European CoHousing and Community-Led projects, professionals, researchers and activists will gather in Berlin, October 6 - 7, 2017 to present and discuss current initiatives and strategies in the framework of the EXPERIMENTDAYS 17.

The EUROPEAN COLLABORATIVE HOUSING HUB invites you to get to know and work with the international self-organized housing movement. These two days will emphasize exchanging experiences regarding implemented projects as well as ideas that are emerging in many different cities and regions.

Coordinating Partners:
id22: Institute for Creative Sustainability, urbaMonde-France, Stiftung trias

Cooperating Partners:
Senatsverwaltung für Stadtentwicklung und Wohnen Berlin,
FRIDAY / OCTOBER 6

5.00 pm  Registration
for Discussions and Workshops

5.30 pm  Welcome and Introductions
with CRCLR, urbaMonde, id22, Stiftung trias,

BOOK LAUNCH
6.00 pm  CoHousing Inclusive
Self-Organized, Community-Led Housing for All
with id22: Institute for Creative Sustainability

6.30 pm  Discussions:
CoHousing Inclusive Visionary Strategies
Stadt Tübingen: neue Gemeinwohlorientierung
Mietshäuser Syndikat, Berlin and International
Community Land Trusts, London and Brussels
ZUSammenKUNFT, Genossenschaft für Stadtentwicklung,
Haus der Statistik.

PROJECT AWARD
7.30 pm  European Collaborative Housing Award Ceremony
with urbaMonde, Building and Social Housing Foundation

8.00 pm  Presentations & Discussions:
Four awarded
European Collaborative Housing Projects
Cenni di Cambiamento (Milano, Italy)
New Ground Cohousing Community (London, UK)
Village Vertical Villeurbanne (Lyon, France)
Wohnprojekt Wien (Vienna, Austria)

9.00 pm  Drinks & Snacks. Networking
Music by Tcha-Badjo
**SATURDAY / OCTOBER 7**

**10.00 am**  
Registration, Coffee and Get Together

**WORKSHOPS**

**10.30 am**  
Workshops Block 1

- **Projects:** Go East! – Emerging Collaborative Housing Approaches in Eastern and Southeastern Europe
- **Perspectives:** Is Cohousing for Life?
- **Strategies:** The Instruments and Politics of the Commons
- **Advocacy & Policy:** New Berlin City Makers’ Network – Netzwerk gemeinwohlorientierter Stadtproduzenten

**12.00 pm**  
Break

**12.15 pm**  
Workshops Block 2

- **Projects:** CoHousing, CoWorking + Circular Economy. Building, Neighborhood, City
- **Perspectives:** Who cares? Rethinking Sharing and Caring in Collaborative Housing from a Gender Perspective
- **Strategies:** International European Comparison of Policy and Success Strategies
- **Advocacy & Policy:** Seat at the Table – The Importance of Community-Led Housing Activists and Practitioners Engaging with Policy

**1.45 pm**  
Lunch

**SHORT PRESENTATIONS**

**2.45 pm**  
*European Networks, International and National Organizations*

with urbego, Eutropian, Immovielien Netzwerk (Germany), Forum Gemeinschaftliches Wohnen e.V. (Germany), Building and Social Housing Foundation (UK), HousingLab (Italy), Fondazione Housing Sociale (Italy)

Habitat International Coalition, Habitat for Humanity
3.15 pm  Break

3.30 pm  Workshops Block 3

- **Projects**: CoHousing and Communities, Mobilizing Resources Locally and Internationally
- **Perspectives**: (CO)Housing 2080: The Far Future Game
- **Strategies**: Building Spaces Beyond Speculative Urban Development
- **Advocacy & Policy**: Preconditions for Diversity and Inclusion in CoHousing Projects

5.30 pm  Closing Round, Conclusions and Discussion
with id22, urbaMonde, Stiftung trias, Stiftung Edith Maryon, UrbanPlus, TU Delft

6.30 pm  Drinks & Snacks. Networking

6.30 pm  **BOOK READING/LESUNG (GER/DEU)**
Sieben Stock Dorf
The author Barbara Nothegger will read from her new book

7.30 pm  **FILM SCREENING (ENG/FR)**
Teepeeland, the (U)topian Teepees
A documentary film by Catherine Ricoul, 28 minutes

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**FRIDAY / SATURDAY**

**EXHIBITIONS**
CoHousing Inclusive
European Collaborative Housing Award
Actors of Urban Change
World Habitat Map
Info-Tables
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.

Learn more: cohousing-inclusive.net
The European Collaborative Housing Award is a public recognition of innovative and inclusive housing projects, able to inspire their peers and to 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 Planiscek (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 Novy-Huy (Stiftung trias).

The second European Collaborative Housing Award is 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.
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.

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 neighbourhood.
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” 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.
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 neighbourhood.
**BLOCK 1**

**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 (Zadružnik – 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)

**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)

**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)

**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**

**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)

**Who cares? Rethinking sharing and caring in Collaborative Housing from a gender perspective**
with Christiane Droste (UrbanPlus), Lidewij Tummers (TU Delft), Melissa Fernandez (University of Lancaster)

**International European comparison of policy and success strategies**
with Josef Bura (Forum Gemeinschaftliches Wohnen – FGW), wohnbund, Rolf Novy-Huy (Stiftung trias)

**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

PROJECTS
CoHousing and communities, mobilising resources locally and internationally
with Claudia Thiesen (Mehr als Wohnen – Zurich), Justyna Piruta (Ulldenca – 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, Stiftung trias and id22: Institute for Creative Sustainability.

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)
GO EAST!
Workshop Block 1 - Projects

NOVÁ ČVERNOVKA (BRATISLAVA, SLOVAKIA)

The Cohousing project is part of the creative and cultural center of Nová Čvernovka 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.

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.

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 antisytemic 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.
Wie fühlt sich ein Leben in einem Wohnprojekt an? Was bedeutet es heute nachhaltig zu wohnen? Sind gemeinschaftliche Hausprojekte eine Antwort auf drängende Fragen wie Vereinsamung, hohe Immobilienpreise und Ressourcenschwundung?

Teepeeland, the (U)topian Teepees is a documentary film about Teepeeland, a small settlement on the riverside of the Spree in Berlin-Mitte. The area used to be part of the zone separating East and West Berlin and is now a registered cultural heritage site.

The first Teepeeland resident arrived more than five years ago with his Amerindian teepee from the «Cuvrybrache», another camp which was located 2 kilometers to the east on the Spree riverbank. Now the site is inhabited by between 15 and 50 residents from around the world, the number depending on the season. Each new resident is expected to build their own dwelling and this leads to continuous innovation and improvement of the construction techniques.
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Are you part of a collaborative housing project or do you support community-led, participatory and inclusive approaches to housing production?

Join a growing community of activists, researchers, professionals, policy makers and individuals that promote and believe in a third way of producing our cities: by and for their inhabitants! Document and share your experiences on the online platform psh.urbamonde.org! Connect with peers and supporters! Increase the visibility of collaborative housing across Europe and worldwide! Advocate for supportive policies!
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