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WINTER NEWSLETTER

CLTs are making an impact across Europe

The SHICC partners wish you a very happy new year 2021

Housing on the top of the EU Agenda – CLTs gaining support

On December 4, 2020, SHICC organised an [online EU policy event](#) to take stock of the emergence of a European Community Land Trust (CLT) Movement and its relevance to the EU policy agenda. This key event was a great success, gathering more than 150 participants and high-level speakers to discuss CLT developments in Europe. Acknowledging the need to encourage and support initiatives for adequate housing, this event promoted stronger political engagement from EU stakeholders to support CLTs. [[+ info on the event](#)]

The timing of the event could not have been better as on January 21, 2021, the European Parliament adopted a report on '[Access to Decent and Affordable Housing for All](#)' drafted by Kim van Sparrentak MEP. It notably "calls on the Commission, Member States and regional and local authorities to recognise, support and fund community-led, democratic, and collaborative housing solutions, including CLTs, as legitimate and viable means to provide housing..." This landmark report signals affordable housing has become a key priority for the EU. [[+ info about the initiative](#)]

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Building Common Ground Across Europe

EU Policy Conference

Friday 4 December 2020 - Online
Timing: 14:00 - 18:00 (CET)

Hosted by Pascal Smet, Member of the Committee of the Regions of the EU
under the patronage of the European Committee of the Regions



Organisers: SHICC project partners

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Release of the SHICC Social Impact Tool

The [Social Impact Tool](#) has been designed to help CLT and Collaborative Housing projects start thinking about their impact and how this can be measured.

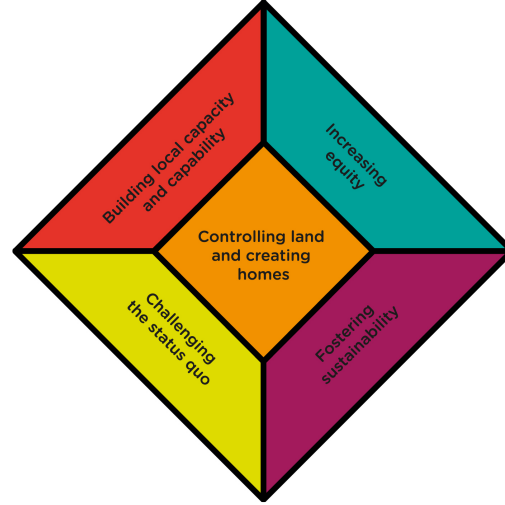
Using the tool groups will gain: an

understanding of their impact focus, an assessment of the quality of their impact measures, a plan of how to improve the quality of these measures if needed.

This will support the gathering of robust information and evidence that will help:

- make better decisions,
- solve problems strategically and tactically,
- create persuasive and compelling communications.

[[Access the Social Impact Tool](#)]



PARTNER'S UPDATE

As CLTs continue to lobby and fight for more recognition and political support, all partners have had some reason to celebrate over the past few months... have a read!



London CLT: Moves forward towards delivering 3 ongoing projects

London CLT (LCLT) is moving swiftly toward a start on site at [Brasted Close](#), in Lewisham, to directly deliver 11 homes. Development finance and a Build Contract are almost in place. An application is in and will be considered imminently by the GLA (Mayor of London's Office) to fund the pursuit of planning at [Christchurch Road](#), Lambeth – for which LCLT and partner organisations have campaigned for for five years. The work undertaken in preparing this was also used to accelerate an application for community-led housing at Scylla Road, Southwark for circa 10 homes. [[+ info](#)]



CLT Brussels: Launch of a financial cooperative to access land

CLTB and its partners from the social economy sector officially launched "Common Ground" in early January. This cooperative aims to attract private and citizen finance to acquire land and manage it, in accordance with the CLT model. This land will be made available to social economy and affordable housing projects. The new cooperative will be launching a number of developments soon. Stay tuned! [[+ info](#)]



FMDV: First step towards the establishment of a transnational CLT Investment Platform

Implementing their [Action Plan](#), the SHICC partners are launching a Feasibility Study (February - June 2021) which will benefit from the technical support of the EIB Advisory Hub. This two-phase mission will include the assessment of the European CLT market potential and the structuring of a project pipeline. Key milestones of this work will be shared in the coming months in parallel with strategic SHICC events (i.e. Peer 2 Peer webinars, transnational conference...). [[+ info](#)]



CLT Ghent: Opening social Grocery in spring 2021!

CLT Ghent is partnering with the City of Ghent and the social Grocery's Ghent to realise the first social Grocery. The renovation began with the hope of opening in the spring with the help of volunteers from the neighbourhood and financial support from

the city. The City Council is enthusiastic: "Everyone will be able to shop at the social grocery shop. People in the neighbourhood with financial difficulties will be able to do their shopping at a more advantageous rate. The social centre will employ vulnerable jobseekers there..." (Rudy Coddens, deputy mayor for Poverty Reduction and Chairman of the CPAS/OCMW Ghent). [[+info](#)]



OFSML: Continues to strengthen its organisation

The OFSML launched a bid for a central piece of work : improve the participation of inhabitants. The aim is to help the OFSML to define how inhabitants could take part in OFSML governance and activities. In parallel, one new housing operation of 21 homes in Lille was validated by the OFSML Board in December 2020, now resulting in a total of 105 homes in the pipeline! At the national scale, the French OFS Network ('Foncier Solidaire France'), will meet in February to officially create the association. As of January 2021, 52 OFS are established in France. [[+info](#)]



CLT Bijlmer: Developing new partnerships to embed CLTs in the circular economy

'And The People' has partnered with 'New Economy' and 'Space & Matter' to research how new ownership models, next to land ownership, can become an integral part of the CLT model and can support the transition to a regenerative economy at the neighbourhood scale. It is looking into other cooperative use-cases that provide positive values to the community, the neighborhood and the environment (e.g. co2 capturing skin of a building that could be leased by the CLT, shared facilities and spaces for laundry; with high quality energy efficient pay-per-use washing machines). Furthermore, the local CLT organisation has grown to 90 members and is preparing to tender for the first opportunity to get a building plot. [[+info](#)]



CLT Berlin: Founding the Stadtbodenstiftung

In Berlin id22 has supported the initiative for the first CLT in Germany the Stadtbodenstiftung. In January the founding documents were being submitted for legal recognition - a milestone for the CLT Movement in Germany. After granting legal status it will aim at finalizing the purchase of our first property which would secure affordable housing for 10 households in perpetuity. [[+info](#)]



SOSCH: Cultivates eco-friendly social enterprises to operate from temporarily available shopfronts

Sosch continues to support the Midsteeple Quarter's (MSQ) delivery of socially and environmentally friendly High Street redevelopment. MSQ was awarded development funding through the Scottish Government's [CARES grant](#) to engage consultants to produce a sustainability masterplan. It was also awarded funding from the Architectural Heritage Fund (AHF) to undertake a feasibility study of refurbishing the Walter Newall building, a 19th century classical bank building. Finally MSQ launched a [crowd-funding appeal](#) seeking community support towards the acquisition of three further properties. [[+info](#)]

SOA: New webpage dedicated to SOA participation in SHICC and the CLT network in Ireland

In order to support the CLT Movement in Ireland, SOA has launched a webpage dedicated to CLTs and the SHICC project. This resource will provide general information about the structure and benefits of CLTs, and news about SOA's activities as part of the SHICC project. Over time it is hoped that the webpage will develop as an archive of information relevant to the CLT movement in Ireland, and as a focal point for the emerging CLT movement there. The resource already hosts recordings of SOA's first public event as part of SHICC, which you are invited to check out [here](#). [[+ info](#)]

Read more about CLTs in Europe

- [Community Land Trust Case Studies](#): Access a consolidated report of ten case studies demonstrating the variety of CLT models.
- [European CLT Guide: Towards a Transnational Movement](#): Check out the latest blueprint for the Community Land Trust (CLT) movement in Europe.
- [European CLT Policy Paper](#): Read about the demands of European CLTs in terms of knowledge, regulation and funding.
- [Barcelona launches its first CLT-inspired housing initiative](#): Learn about the city's ambition to deliver more affordable homes.
- [On Common Ground](#): news from the global CLT movement.
- [Mobilising CLTs to fight poor housing in France & in Europe \(FR\)](#): Discover a comparative analysis questioning the way in which the CLT model makes it possible to address poor housing in France and in Europe.

SHICC project partners:



What is a CLT?

Community Land Trusts (CLTs) are non-profit, democratic, community-led organisations. Their counterpart in France are the Organismes de Foncier Solidaire (OFS). CLT's and OFS 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.

What is the SHICC project?

The SHICC (Sustainable Housing for Inclusive and Cohesive Cities) project aims to develop, support and disseminate the CLT and OFS model in Europe. 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 the City of Lille (France); the National CLT Network (UK); the CLT of London, Brussels and Ghent; and the Global Fund for Cities Development (FMDV, France). Recently new partners joined the project in order to maximise its impacts throughout the final year of implementation: And the People (Netherlands), Self-Organised Architecture (SOA, Ireland), the Institute for Creative Sustainability (id22, Germany) and the, Dumfries and Galloway Small Communities Housing Trust (DGSCHT, UK).

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