

## EVENT DESCRIPTION SHEET

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**⚠** *Please provide one sheet per event (one event = one workpackage = one lump sum).*

<b>Project name and acronym:</b>	[Network of Cities for Collaborative Housing] – [NETCO]
<b>Participant:</b>	AJUNTAMENT DE BARCELONA
<b>PIC number:</b>	997628123

EVENT DESCRIPTION	
<b>Event number:</b>	4
<b>Event name:</b>	Funding collaborative housing schemes, challenges and prospects.
<b>Type:</b>	Conference, Study Visits, Closed-door working session
<b>In situ/online:</b>	in-situ
<b>Location:</b>	Germany, Berlin
<b>Date(s):</b>	4-5-6 October 2023
<b>Website(s) (if any):</b>	<a href="https://netco.carrd.co/">https://netco.carrd.co/</a>

Participants	
Female:	46
Male:	38
Non-binary:	2
From country 1 [Belgium]:	2
From country 2 [Croatia]:	1
From country 3 [France]:	4
From country 4 [Germany]:	52
From country 5 [Greece]:	2
From country 6 [Italy]:	7
From country 7 [Romania]:	2

From country 8 [Slovenia]:	4		
From country 9 [Spain]:	6		
From country 10 [The Netherlands]:	5		
Total number of participants from project EU countries:	86	number of countries:	10
<b>Associated partners:</b>			
From country 11 [UK]:	2		
From country 12 [Norway]:	3		
<b>Countries beyond the formal partnership:</b>			
From country 13 [tbc if any]:	USA: 3 Austria: 1 Switzerland: 1		
Total number of participants:	96	From total number of countries:	15
<b>Description</b>			
<i>Provide a short description of the event and its activities.</i>			
<p><b>- Description of the event and its activities.</b></p> <p>The Berlin NETCO Conference, October 4 - 6, 2023, included study visits to a number of inspirational cohousing and collaborative housing projects, a welcome dinner at a cooperative housing neighborhood, and discussions among representatives of the NETCO cities as well as with an interested public audience. Our NETCO Research is continuing with the profiling of Collaborative Housing Best Practices regarding <b>Funding Mechanisms and Collaborative Housing</b>.</p> <p>Funding refers to the fiscal mechanisms and programs regulating project financing involving the planning, building and management of Collaborative Housing Best Practices. Both short-term initiation meaning access to land and loans and long-term financial sustainability of housing projects is important. Funding is one of the main challenges facing collaborative housing, in rental, cooperative and other ownership tenures and with or without leasehold models. Funding examples for Collaborative Housing may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Direct subsidies and grants as well as Indirect subsidies such as tax incentives</li> <li>• Loans and public guarantees to assist with loans</li> <li>• Cooperation with public, ethical, social, ecological and cooperative banks as well as non-profit land foundations such as Community Land Trusts</li> <li>• Subsidies to establish and maintain housing affordability</li> <li>• Solidarity funds internal to projects</li> </ul>			

**- The agenda of the event.**

## **Day 1 - Wednesday, October 4th, 2023**

**Venue address:** Wilhelmine-Gemberg-Weg 14, 10179 Berlin

📍 Bau- und Wohngenossenschaft Spreefeld Berlin eG

**17:00** Welcome

**17:30** Tour of Spreefeld Genossenschaft (Housing Cooperative + Neighborhood)

<https://www.buildingsocialecology.org/projects/spreefeld-berlin/>

<https://spreefeld.org/>

**19:00** Welcome Dinner at Spreefeld

## **Day 2 - Thursday, October 5th, 2023**

**10:00 Project Study Visit: Haus der Statistik**

<https://hausderstatistik.org/>

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<https://hausderstatistik.org/initiative/>

**12:30 Project Study Visit: Mietshäuser Syndikat: KUMI\*13**

<https://www.syndikat.org/kumi-13/>

*lunch break, self-organised, expenses not covered*

**16:00 Project Study Visit: Rathausblock**

<https://rathausblock.org/ueber-uns/modellprojekt/>

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<https://www.berlin.de/rathausblock-fk/>

**Venue address:** Rathaus Block Mehringdamm, 10963 Berlin

📍 Kiezraum Rathaus Block

**18:00 - 19:00 - Dinner** ( 📍 Kiezraum Rathaus Block )

**19:30 - 21:30 NETCO Conference - This is an open event**

**The Conference took place on Thursday, October 5, 2023, in the Kiezraum, Modellprojekt**

Rathausblock, Mehringdamm, 10963 Berlin, Kreuzberg.

The event started at 19:30 and ended at 21:30.

The topics that were addressed included:

- How to develop and manage affordable community and cooperative housing in these challenging times?
- What are the financial mechanisms and strategies that could most effectively enable, encourage, and sustain collaborative housing practices in our cities?
- The Conference focused on Berlin and Friedrichshain-Kreuzberg. Discussions revolved around housing and urban development policies, mechanisms, and initiatives that promoted and financed community, cooperative, and public housing projects.

- Participants were invited to take part in the event, which featured a combination of expert inputs and open discussions.

**Berlin District of Friedrichshain-Kreuzberg,**

**AKS GEMEINWOHL** - Structure for coordinating common-good urban development in

Friedrichshain-Kreuzberg: <https://aks.gemeinwohl.berlin/>

**Lokalbau** - Platform for cooperative housing and urban development in Friedrichshain-Kreuzberg:

<https://www.baustelle-gemeinwohl.de/akteure/lokalbau/>

**Netzwerkagentur GenerationenWohnen** - Berlin Agency for Community Housing, STATTAU:

<https://www.netzwerk-generationen.de/english>

**Genossenschaftsforum Berlin** - Berlin Forum for Cooperative Housing:

<https://www.berliner-genossenschaftsforum.de/>

and others.

## Day 3 - Friday, October 6th, 2023

Venue address: Rathaus Block Mehringdamm, 10963 Berlin

📍 Kiezraum Rathaus Block

**9:30 - 13:00:** Netco Partners Meeting, closed door

### 1. ROUND

09:30 - 11:00

- Introductions: id22
- Presentation Dresden  
Collaborative Housing Best Practice. Challenges and Opportunities
- Presentation Eindhoven  
Collaborative Housing Best Practice. Challenges and Opportunities
- Discussion

### 2. ROUND

11:15 - 13:00

#### Reflections and Recommendations

- **Berlin District of Friedrichshain-Kreuzberg:** Florian Schmidt, City Councilor for Housing and Urban Development

**DISCUSSION.** Interactive and Moderated.

#### Introducing NETCO Associate Partner Cities

- Comments from Navarre, Spain

**Conclusions** and closing of the Berlin NETCO Conference

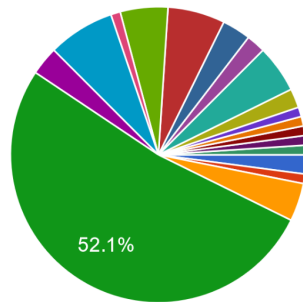
- A **participatory survey and discussion asking all participants about their experiences at this NETCO Conference: what was inspiring and impressive, and what could be our next steps?** Marie Brandt from **urbaMonde**

The Report on “Best practices compilation on **funding schemes** for collaborative housing - EDS3” under **this [link](#)**.

**Registrations to the event per country and gender:**

1. Which country do you represent?

96 responses

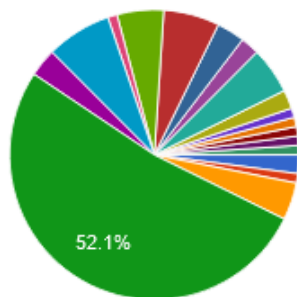


- Belgium
- Croatia
- France
- Germany
- Greece
- Italy
- Romania
- Slovenia

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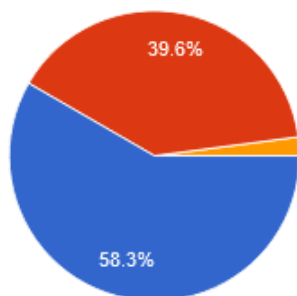
- Spain
- Norway
- United Kingdom
- The Netherlands
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- European Union
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2. What is your gender?

96 responses

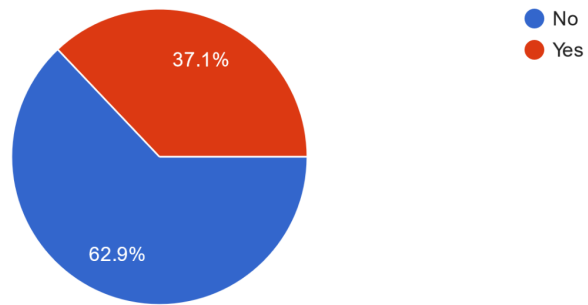


- Female
- Male
- Non Binary

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### 3. Is your organisation a NETCO project partner?

89 responses



#### - Graphical elements and photos of the event.



















NETCO project

6 October at 10:34 · 🌐

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Open event at our Berlin conference!

Full house at Modellprojekt #Rathausblock in Berlin for a discussion between the public and experts on housing and urban development policies, mechanisms and initiatives that promote and finance community, cooperative and public housing projects.

Thanks to all of you who are participating and sharing your experiences.

Ulrike Damerau tells us about AKS Gemeinwohl, an intermediary actor in the field of social housing, supervised by the district and legally representing part of civil society. Its aim is to remove housing from the speculative market, initially through the right of first refusal. However, after this right was rejected by a court, AKS switched to a preventive purchase mechanism. This facilitates the sale of housing not to the highest bidder, but to non-profit housing associations. Close to 2700 units were saved.

LokalBau's strategy is to use all possibilities for planning for the common good by managing project development. They have developed a map showing all the potential opportunities for cooperative development. An example of the LokalBau strategy is a collaborative project involving three property owners with the aim of creating a neighbourhood with affordable housing, social and cultural spaces. The urban planning process is embedded in an informal participation process.

Nele Trautwein of [Netzwerkagentur Generationenwohnen](#): There are two types of co-housing: Housing communities, where each person has private apartments and co-living spaces. Cluster apartments, which are private mini apartments with co-living spaces such as living rooms. One way to create co-housing is by renting to housing companies. Therefore, a housing company willing to integrate groups is needed. Berlin has six municipal housing companies that are independent enterprises but are committed to political goals.

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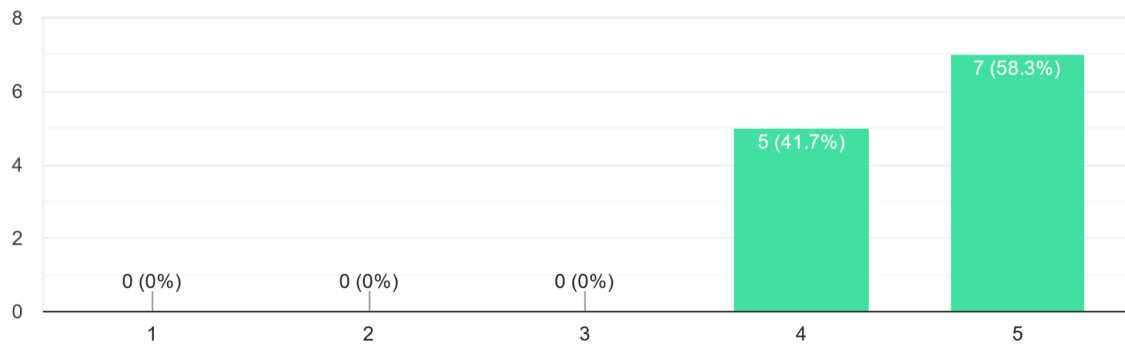


Feedback collected from NETCO partners who were asked to evaluate the event included the following:

- Organizers were welcoming and accessible.
- The event provided a lot of information, combining theory and practice through discussions and field experience.
- Consider better distribution of time; for instance, scheduling the open event on Thursday evening earlier in the day or without preceding it with a full day of walking field trips.
- Having a conference after dinner and after a long day is challenging to follow.
- Encourage more exchange and interaction among the European Partners, recognizing that English is not the first language for most of them.
- Improve coordination with participants and directions, sometimes locations were hard to find

4. Your general view on the event:

12 responses



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

HISTORY OF CHANGES		
VERSION	PUBLICATION DATE	CHANGE
1.0	01.04.2022	Initial version (new MFF).