



Responding Together

Citizens engagement
in reducing poverty and inequalities



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« Responding Together »
Engaging Citizens in Reducing Poverty and Inequalities
- Final conference of the Joint Programme -

Strasbourg, 4 - 6 November 2013
Council of Europe, Palais de l'Europe

Monday 4th of November 2013
ACTING TOGETHER TO REDUCE POVERTY AND PRECARIOUSNESS

How are citizens creating innovative paths to broaden access to resources, both through sharing and by avoiding waste?

8.30 Registration

9:00 – 9:45 OPENING SESSION (room 5)

9:00 The challenges of reducing poverty and precariousness in Europe today

- **Snežana Samardžić-Marković**, Director General for Democracy (DGII), Council of Europe
- **Luisella Pavan-Woolfe**, Ambassador, Head of the Delegation of the European Union to the Council of Europe

9:30 The outcomes of the project “Responding Together”

- *Reducing poverty and precariousness by enhancing local, participatory and bottom-up approaches*
- Gilda Farrell**, Head of Division, Social Cohesion Research and Early Warning, Council of Europe

9:45 – 10:15 THE VARIETY AND POTENTIAL OF CITIZENS' INITIATIVES (room 5)

- *Resources, strategies and legal frameworks to address poverty and precariousness in times of crisis*
- Flore Berlingen**, Ouishare, France

10:15 Coffee break

10:30 – 12:45 STRATEGIC GUIDELINES OF THE PROJECT
« Responding Together » (room 5)

Moderator:

Samuel Thirion, Council of Europe

10:30 Presentation of the Strategic Guidelines

- **Alessandra Scurba**, University of Palermo, Italy

10:45 Roundtable

Practices that respond to the challenges of reducing poverty and precariousness in an innovative way, while facilitating access to resources

- *Promoting a better use of resources: Avoiding waste*

Matteo Guidi, Last minute market, Italy

- *Involving communities in transformation processes: An inclusive approach to sharing*

Alain Philippe, Macif Foundation – Presentation of L'accorderie, Paris, France

- *Developing methods and processes of co-responsibility:*

Combining public incentives with citizens' initiatives

Thomas Dawance, Community Land Trust Brussels, Belgium

- *De-stigmatising actions to reduce poverty and precariousness:*

Enhancing people's potential and support networks

Marco Clausen, Prinzessinnengarten, Berlin, Germany

11:45 Debate: questions & answers

12:45 – 13:00 MORNING CONCLUSIONS

BY THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION (room 5)

- **Emma Toledano-Laredo**, Head of Unit, Social Inclusion and Poverty Reduction, European Commission

13:00 Lunch

13:45 – 14:30 Living library of projects

Meet project enablers

14:30 – 16:30 WORKSHOPS: DISCOVERING & VALUING CITIZENS' INITIATIVES (rooms 5, 3 & 2)

a) Avoiding waste and reusing resources (room 5)

- Repairing resources: **Borko Magazin**, BicycleRepairShop, Croatia
- Reusing resources to create objects: **Paula Policarpo**, DariAcordar, Portugal
- Reusing resources to create instruments: **Mélissa Azaïche**, Lutherie Urbaine, France

Moderator: **Kath Rosen**, London Orchard Project, UK

b) Sharing and providing access to resources (room 3)

- Sharing bikes: **Graham Pope** and **Olga Andreeva**, BikeSurf Berlin, Germany
- Sharing time: **Christine Papadopoulos**, Time bank Athens, Greece
- Providing access to health: **Laetitia Cloostermans**, Infirmiers de Rue, Belgium

Moderator: **Anne-Iris Romens**, Travailler ensemble jeunes et engagés (TEJE), France

c) Creating employment and building community (room 2)

- Creating employment while avoiding waste: **Thomas Fletcher**, Rejuce, UK
- Innovative job creation: **Rui Elpas de Sa-Carneiro**, associação social de Caxias, Portugal
- Strengthening social ties: **Georgi Georgiev**, Association St. Martyr. George - Lukovit, Bulgaria

Moderator: **Denis Stokkink**, Think Tank “Pour la solidarité”

16:30 Coffee break

**17:00 – 18:30 ENHANCING IMPACT: REPRODUCING & ENLARGING
THE IMPACT OF CITIZENS' INITIATIVES (room 5)**

Moderator:

Chris Sunderland, Bristol Pound, UK

17:00 Roundtable

- *Involving communities*

Mary Clear, Incredible Edible, UK

- *Toolkits for action*

Martine Postma, Repair café, the Netherlands

- *Crowdfunding*

Charlotte Rautureau, GOTEQ, France

18:00 Debate: questions & answers

18:30 End of working day

20:00 Reception

At Hôtel de ville (City Hall)

Kindly hosted by the City of Strasbourg

Welcoming speeches

- **Nawel Rafik-Elmrini**, City of Strasbourg, Deputy Mayor
European and International Relations

- **Luisella Pavan-Woolfe**, European Union, Head of EU
Delegation to the Council of Europe

- **María Ochoa-Llidó**, Council of Europe, Director Ad Interim of
Human Rights and Antidiscrimination

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Tuesday 5th of November 2013

**LEARNING TOGETHER TO REDUCE POVERTY AND PRECARIOUSNESS:
Developing enabler policies for citizens' action**

What are the frameworks and incentives to ensure the enlargement and reproduction of citizens' initiatives?

**9:00 – 10:45 IDENTIFYING THE RIGHT INCENTIVES AND FRAMEWORKS
(room 5)**

Moderator:

Gilda Farrell, Head of Division, Social Cohesion Research and Early Warning, Council of Europe

9:00 Opening

- **Tuur Elzinga**, Member of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe
- **Helena Roseta**, Vereadora – Câmara Municipal de Lisboa, Portugal

9:30 Roundtable

- *Citizens' initiatives struggling for recognition*

Stéphanie Cabantous, MIRAMAP, France

- *Developing mediation processes*

Lise Rask, Givrum.nu, Denmark

- *Cittaslow: a network to support citizens' initiatives*

Raoul Daoli, Mayor of Novellara

10:15 Debate: questions & answers

10:45 Coffee break

11:00 – 13:00 WORKSHOPS: ENSURING THE EXPANSION AND CONTINUITY OF LOCAL, PARTICIPATORY AND BOTTOM-UP APPROACHES (rooms 5, 3 & 2)

a) How to recognise the value of citizens' initiatives? (room 5)

- Access to housing: **María Yanes Martín** and **Macarena Hernández Conde**, Corrala La Utopía, Spain
- Legal advice and support to projects: **Roman Romanov**, International Renaissance Foundation, Ukraine
- Creating a network to support action: **Domenico Fantini**, Genuino Clandestino, Italy

Moderator: **Vanessa Sousa**, Citizens Initiatives in Lisbon, Portugal

b) How to create incentives to avoid waste and promote a better use of resources? (room 3)

- The “soft requisition”: **Eric Dosimont**, First Director of Charleroi CPAS, Belgium
- Incentives to avoid waste: **Gonçalo Nunes Rodrigues**, Associação Entremundos and ReMix Project, Portugal
- Providing access to health: **Dr George Vichas**, Metropolitan Social Clinic, Greece

Moderator: **Fausto Pascali**, Ex Colorificio di Pisa, Italy

c) How to create incentives for sharing? (room 2)

- Sharing skills and resources: **Matthias Ansorg**, Economy App, Germany
- Sharing mobility: **Angelo Meuleman**, Taxistop, Belgium
- Sharing housing: **Elizabeth Mills**, Homeshare International

Moderator: **Dave van Ooijen**, Platform 31, Netherlands

13:00 Lunch

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14:30 – 15:30 STRATEGIC CONCLUSIONS FROM THE WORKSHOPS

15:30 – 16:45 A WAY FORWARD TO STRENGTHEN CITIZENS' PARTICIPATION AND INITIATIVES (room 5)

Moderator:

Emilio Santoro, University of Florence - Altrodiritto, Italy

Roundtable

- *Encouraging citizens' initiatives*

Frederico Almeida, Deputy Mayor - Câmara Municipal de Cascais, Portugal

- *A regional law for participation*

Antonio Florida, Giunta Regionale Toscana, Italy

- *Involving citizens in the decision making process*

Lena Langlet, Swedish Association of Local Authorities and Regions (SALAR), Sweden

- *The Paris Main Verte Programme*

Karina Prevost, Community gardens Programme of the city of Paris, France

16:45 – 17:30 CONCLUSIONS (room 5)

- **Rita Skrebiškiene**, Chairperson of the European Committee for Social Cohesion (CDCS), Council of Europe
- **Konstantinos Simitsis**, Mayor of Kavala, Greece
- **Carine Jansen**, Director of the interdepartmental Direction of Social Cohesion, Wallonia, Belgium

17:30 Farewell drink

20:00 Projection of "Les moissons du futur"

At Odyssée – cinema theatre

Wednesday 6th of November 2013
Responding Together Tour in Strasbourg

Guided tour in the city where the Council of Europe was founded, to discover citizens' initiatives that facilitate access to resources for all, through sharing and while avoiding waste

OPTION A. Bus tour (approx. 30 participants)

[ENVIE](#)

Repairing household appliances and insertion enterprise

[Les jardins de la Montagne verte](#)

Urban organic agriculture and social insertion

LUNCH: [Association Mosaïque](#)

Restaurant d'insertion & Service traiteur

OPTION B. Walking tour (approx. 15 participants)

[Bretz'selle](#)

Bike self-repair workshops

[Jardins partagés de la Krutenau](#)

Community garden and urban gardening

[Friperie le Léopard](#)

Giving a second life to clothes

[Maison Mimir](#)

Self-managed social space

LUNCH: [Restaurant L'étage](#)

Social Restaurant and day center

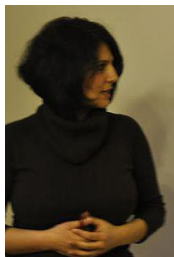


Living Library

Monday 3 November 2013

13:45 – 14:30

A living library is like a classical one, the difference is that instead of borrowing books, it is people telling stories about their own projects. Bookings at the library will take place in the morning and during breaks.



Center of Resource for Ethical and Solidarity Initiatives (CRIES)

-English-

By Mihaela Vetan
Timisoara, Romania

The CRIES is a nongovernmental organisation that aims at promoting social economy and co-responsibility in Romania, while building an active civil society. Among many other things, it has developed Community Supported Agriculture in the Timisoara area, strengthening relations between consumers and producers.

Association of Afghans United

-English-

By Mariani Papanikolau
Greece

An Association of people from Afghanistan living in Greece which aims to support them in their integration into Greek and European society, along with the peaceful cohabitation of the different ethnic groups and to act against the growing racist violence in the country.



Association pour le développement d'une vie plus cohérente (Adevico)

-French-

By Elodie Deschatrettes
France

ADEVICO aims at spreading more environmentally-friendly and socially responsible habits concerning everyday consumer goods. We organise small workshops and demonstrations where people can learn how to make most products themselves with simple, and cheaper, ingredients.



Living Library

Tuesday 4 November 2013

13:45 – 14:30



Gironde in Transition

-French-

By Pascal Bourgois

Jugazan, France

Cities and regions in transition draw their inspiration from the fact that the climate and energy crises will lead our societies to collapse. Rather than despair, citizens are mobilising locally to strengthen the resilience of their territories, solidarity, enabling existing initiatives to converge, by establishing: CSA, community gardens, LETS, etc.

Favara Urban Network (FUN)

-English-

By Giada Licata

Sicily, Italy

FUN supports, from a scientific and cultural point of view, the transformation processes of Favara and the metropolitan area. The idea is to bring art and culture to all citizens, making it an instrument of unification among people as well as one of urban regeneration of degraded and abandoned lands and sites which could instead become common goods. It explores themes such as low-definition architecture, urban agriculture and the design of public spaces.



Projecto Ameias

-English-

By Claudia Coimbra

Portugal

The project aims to support youngsters living in neighbourhoods where there is a high degree of inequality by improving their future prospects. Entremundos Association founded the project to promote the educational and professional integration of young people through mentoring and work experience programmes with local artisans.