

EVENT DESCRIPTION SHEET

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PROJECT	
Project name and acronym:	Network of Cities for Collaborative Housing (NETCO 2.0)
Participant:	host: UrbaMonde - France
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EVENT DESCRIPTION	
Event number:	1
Event name:	NETCO WEBINAR: EUROPEAN AFFORDABLE HOUSING PLAN: How COLLABORATIVE HOUSING IS A PART OF THE SOLUTION TO THE HOUSING CRISIS IN EUROPE
Type:	Webinar
In situ/online:	Online
Location:	Online
Date(s):	26th of March 2026. 16.00-17.30 CET
Website(s) (if any):	https://netcoproject.org/
Participants	
Female:	122
Male:	74
Non-binary:	2
From country 1 [Poland]:	4
From country 2 [Slovenia]	2
From country 3 [Germany]:	11

From country 4 [Italy]:	24		
From country 5 [Belgium]:	20		
From country 6 [Netherlands]	10		
From country 7 [Portugal]	8		
From country 8 [Sweden]:	9		
From country 9 [France]	31		
From country 10 [Croatia]	10		
From country 11 [Czechia]	2		
From country 12 [Greece]	8		
From country 13 [Spain]	48		
From country 14 [Austria]	2		
From country 15 [Luxembourg]	2		
From country 16 [Finland]	2		
From country 17 [Slovakia]	1		
From country 18 [North Macedonia]	1		
From country 19 [Serbia]	3		
Total number of participants:	198	From total number of countries:	19
Description			
<i>Provide a short description of the event and its activities.</i>			
1. Target groups:			
The webinar targeted policymakers and public servants from the EU, national, regional and local governments; housing practitioners and activists; researchers and students.			
Together with participants from outside of the EU, the event gathered a total of 239 people from 34 countries.			

2. Description of the event and its activities/ context.

The webinar had a duration of 90 minutes during which, after a presentation of NETCO and the concept of collaborative housing there were the following moments:

- A roundtable with presentations from three NETCO member cities (Amsterdam, Bologna and Manresa) about their strategies, tools and partnerships to promote collaborative housing.
- A presentation of the new European Affordable Housing Plan published last December by the European Commission and the future Affordable Housing Act, and how the plan and act relate to collaborative housing.
- Reactions from two keynote speakers from the perspectives of European federations representing social and collaborative housing.
- Questions from the Audience were collected and partly responded during the meeting and partly after the meeting in a follow-up email to participants.

3. Agenda of the event.

Please see below.

4. Main take aways/ findings from the event

All panelists highlighted that the access to urban land and finance to develop collaborative housing are a limiting factor to scaling these participatory and sustainable forms of affordable housing. The three cities presented how they already support collaborative housing projects in different ways:

- **Amsterdam** has a special team and annual targets of 7500 collaborative housing homes to be produced under different legal forms and for different income-groups. The city directly boosts the housing supply through leasing public land and issuing municipal incentive loans for cooperative rental housing. Amsterdam's work has inspired a national fund for cooperative housing that should start operating by the end of 2026.
- **Bologna** directly provides municipal social rental housing for different vulnerable groups (12.000 homes). Collaborative housing figures in Bologna's General Urban Plan as part of social housing policies. By developing participation in the design and selecting mixed groups of future residents in terms of incomes, vulnerabilities (refugees, survivors of domestic violence, 70+, people with disabilities, Single-parent families...), the municipality expects a stronger social cohesion and solidarity amongst residents. This is increased by the common spaces and shared by residents with some of them open to the neighbourhood.
- **Manresa** is one of the Catalan municipalities which leases public land to the cooperative housing developer Sostre Civic, which promotes, produces and federates "right-to-use" housing cooperatives for people under social housing

income threshold. These intergenerational projects have a strong degree of participation of residents in the design and management of the cooperative buildings. The municipality helps the cooperatives in accessing regional funding from the Catalan government. By demonstrating its impact and opportunity for scaling, Sostre Civic secured a €31M loan from the Council of Europe Development Bank to develop 350 new homes in 5 cities including Manresa. This loan has a fixed interest rate of 3% of which 0.7% is subsidized by the Catalan Government.

- Within the framing of the New European Housing Plan (EAHP), collaborative housing initiatives can be promoters of a systematic change in the provision of affordable housing and enablers of social and financial innovation in the development of alternative collaborative business models, hand in hand with public authorities. The Plan aims to identify existing technical and legislative barriers that hinder the scaling of affordable housing delivery by non-profit and limited-profit developers like cooperatives, community land trusts, among others.
- **Housing Europe and the European Community Land Trust Network** call on the EU Commission to ensure that the EAHP and the Affordable Housing Act do not lead to Public Private Partnerships that produce housing that is affordable only on the short term and without any participation of civil society and future residents, nor benefit profit-driven real estate which fosters speculative markets, increasing the affordability crisis. Furthermore, the simplification of administrative procedures in the housing sector should not compromise the European and national environment and climate-related targets.
- A paradigm shift is needed in the way housing is delivered in Europe to address not only the affordability crisis but at the same time the social cohesion, energy and ecosystemic crises. Collaborative housing models already address these multiple challenges in sustainable and permanently affordable projects that foster diverse, cohesive groups of residents rooted in their communities and neighbourhoods. These really need to be elevated, to access funding at scale.
- European funding in the next Multiannual Financial Framework allocated to housing should go to public, social, cooperative and community-led housing, which reinvest this money into society. The future Pan-European Investment platform should also follow this principle.

5. Graphical elements and photos of the event

March 26
16.00 - 17.30 CET

Network of Cities for Collaborative Housing

MEET OUR SPEAKERS

“How Collaborative Housing is a part of the solution to the housing crisis in Europe.”

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zoom Workplace European Affordable Housing Plan: How Collaborative Housing is a part of the solution to the housing crisis

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6. Feedback from participants

When leaving the webinar, participants received an anonymous feedback form requesting them to rate the relevance of the webinar for their work, and inviting them to share their main takeaways and questions or comments about the discussion. 39 people responded.

Average rating: 4.2 / 5

In their feedback, many respondents highlighted the relevance of sharing good practice with each other, knowing what works and how a growing number of stakeholders, including cities, promote collaborative housing with ambitious targets and budgets. Respondents mention that collaborative housing is highly innovative and goes beyond the provision of affordable housing, and also very affordable solutions for people with low-incomes.

Several questions remained unclear about the European Affordable Housing Plan, about how to ensure that those measures will not directly or indirectly fund speculative housing; what support will be offered to those countries that have had historically limited social and public housing provision (Eastern and South-Eastern Europe, Southern Europe) ; what funding or incentive mechanisms are available for national and local governments; among other questions.

Agenda

26.03.2026, 16:00-17:30 CET

Welcome and framing of the session.

Introduction to the objectives of the webinar and the relevance of collaborative and community-led housing models in the current European housing context

Maite Arrondo, NETCO
<p>Implementation perspectives: Collaborative housing in practice from Cities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>Boosting housing supply through community-led housing models</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Sander Voogt, City of Amsterdam ● <i>Delivering inclusive housing solutions for vulnerable groups.</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Silvia Calastri, City of Bologna ● <i>Mobilising investment through innovative financing and partnerships.</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Ricard Torres, City of Manresa and José Téllez, Sostre Civic
<p>The European Affordable Housing Plan</p> <p>Overview of the objectives, key pillars and implementation priorities of the European Affordable Housing Plan, including reflections on potential opportunities for cities and collaborative housing initiatives.</p> <p>Grzegorz Gajewski, EU Housing Task Force</p>
<p>Reactions on alignments between the EAHP and the local governments and civil society involved in collaborative housing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Sorcha Edwards, Housing Europe ○ Giulia Barnhiesel, European CLT Network, European Collaborative Housing Alliance
<p>Open discussion with audience</p> <p>Facilitated by: Léa Oswald, urbaMonde</p>
<p>Closing reflections and next steps of NETCO</p> <p>Maite Arrondo, NETCO</p>

HISTORY OF CHANGES		
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1.0	01.04.2022	Initial version (new MFF).