



We had our kick-off conference in Lille!

On 22-23 May the SHICC project hosted its first transnational gathering. Special thank you to Ville de Lille and Community Land Trust Bruxelles, who led on organising this successful event.

The two-day transnational gathering was an opportunity for us to hear from a range of people with different experiences, perspectives and expertise relating to housing models that are genuinely affordable. We got an insight into the landscape of CLTs across a wide range of political, geographical and social landscapes. Belgium, France, Switzerland, the US and England were just some of the regions represented. Additionally, speakers such as Lille local Councillor, Audrey Linhenheld provided detailed and interesting insights into the OFS approach to provide permanently affordable housing.

The event, which included site visits and a peer-to-peer workshop, was an opportunity for CLTs, and other supportive actors from across North-West Europe to build relationships and learn from each other. By the end of the conference there was a real buzz and optimism in the air for what this project could achieve. This feeling was bolstered by new transnational relationships being built and existing ones being strengthened.

Two big announcements were made: The first announcement was the legal possibility of creating OFS homes with existing properties, something that was previously only possible with new builds in France. This was announced by Maitre Frederic Roussel, Emeritus Notary. The second was by Audrey Linhenheld, Lille local Councillor and Co author of legislation of the French CLT model, who announced a French network of OFS would be created, with 25 already identified in France.

Community Housing Fund announced in the UK!

In July a £163 million fund was announced to support the expansion of community-led housing. This is the biggest investment in the sector the UK has seen in over 30 years. The National CLT Network, one of the SHICC partners took a leading role in working with officials and lobbying Government for a decision on the Fund and its design. They mobilised their members to engage more than 50 MPs, who then wrote to or tabled questions to the Housing Minister at the time. The National CLT Network also lobbied key MPs directly.

Alok Sharma MP,
Former UK
Minister for
Housing and
Planning



Building treasure maps and relationships

FMDV has been working on mapping the existing and potential funding sources for CLT/OFS finance. This exercise is covering France, England, Wales and Brussels Capital Region so far. It aims to analyse and raise awareness of existing gaps along the

financial chain as well as overcoming a lack of information on the matter. Throughout this process the FMDV has been working with the SHICC partners in order to learn from their experience and have been able to present the preliminary results of this work during the Lille SHICC kick-off conference.

FMDV has also been building partnerships with French local authorities engaged in the process of community of CLT/OFS creation and/or engaged into alternative urban production. For example Murielle Rolland, who is in charge of the development of the Parisian OFS, and the City of Montreuil is also interested in engaging the

discussion on the topic.

London CLT has had a major break through

Campaigners from Citizens UK and London Community Land Trust (London CLT) are celebrating after hearing that London CLT has been chosen to deliver flagship Community Land Trust homes on two sites brought forward by Transport for London as part of the Mayor of London's 'Small Sites, Small Builders' programme. The announcement follows a campaign by local groups that are part of national charity Citizens UK, with local organisations such as St-George-in-the-East, Shadwell and The Advocacy Academy of Lambeth Citizens leading the effort.

Center of Lille site visit



CLT Ghent 34 unit-project is a step closer to becoming a reality

CLT Ghent's 34 unit-project was officially presented by the City Councillor of Housing, Sven Taeldeman in May. It was mentioned on the regional pages of 'Het Laatste Nieuws'

CLT Brussels have been awareness raising

CLTB has been busy presenting its model and the SHICC project to a number of different events and audiences. This includes European stakeholders at "Affordable housing for inclusive cities", an event hosted by the Gothenburg European Office; and the "Transnational Platform for Urban Development Training" (PFTU), an INTERREG project, which organised an event on citizen participation in housing and urban development projects; as well as a conference organised by Federcasa, the Italian federation of social housing. In addition, CLTB has been meeting with senior politicians and civil servants from the City of Leuven to further discuss how a CLT could be implemented in that city, on 31 May in Annemasse (France).