EVENT DESCRIPTION SHEET

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PROJECT	
Project name and acronym:	[Network of Cities for Collaborative Housing] — [NETCO]
Participant:	AJUNTAMENT DE BARCELONA
PIC number:	997628123

EVENT DESCRIPTION	
Event number:	6
Event name:	**"A way forward for collaborative housing: recommendations and next steps"**
Type:	Group discussions, Surveys, Interviews, Desk Research and Webinar
In situ/online:	online
Location:	Barcelona / online
Date(s):	19.03.2024 & 23.04.2024
Website(s) (if any):	https://netco.carrd.co/
Participants	
Female:	82
Male:	54
Non-binary:	1
From country 1 [Belgium]:	7
From country 2 [Croatia]:	3
From country 3 [France]:	16
From country 4 [Germany]:	15
From country 5 [Greece]:	5

From country 6 [Italy]:	17		
From country 7 [Romania]:	**1**		
From country 8 [Slovenia]:	6		
From country 9 [Spain]:	41		
From country 10 [The Netherlands]:	1**1**		
From country 11 [Finland]:	2		
From country 12 [Ireland]:	2		
From country 13 [Malta]:	1		
From country 14 [Poland]:	2		
From country 15 [Portugal]:	3		
From country 16 [Slovakia]:	1		
From country 17 [Sweden]:	4		
Total number of participants from programme countries:	137	From total number of programme countries:	**17**
Associated partners:			
From UK	9		
From Norway	2		
Other countries (not EU)			
Afghanistan	1		
Argentina	1		

Bangladesh	1
Brazil	1
Canada	3
Gambia	1
Ghana	1
Indonesia	1
Iraq	1
Kenya	1
Lebanon	1
Malaysia	1
Mexico	1
Montenegro	1
Nepal	1
Nigeria	1
Pakistan	3
Palestinian Territories	1
Philippines	2
Serbia	1
Sierra Leone	1

South Africa	2		
Switzerland	4		
Tunisia	1		
Türkiye	1		
United States of America	4		
Total number of participants:	**183**	From total number of countries:	**44**

The numbers of participants per country provided in the table are based on the lists of participants interviewed within the feasibility study, attendees of the internal meeting on March 19th and attendees of the final Webinar on April 23rd (each person was counted once, even if they participated in multiple activities).

- Description of the WP and its activities.

This Work Package consisted of a group of related activities with the aim to plan the next steps of the NETCO project:

1. **Feasibility study: follow-up of the NETCO project** which engaged 20 participants from 11 countries
2. **Internal NETCO members meeting (March 19th 2024)** which engaged 17 participants from 10 countries
3. NETCO follow-up survey on Collaborative Housing and the NETCO Report (2023-2024 Peer Exchanges & Policy Recommendations) which engaged all the project partners
4. **Free public online Webinar (April 23rd 2024)** which engaged 180 participants from 44 countries

Ad 1 Feasibility study: follow-up of the NETCO project

SAGOResearch was contracted in December 2023 by the project leader to carry out a feasibility study about the follow-up of the NETCO project, to turn it into a more sustainable format/ structure. During February and March 2024, 20 people were interviewed from 14 public authorities, civil society organisations and intermediaries engaged in the NETCO project in order to discuss:
- Is it possible to transform the NETCO project into a more sustainable initiative/structure? Is there a need, appetite, interest? What would be the added value?
- What conditions are necessary to make this happen (human, financial, technical, time)?
- What are the necessary conditions? (objectives, structure, membership, governance and management, financial resources, working structures)
- What are the strengths of NETCO that should be maintained? What are the weaknesses of NETCO to be avoided?
- What are the opportunities and threats to help to support/hinder a more sustainable structure for the NETCO project?

The interviews were accompanied by desk research and benchmark study of NETCO.

Ad 2 Internal NETCO members meeting (March 19th 2024)

The results of the feasibility study were discussed during the internal NETCO members meeting on March 19th. Majority of current project partners show interest in continuation of the network. Scope of engagement will however depend on specific conditions, e.g. only a group of cities/regions have capacity to contribute financially (to a varying degree).

The study identified the most probable structure of aims of the NETCO project in its next phase:

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objective 1: Awareness raising, advocacy and policy influencing	Objective 2: Sharing knowledge, expertise and mutual learning	Objective 3: Contribute to research (and training)
• To raise awareness at national level. • To have a stronger voice in Europe/at European level. • To influence the development and improvement of regulating frameworks. • Bringing together the voice of multiple cities in view of advocacy. • To join forces to implement projects.	• To share knowledge and expertise. • To organise on-site workshops, webinars, etc. • To build a knowledge platform or resource base (partners/members only?)	• To collect and analyse existing research and implement research (feeding advocacy and practices). • To further refine the definition of co-housing. • To map initiatives to enable upscaling.

Ad 3 NETCO follow-up survey on Collaborative Housing and the NETCO Report (2023-2024 Peer Exchanges & Policy Recommendations)

NETCO follow-up survey on Collaborative Housing was conducted among all the project partners with the use of this form:
https://framaforms.org/netco-follow-up-survey-on-collaborative-housing-1707822550

The Report on best practice compilation based on the previous four packages - EDS6 (the Best Practice Compilation publication) can be consulted here:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/16TZrUiNyl_XsjMWI_vxNefE9SKAknkMj/view?usp=drive_link

Report front page:

Ad 4 Free public online Webinar (April 23rd 2024)

Main takeaways from the Webinar:

- Collaborative Housing is seen differently by the Local and Regional Governments (LGR) from NETCO. While many of them see this it as partnerships with civil society to achieve more innovative affordable housing (where public support can take the form of land leases, grants and loans), others see it as an alternative market-price practice by different stakeholders (cohousing groups, private developers) that can be encouraged through a preferential allocation of land for purchase in new developments.
- In addition to the cultural and political orientation between these approaches, another element highlighted in the webinar is the availability of public land that can be leased (e.g in Barcelona) or the absence of public land which reduces the capacity of municipalities to foster affordable Collaborative Housing development (e.g. Oslo). In between, an approach of recognising Community-developers as eligible to social housing financing allows for alternative forms of tenure and housing with the guarantee of the public interest (e.g. the Community Land Trust Brussels, supported by Brussels Capital Region).
- NETCO acknowledges the diversity of Cities and sees this as a strength to exchange about policies and strategies to promote Collaborative Housing. As political orientations can change at each local election, it is interesting for public servants to see what solutions can be put in place, or not, with different governments and political interests.
- Based on the best practice of the members, the NETCO final report formulates 15 recommendations (10 for Local and Regional Governments, and 5 for the EU), some of which were highlighted during the Webinar.
- With 180 participants from 44 countries to the webinar, it is clear that Collaborative Housing has become a topic of interest in Europe and beyond both for civil society and LGR. NETCO is willing to become a permanent network of European LRG to foster knowledge sharing among them and with partners from civil society and academia.

- The agenda of the event:

Webinar Scaling up Collaborative Housing: Lessons from European Cities

- **Date: April 23 - 16.00-17.30 CET (1.5hs)**

- **Zoom: Public registration link**

· **Interpretation: English - French – Spanish**

Programme:

7 mins Welcoming and Introduction: (Eduardo González de Molina, NETCO coordinator)

- Programme of the webinar
- What is NETCO? Why NETCO?
- What was done: (map of partners, pictures from field trips and workshops)

8 mins What is collaborative housing for NETCO? : (Pierre Arnold, urbaMonde)

50 mins Discussions: Benefits of Collaborative Housing for cities:

Facilitation: Michael LaFond (Id22)

- **8 m Barcelona: Artur Fornés**
- **8 m Oslo: Kristin Abrahamsen Kjærås**
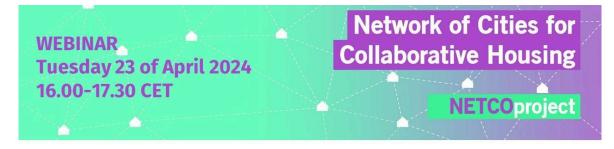- **8 m Brussels: Rebecca Bosch**

Q&A : 25 min Q&A

12m Policy-recommendations (Michael LaFond and Pierre Arnold)

- Presentation of 6 of the recommendations
- Sharing the link of the report

8m Next steps of NETCO, how to join the Network ? (Maite Arrondo, Navarra Region)

5 mins Conclusions (Eduardo González de Molina, NETCO coordinator)

- Graphical elements and photos of the event.

Quote from the satisfaction survey: ''The webinar was perfectly organised and very interesting. I found it was very useful to have translations in French and Spanish, so that more people could take part in the webinar''

PPTs:

https://pantheon.maadix.org/nextcloud/index.php/s/dDGBQaMaRzCXRsK

The Webinar has been recorded in 3 languages:

English, Spanish, French: https://netcoproject.org/#netco-webinar

- Website and social media:

FB: https://www.facebook.com/NETCOproject

Twitter: https://twitter.com/NETCOproject

LinkedIn: https://www.linkedin.com/company/netcoproject/

Mastodon: https://mastodon.world/@Netco

website: https://netco.carrd.co/

HISTORY OF CHANGES		
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