

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
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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
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

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 Christou , Lead Campaigner, and Razia Khanom , Board Member, London CLT
14:50-15:00	Organising for Change: CLT and Circular Neighbourhood development	Jeroen van der Waal , Strategic Policy Advisor for Circular Built Environment, 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	Tom Chance , Co-chief Executive, National CLT Network of England and Wales
15:30-15:40	The <i>Organisme de Foncier Solidaire</i> Model in France	Jean-Marie Quémener , Head of the Development Office, Ministry for Housing, France
15:40-15:50	Cities' commitment for adequate housing across the world	Amanda Fléty , 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 , Deputy Mayor, City of Ghent
		Salomé 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 the "Decent and Affordable 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

		Brendan McDonagh , Adviser, European Investment Advisory Hub, European Investment Bank
17:30-17:50	Next Steps for the European CLT Movement	Michael LaFond , Chair of the Advisory Board, CLT Berlin
17:50-18:00	Wrap-up and Conclusion	Sorcha Edwards , Secretary General, Housing Europe

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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