

COMMUNITY LAND TRUSTS

Building Common Ground Across Europe

EU Policy Conference

Friday 4 December 2020 - Online

Timing: 14:00 - 18:00

Hosted by Pascal Smet, Member of the Committee of the Regions of the EU
under the patronage of the European Committee of the Regions

PROGRAMME

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Introduction

Community Land Trusts (CLTs) are non-profit democratic organisations. They develop and manage affordable homes as well as other assets contributing to thriving local communities. They act as long-term stewards of these assets, ensuring they remain permanently affordable. To date, there are about 170 urban CLTs across Europe, working hand in hand with existing affordable, social and cooperative housing providers, as well as local authorities. Not only do CLTs help increase affordable housing supply, but they also provide social, economic and environmental benefits, and contribute to addressing housing financialisation, in line with current EU priorities.

This conference, organised by the Sustainable Housing for Inclusive and Cohesive Cities (SHICC) European project, is an opportunity to take stock of the emergence of a European CLT movement, and its relevance to the EU policy agenda. Acknowledging the need to encourage and support initiatives for adequate housing, this event will seek a stronger political engagement from EU stakeholders to support CLTs. European stakeholders will be invited to collaborate and coordinate their efforts to support the rise of the CLT movement in Europe.

The European CLT movement is part and parcel of a growing worldwide movement. As a witness to this, the Centre for CLT Innovation published in June 2020 [On Common Ground: International Perspectives on the Community Land Trust](#), an international compendium including case studies and analyses written by CLT practitioners and scholars from across the globe.

Detailed programme

| Time | Topic | Speaker |
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| Chair: Sorcha Edwards (Secretary General, Housing Europe) | | |
| 14:00-14:20 | Welcome and Introduction | Pascal Smet , Member of the Committee of the Regions, Secretary of State for Urban Planning and European Relations, Brussels-Capital Region |

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| | | Nawal Ben Hamou , Secretary of State for Housing, Brussels-Capital Region (TBC) |
| Session 1: Community Land Trust Experiences in Europe | | |
| 14:20-14:40 | CLTs: A Tried and Tested Model Gaining Ground in Europe | Geert De Pauw , Coordinator, CLT Brussels |
| 14:40-14:50 | London CLT: Building Citizen Power - The Example of Lambeth Borough | Costa , Lead Campaigner, and Razia , Board Member, London CLT |
| 14:50-15:00 | Organising for Change: CLT and Circular Neighbourhood development | Jeroen van der Waal , Advisor for Sustainability, City of Amsterdam |
| 15:00-15:15 | Q&A with Audience | |
| 15:15-15:20 | <i>Break</i> | |
| Session 2: Public Support for Community Land Trusts | | |
| 15:20-15:30 | How to Boost CLTs: The Community Housing Fund in the United Kingdom | Catherine Harrington , Chief Executive, National CLT Network of England and Wales (TBC) |
| 15:30-15:40 | The <i>Organisme de Foncier Solidaire</i> Model in France | Jean-Marie Quéméner , Head of the Development Office, Ministry for Housing, France |
| 15:40-15:50 | Cities' commitment for adequate housing across the world | Amanda Flety , Coordinator of the Committee on Social Inclusion, Participatory Democracy and Human Rights Secretariat, United Cities and Local Governments |
| 15:50-16:20 | Panel Discussion and Q&A: Local Support for CLTs | Caroline Lucats , Head of the Housing Department, City of Lille |
| | | Tine Heyse , Councillor for Housing, City of Ghent |
| | | Salome Galjaard , Deputy Programme Manager Circular Economy, City of Amsterdam |
| 16:20-16:30 | <i>Break</i> | |
| Session 3: EU Support for Community Land Trusts | | |
| 16:30-16:45 | Towards Housing for All: A EU Agenda | Kim van Sparrentak MEP , Rapporteur of "Housing for All" European Parliament Report |
| 16:45-17:30 | Panel Discussion and Q&A: What can the EU do to Support CLTs? | Thomas de Béthune , Policy Coordinator, Team Leader for Urban Policy, DG Regional Affairs, European Commission |
| | | Océane Peiffer-Smadja , Policy Officer, DG Growth, European Commission |

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| | | Brendan McDonagh , Adviser, European Investment Advisory Hub, European Investment Bank |
| 17:30-18:00 | Next Steps for the European CLT Movement | SHICC Project Partners |

About Community Land Trusts

Community Land Trusts (CLT) – or Organismes de Foncier Solidaire (OFS) for its French version - are non-profit, democratic, community-led organisations. They develop and manage homes for affordable to low- and medium- income households, as well as other assets contributing to thriving local communities. They act as long-term stewards of these assets, ensuring they remain permanently affordable. This is achieved through mechanisms that ensure that any additional value generated is retained within the CLT.

The Sustainable Housing for Inclusive and Cohesive Cities Project

[Sustainable Housing for Inclusive and Cohesive Cities \(SHICC\)](#) is an Interreg North-west Europe (NWE) project aiming at proving the case for urban CLTs and spreading the CLT model across the NWE region.

The SHICC programme is structured around three main themes: Firstly, recognition of the legitimacy of the model, the establishment of a financial and legislative environment conducive to the establishment and expansion of CLT/OFS, and capacity building for existing and emerging CLT/OFS. This is a €3.8m European Interreg programme, carried out over a four-year period (2017-2021) by

It brings together the four pioneering urban Community Land Trusts (CLTs) in Europe (Brussels, London, Lille, and Ghent), the National CLT Network of England and Wales, and the Global Fund for Cities' Development (FMDV). The initial partners were joined in 2020 by four pioneering CLT initiatives in Berlin (id22), Amsterdam (And The People), Scotland (Dumfries and Galloway Small Communities Housing Trust), and Ireland (Self-organised Architecture).



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