, rented out mainly to young people with different income levels. There are residential services for people with special needs, common spaces, services and public spaces for the neighborhood and shops. Cenni is a manifesto standing for a new type of social housing in Italy thanks to its innovative funding structure, multi-stakeholder approach, architectural design and a design and management process that involves and empowers the tenants and the wider community at all stages.

VILLAGE VERTICAL VILLEURBANNE – LYON, FRANCE
The Village Vertical project was launched in 2005. In 2013, 14 households of diverse background, age and income levels moved into their new homes. 13 households have incomes that are below what is allowed for social housing residents. Village Vertical is the first cooperative housing project based on collective ownership in France. It sets an example for innovative housing solutions that are inclusive, environmentally friendly, permanently affordable, non-speculative and through which citizens are enabled to plan, build and manage their homes, while sharing spaces and resources with the wider neighborhood.

WOHNPROJEKT WIEN – VIENNA, AUSTRIA
Wohnprojekt Wien is the name of a private citizen's association founded in 2009. The group shared a vision of a new way of living together based on sustainability, collaboration, solidarity and open-mindedness. The result of this vision is a collaborative housing project for 67 adults and 34 children, finished in 2013 and located in the 2nd district of Vienna. It houses 40 apartments from 36 to 150m², 400m² commercial and 700m² of community spaces. Beyond the open and sustainable architectural design, the project integrates other ideas of sharing and social sustainability.

NEW GROUND COHOUSING COMMUNITY – LONDON, UK
“New Ground” is made up of a group of twenty-six women between 50 and 88 years old of a variety of backgrounds and cultures, almost all of whom lived alone prior to the project. What brings them together is the determination to stay as self-dependent and active as they can while they are growing older. More than 15 years of struggle for planning and inclusive, affordable and adequate housing solution for the elderly resulted in an intentional community and a model for CoHousing responding to the needs of ageing societies.

ST. ANN’S REDEVELOPMENT TRUST (START) LONDON, UK
Special mention
Two-thirds of the St Ann's Hospital site in Haringey, North London, is due to be sold for a private housing development. START is a group of Haringey residents and workers who want to see the St. Ann's Hospital site used permanently for the good of all our local communities. They have initiated a community-led and transparent process for a housing development, which puts local people in control while providing genuinely affordable homes, promoting health and wellbeing, and creating a green neighborhood.
07.10. Workshops

BLOCK 1 (10.30am)

PROJECTS: Go East! – Emerging collaborative housing approaches in Eastern and Southeastern Europe
with Boris Hrban (Bratislava, Slovakia), Krystyna Szurmanska (Habitat for Humanity Poland), Klemen Ploštajner (Zadrugar – Ljubljana, Slovenia), Zsuzsi Posfai (Rakoczi Kollektiva – Budapest, Hungary), Ana Dzokic and Marc Neelen (Who Builds the City/Smarter Building – Belgrade, Serbia), Goran Jeras (Ebanka)
Moderator: Marina Yoveva (Habitat for Humanity Europe, Middle East and Africa)

PERSPECTIVES: is Cohousing for life?
with Melissa Fernandez (University of Lancaster), Jim Hudson (UCL), Darinka Czischke (TU Delft), Helen Jarvis (University of Newcastle), Karen West (Aston University), Andrea Jones (Good Health Projects Ltd. and Brighton & Hove)

STRATEGIES: The instruments and politics of the commons
We agree with the commons as a mutual aim. What are the instruments in our countries and what are the modalities to use them in different socio-economic contexts? What could be the political perspective to achieve results in “common projects”?
with Rolf Novy-Huy (Stiftung trias), Daniela Patti and Levente Polyak (Eutropian/ Cooperative City)
ADVOCACY & POLICY: Netzwerk gemeinwohlorientierter Stadtproduzenten – New Berlin City Makers’ Network
This new Berlin network of City Makers brings together projects, initiatives, experts and activists, emphasizing strategies of Co-Production and solidarity, an accessible and affordable city and non-speculative, common good land and real estate practices. Self-organized CoHousing, community gardening and cultural projects support each other in communicating with both politicians and public. This network importantly supports the next generation of projects.

BLOCK 2 (12.15pm)

PROJECTS: CoHousing, CoWorking + Circular Economy. Building, Neighborhood, City
with CRCLR House, Silvia Carpaneto (Alltag, Vollgut), Nanni Grau (Hütten und Paläste Architekten), Ella Dodson (Technical University, Berlin), Michael LaFond (id22)

PERSPECTIVES: Who cares? Rethinking Sharing and Caring in Collaborative Housing from a Gender Perspective
with Lidewij Tummers (TU Delft), Melissa Fernandez (University of Lancaster)
STRATEGIES: *International European Comparison of Policy and Success Strategies*
with Josef Bura (Forum Gemeinschaftliches Wohnen – FGW), wohnbund, Rolf Novy-Huy (Stiftung trias)

ADVOCACY & POLICY: *A Seat at the Table – The Importance of Community Led Housing Activists and Practitioners Engaging with Policy*
with Leslie Barson & Deirdre Woods (London Community Neighbourhood Cooperative), European Action Coalition for Housing Rights, Habitat International Coalition, Mietshäuser Syndikat (TBC) and others.

**BLOCK 3 (3.30pm)**

PROJECTS: *CoHousing and Communities: Mobilising Resources Locally and Internationally*
with Claudia Thiesen (Mehr als Wohnen – Zurich), Justyna Piruta (Ulldecona – Barcelona), Samuel Kalika (Critical Concrete / Actors of Urban Change – Porto)
Moderators: Daniela Patti and Levente Polyak (Eutropian)

PERSPECTIVES: *(CO)*Housing 2080: The Far Future Game
This workshop offers participants an enjoyable method of future thinking and prototyping of collaborative housing visions.
with Futurium, Michael LaFond (id22), Rolf Novy-Huy (Stiftung trias)

STRATEGIES: *Building Spaces Beyond Speculative Urban Development*
with Pablo Caballero (Uruguayan Federation of Housing Cooperatives – Fucvam), Pete Kirkham (French Federation of Housing Cooperatives Habicoop), Adria Garcia i Mateu (La Borda Housing Cooperative – Barcelona)
Moderator: Melissa Fernandez (University of Lancaster)

ADVOCACY & POLICY: *Preconditions for Diversity and Inclusion in CoHousing Projects*
with Christiane Droste & Thomas Knorr-Siedow (UrbanPlus), Ulrich Kriese (Stiftung Edith Maryon), Florian Schmidt (Friedrichshain-Kreuzberg)
PITCHES
During Saturday afternoon, short presentations were made by European networks, international and national organizations. Invited participants who spoke included Eutropian, Forum Gemeinschaftliches Wohnen e.V. (Germany), Building and Social Housing Foundation (UK), HousingLab (Italy), Fondazione Housing Sociale (Italy), Habitat International Coalition (HIC), the European Network for Housing Research (ENHR), the European Action Coalition for Housing Rights.

CLOSING PANEL
with id22, urbaMonde, Stiftung trias, Stiftung Edith Maryon, UrbanPlus, TU Delft
08.10 PROJECT VISITS AND COMMUNITY DINNER

10am ufaFabrik, Tour and brunch – ufaFabrik is a meeting place for peace-loving people of all ages, nationalities, religions, and professions. On the 18,500 square metres of land, you’ll find several clubs, initiatives, and businesses which embrace the vision of an open, tolerant, and diverse life together - networked, sustainable, and creative.

[Image: ufaFabrik

http://www.panoramio.com/photo/77782348

1pm Kastanienallee 85, Tour and lunch – Kastanienallee 85 is a project of the Mietshäusersyndikat Network. It is home 25 adults and 10 children living in 15 housing units, and also houses 4 commercial spaces.

3pm Spreefeld Housing Cooperative, Tour, Community dinner and networking – Spreefeld is a housing cooperative founded in 2011 to democratically build and manage mixed-use housing projects. Located in the heart of Berlin, the Spreefeld collective encourages a community-oriented development and is home to more than 140 people, as well as co-working spaces, offices, social infrastructures, community spaces and a Day Care Center, as well as semi-public spaces. Spreefeld received the European Collaborative Housing Award 2016.

[Image: Spreefeld rooftop

Experience exchange between Spreefeld, Codha (Geneva) and Mehr als Wohnen (Zurich) on the Spreefeld rooftop.
Exhibitions

CoHousing Inclusive – Self-Organized, Community-Led Housing for All

This exhibition showcases the new publication CoHousing Inclusive and contains reviews of model projects representing a multifaceted European movement, complemented with photos and drawings. A range of voices offer unconventional and promising strategies, and the interactive exhibition invites visitors to participate.
Actors of Urban Change
Actors of Urban Change aims to achieve sustainable and participatory urban development through cultural activities and by using specific potentials of culture as driver and enabler of positive change. This is carried out by strengthening the competencies for cross-sector collaboration among actors from the cultural, public and private sectors. Actors of Urban Change is a program by the Robert Bosch Stiftung in cooperation with MitOst e.V.

HabitatWorldMap
A tour around the urban world as seen by the civil society: http://habitat-worldmap.org/en/. The exhibition was designed and installed by Habitat et Participation ASBL (Belgium), facilitator of the Habitat WorldMap project.
Information and Cultural Program

Info-Tables
During Friday’s and Saturday’s events, Info-Tables were set up which included sales of relevant housing books by Jovis Verlag and the presentation of EXPERIMENTDAYS partners. Furthermore, information and an event brochure were available to the public as well as registration sheets for the many workshops and discussions.

Book Reading
In the Reading Lounge, author Barbara Nothegger read parts from her book Sieben Stock Dorf, about her life in the Wohnprojekt Wien. In her book, she raises questions about to what extent joint housing projects are an answer to urgent issues such as isolation and loneliness, high property prices and wasteful resource use.
Film Screening
Catherine Ricoul hosted a screening of her film ‘Teepeeland, the (U)topian Teepees’ a documentary film about Teepeeland, the small settlement on the riverside of the Spree in Berlin-Mitte. This area used to be part of the zone separating East and West Berlin and is now a registered cultural heritage site.

Food and Drinks
Drinks and coffee were organised by CRCLR and served throughout the event. Restaurant König Otto served lunch on Saturday.

Live music by Tcha-Badjo
To end the Friday evening, Tcha-Badjo, a collective of musicians from different countries, played live music while drinks and networking was encouraged among participants and visitors.
Financial Report

Overview of costs and income relating EXCLUSIVELY to the European Collaborative Housing Hub 2017 (hence not representing the total cost of the Experimentdays).

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Participants

The EXPERIMENTDAYS with European Collaborative Housing Hub showed a wide variety of different forms of organization, community models, property and lease concepts, and ecological building and lifestyles. In addition to housing projects, networks and initiatives, relevant banks and foundations as well as consultants were represented, and the content of the program was supplemented. About 200 people attended the three-day event in total, approximately half of which were internationals. 20 countries were represented at the EXPERIMENTDAYS and European Collaborative Housing Hub.

Non-exhaustive list:

**AUSTRIA** – Einszueinsat, Planwind, Wohnprojekt Wien
**BELGIUM** – Community Land Trust Brussels, Habitat et Participation, Samenhuizen
**CROATIA** – Ebanka
**DENMARK** – urbe go
**FRANCE** – Catherine Ricoul Film, Habicoop, Habitat participatif Dijon, urbaMonde-France, Village Vertical Villeurbanne
**HUNGARY** – Rakoczi Kollektiva
**ITALY** – CoAbitare, Cenni di Cambiamento, Eutropian, Fondazione Housing Sociale, Housing Lab, Investire SGR Spa
**NETHERLANDS** - Landelijke Vereniging Centraal Wonen, TU Delft, Vrijburcht, VLUGP
**POLAND** - Habitat for Humanity Poland, Wrocławska Rewitalizacja
**PORTUGAL** – Critical Concrete

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SERBIA – Ko gradi grad
SLOVAKIA – Habitat for Humanity, Nova Cvernovka, imaginehome
SLOVENIA – Cooperative Zadruščatio, Trajekt, University of Ljubljana
SPAIN – La Borda, Cohousing Barcelona, Holon, Perviure, Sostre civic
SWEDEN – KollektivhusNu
SWITZERLAND – Apaar_paysage et architecture, Codha, ETH Forum Zurich, Jaccaud Spicher Architectes Associés, Mehr als Wohnen, Stiftung Edith Maryon, urbaMonde
UNITED KINGDOM – Aston University, Building and Social Housing Foundation, Good Health Projects Ltd. and Brighton & Hove, Lancaster University, London Community Neighborhood Cooperative, OWCH Research Collective, London School of Economics, Older Women’s Cohousing ‘New Ground’, St. Ann’s Redevelopment Trust, University College London, University of Newcastle
URUGUAY – Fucvam
International NETWORKS – Co-operative Housing International, European Action Coalition for Housing Rights, Habitat International Coalition
Communications and Public Relations

The public relations work for the EXPERIMENTDAYS 17 was with press work, a newsletter, a Facebook page, print products and the EXPERIMENTDAYS website. With public relations, which this year could benefit from the media partnership with the Berliner Zeitung. An estimated 100,000 people were reached.

EXPERIMENTDAYS 17 and European Hub in the Online Media:

Allevents.de
archid
Architecture In Berlin
Baunetz
Berlin.de
CoHousingBerlin
CRCLR
Das Internetportal für nachhaltige Siedlungen
Eventium
Exberliner
FORUM Gemeinschaftliches Wohnen e.V. Bundesvereinigung
Goldboerse.net
Habitat International Coalition
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Kollektivhus.nu
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Mitbauzentrale München
Netzwerkagentur GenerationenWohnen
Novamilia
Stattbau Hamburg
Stiftung Trias
TAZ
urbaMonde
urbego
wohnbund
Wohnprojekte-Portal
World Urban Campaign

EXPERIMENTDAYS 17 and European Hub Communications and Internet:

id22 websites + Newsletter

Announcements of the EXPERIMENTDAYS 17 were publicized through the websites and newsletters of cohousing-berlin.de, id22.net, creative-sustainability-tours-berlin.de and of course experimentdays.de. The CoHousing Berlin Newsletter reaches more than 3,000 people. It was estimated that more than 10,000 people were reached via announcements in further newsletters. Press releases reached more than 100 press representatives and blog operators.
EXPERIMENTDAYS Website and Facebook page
The website experimentdays.de presented the complete program, divided into clear program categories. On the Facebook page news and updates were regularly posted. In the weeks before the EXPERIMENTDAYS, an update was published daily and the various projects and partners were briefly introduced. The breadth of the media used enabled us to reach a wide range of target groups. Thus, information and discussions could be disseminated and documented in advance, but also during and after the event.

Participant feedback

Positive aspects:
- Networking opportunities, the mix and number of participants (affiliation, geographic origin, expertise)
- Variety of activities and level of content, interesting workshop format especially when these included experience exchange and best practice sharing
- Venue, nice music and food
- Guided Tours
- Award: good learning process, in progress.
- General vibe (sharing enthusiasm and struggles) and affordable prices and facilities

Aspects to be improved:
- Record and share what is discussed during Workshops to socialize emerging knowledge. Share notes from Workshops, including links to find out more.
- Communication. Create online blogs of sessions, as well as videos and other digital outputs (podcasts), dissemination through social media; more up-to-date online portal
- Timing of Workshops more considerate with people traveling from far; improve general timing
- Share a list of participants during the event to improve networking opportunities
- Provide a space for “break-out” groups (additional afternoon?) to deepen some conversations.
- Mitigate between open and closed Workshops and sessions; the distinction was rather unclear
- Workshops were too packed, sometimes discussions did not go into detail and could have been more technical. Little time and space to talk because there were too many workshops. Provide more information on participants in the leaflet or through ‘flipped presentations’ (short info videos informing about organization and background) to avoid long introductions.
- Award. ‘Awarded’ projects should be honored differently (how?). Establish clearer criteria with a more transparent and systemic evaluation. Adopt a different terminology (notable project selection?); enhance focus on grassroots initiatives and pay more attention to cost/inhabitant.
- Provide more space and time for networking in the beginning (and generally, more space for face-to-face exchanges).
- Invite policy-makers, strengthen the policy dimension more generally (specific round table, for instance)
- Ensure diversity (social, ethnic, geographic) among participants
- Networking meeting for representatives of national federations/associations
- Space for discussing what is next, next steps – what is the European Platform for?

Next steps (participant feedback)
- Pool budget to make such a meeting happen once a year at rotating locations to boost local networks and organizations
- More regular meetings- keep the momentum!
- Invite and connect with peers from other parts of the world
- Strengthen the policy dimension
- Focus on specific topics with in-debt discussions
- Create a proposal together for EU to support community led housing and drive it forward.
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