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Co-producing Democratic Cities in Unequal Times

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Coproducing Democratic Cities in Unequal Times

How can cities confront growing inequalities, democratic backsliding and environmental breakdown? What role can coproduction play in rebuilding trust, supporting collective action and shaping more just urban futures?

The Fairville final conference 'Coproducing Democratic Cities in Unequal Times' (16th & 17th November 2026 in Paris and 18th November 2026 in Brussels) brings together researchers, activists, community organisations, practitioners and public institutions to reflect on the challenges that inequality poses to urban democracy, and on the role coproduction can play in addressing them. Drawing on the project as a whole, including its urban labs in Athens, Berlin, Brussels, Cairo, Dakar, London and Marseille, the conference opens a broader conversation with external actors working on democracy, inequality and urban transformation.

This conference explores how coproduction can generate knowledge, relationships, political claims, forms of advocacy and, in some cases, institutional change. It also aims to address its tensions and limits, including unequal access to time, resources and legitimacy, and the conditions needed for coproduction to support more durable forms of democratic practice.

16/11/2026: MSH Paris Nord, La Plaine Saint-Denis
17/11/2026: Académie du Climat, Paris
18/11/2026: ULB Faculty of Architecture: La Cambre Horta, Brussels

DAY 1 – Monday - 16th Nov 2026 - Paris

Maison des Sciences Humaines et sociales Paris Nord

20 avenue George Sand, 93210 La Plaine Saint-Denis, France

Lessons from FAIRVILLE: Why coproduction and how can coproduction respond to democratic fragmentation and inequality?

Drawing on experiments conducted as part of the FAIRVILLE project, the first day of the conference will focus on the creation of urban inequalities through housing systems, differential exposure to environmental risks and unequal protection against the effects of climate change. It will also examine how these processes shape the democratic capacities of cities. During the morning session, academics and practitioners will discuss several FAIRVILLE case studies, exploring the dynamics of unequal urbanisation and their implications for urban governance, democratic participation and capacity for action.

The afternoon session will address the challenges of coproduction in a context of democratic fragmentation, exploring its potential and limitations. Particular attention will be paid to issues of epistemic justice and the tools and methods of coproduction, such as co-mapping, co-evaluation and counter-manuals, as well as the underlying power relations in the production of knowledge. These reflections will contextualise the methods tested within the FAIRVILLE framework alongside the broader theoretical questions that have shaped the project.

09:00 - 09:30 // Welcome

09:30 - 10:00 // Introduction

- *Agnès Deboulet, Emmanuelle Lallement, Loukia Batsi, Magatte Diouf, Romani Bedir*

10:00 - 11:30 // Session 1

Locating Urban and Environmental Inequalities

Learnings from Fairville Labs

- *Panellists: Ahmed Zaazaa, Daniele Mezzana, Giorgos Velegrakis, Seema Manchanda*
- *Discussant: Tim Wickson*
- *Moderator: Alessio Koliulis*

11:30 - 11:45 > *Coffee Break*

11:45 - 12:45 // Session 2

Democracy, Governance and Unequal Cities

How do urban inequality and democratic challenges reshape institutional trust and governance ?

- *Panellists: Alessio Koliulis, Maresa Berliri, Momar Diongue*
- *Discussant: Jakub Galuszka*
- *Moderator: Claire Bénit*

12:45 – 13:45 > *Lunch break*

13:45 - 14:30 // Keynote

Dialogue in Coproduction

- *Panellists: Beth Perry and Mona Fawaz*
- *Facilitator: Barbara Lipietz*

14:30 - 15:30 // Session 3

Coproduction in Times of Democratic Backsliding

Why coproduction? What kind of democratic openings?

- *Panellists: Francesca Ferlicca, Hélène Froment, Richard Lee*
- *Discussant: Laura Saija*
- *Moderator: Lorenza Manfredi*

15:30 - 15:45 > *Coffee Break*

15:45 - 17:15 // Session 4

Knowledge Coproduction in Practice

What are the tools and methods for knowledge coproduction? What epistemological issues do they raise?

- *Panellists: Joana Sisternas Tusell, Kawkab Tawfik, Loukia Batsi, Philippe Urvoy, Sylvain Adam*
- *Discussant: Sabrina Bresson*
- *Moderator: Anna Steigemann*

17:15 - 18:30 // Session 5

Concluding Discussion

Conditions for transformative coproduction in times of democratic backsliding

- *Panellists: Eva Alvarez, Camila Cociña, Julien Talpin*
- *Discussant: Agnès Deboulet*

18:30 - 20:00 > *Apéro, dinner and book presentation*

DAY 2 – Tuesday - 17th Nov 2026 - Paris

Académie du Climat

2 Pl. Baudoyer, 75004 Paris, France

Coproduction In Practice: Conditions, Tensions, and Implications

The second day focuses on how coproduction can be made effective and contribute to urban transformation, while engaging with the tensions, conflicts and controversies it generates. The day examines coproduction through various angles of trust building, collective awareness and agency building. It will question the conditions for real horizontality and progressive urban cooperation in situations of growing strain on public resources and real estate extractivism. Yet, we question the conditions under which coproduction can be supported, constrained or reconfigured through municipal or local government engagement, support from independent facilitators and policy frameworks.

The morning focuses on building the conditions for a wide array of community-based coproduction through a plenary on the politics of environment and risk-focused coproduction, followed by parallel sessions on institutional coproduction and political tensions, intermediary actors in urban change, and the accommodation of conflict within coproduction processes. The afternoon turns to democratic support for community-based coproduction, examining the right to question, legal and routinised obstacles, enabling factors and long-term policy structures.

09:00 - 09:15 // Welcome
Room: Salle des Fêtes

09:15 - 09:30 // Introduction

- *Agnès Deboulet & Seema Manchanda*

09:30 - 11:00 // Opening Plenary
The Politics of Environment and Risk-focused Coproduction

- *Panellists: Artemis Koumparelou, Elisabetta Bucolo, Luisa Moretto, Nabeel El Hady*
- *Discussant: Laia Garcia Fernandez*
- *Moderator: Paloma Anger*

11:00 - 11:15 > *Coffee Break*

11:15 - 12:45 // 3 Parallel Sessions
Complexities, Tensions and Infrastructures of Coproduction

Session 2A: Institutional Perspectives on Coproduction
What engaged officials think and do about co-producing the city in practice?
Room: Salle des fêtes

- *Panellists: Antigoni Gkoufa, Claire Bénit, Giuseppe Faldi, Mari-Paz Agundez*
- *Discussant: Mathilde Jourdam-Boutin*

Session 2B: Intermediation, Facilitation and Urban Change
How intermediary actors enable, translate, support or constrain coproduction and urban transformation.
Room: Salle des mariages

- *Panellists: Ahmed Zaazaa, Eleni Mougiakou, Mariana Tournon, Ismaila Seye / Mokthar Seck*
- *Discussant: Violante Torre*

Session 2C: Conflicts and Disagreement for Deep Coproduction

Examining disagreement, friction and antagonism within coproduction processes.
Room: Salle Tumo

- *Panellists: Dominique Nalpas, Enrico Schönberg, Paloma Anger, Saif Osmani*
- *Discussant: Stéphane Tonnelat*

12:45 - 13:45 > *Lunch*

13:45 - 15:30 // Session 3

Catalysing Democratic Deepening: Nurturing Transformative Coproduction

Room: Salle des Fêtes

- *Panellists: Astou Mbengue, Florian Vertriest, François Piquemal (tbc), Laura Saija, Marco Cremaschi*
- *Discussant: Laura Guaita*
- *Moderator: Joana Sisternas Tusell*

15:30 - 15:40 // Closing words

- *Giorgos Velegrakis et Hélène Froment*

DAY 3 – Wednesday - 18th Nov 2026 - Brussels

ULB Faculty of Architecture: La Cambre Horta

Pl. Eugène Flagey 19, 1050 Brussels, Belgium

What should remain? How do urban justice alliances, knowledge networks and coproduction practices endure and transform beyond the FAIRVILLE project?

The third and final conference day will focus on the ways in which the coproduction practices, knowledge and alliances developed within FAIRVILLE have circulated and consolidated daily urban and environmental governance beyond the project. The day begins with the opening of the project's itinerant exhibition. Drawing on experiences from the FAIRVILLE Labs, the exhibition explores urban inequalities and coproduction as a situated practice, highlighting its tensions, possibilities, and the conditions needed for practices and alliances to endure and circulate beyond their local contexts.

Building on FAIRVILLE and related initiatives, the roundtable will bring together actors working across housing justice, public policy, municipal governance, research, advocacy, and civic organising. A particular focus will be placed on the European Affordable Housing Plan as an opportunity to link EU-level agendas with local and civic action. The session will consider how housing alliances, municipalities, foundations, grassroots organisations, and public institutions can work together to develop more democratic, equitable, inclusive and accountable approaches to affordable housing. The conversation will also explore the contribution of the renewed municipalist movement alongside emerging municipal practices, especially where local governments are experimenting with new participatory and co-produced pathways to respond to housing inequalities and strengthen civic capacity.

09:00 - 10:30 // Itinerant breakfast with exhibition

Urban Inequality and Coproduction

Exhibition presentation and guided walking exploration

- *Catalina Dobre, Giuseppe Faldi, Luisa Moretto*

- *Along with citizen participants from several FAIRVILLE Labs* presenting their main ambitions and objectives. ***Brussels*** *(Myriam Stoffen)*, ***London*** *(Richard Lee & Agnieszka Rolkiewicz)*, ***Marseille Belle de Mai*** *(Alima El Bajnouni & Patrick Lacoste)*, ***Dakar*** *(Ismaila Seye et Astou Mbenge)*, ***Giza*** *(Heba Yaseen & Paloma Anger)*, ***West Attica*** *(Artemis Koumparelou)*, ***Berlin*** *(Mari-Paz Agundez)*, ***Marseille 4-5*** *(Mathilde Jourdam-Boutin)*

10:30 - 12:30 // Session

After FAIRVILLE: Legacy, Alliances and Coproduction Futures

Roundtable discussion on Manifesto and other alliance-based coproduction initiatives

- *Panellists: Alima El Bajnouni, Goran Jeras, Guillaume Baron, Laia Segura Cueto, Léa Galloy, Matthew Baldwin*
- *Facilitator: Barbara Lipietz*

12:30 - 13:00 // Closing words

- *Agnès Deboulet & Judith Le Maire*

13:00 - 14:30 > *Lunch*

A Living Journey Through Coproduction

A Fairville Travelling Exhibition

Against the social, environmental and democratic inequalities that shape our cities, countless citizen-led initiatives are already taking action every day. Often overlooked, they develop practical solutions to improve living conditions, strengthen solidarity and build fairer communities. This exhibition invites visitors to discover the experiences emerging from the FAIRVILLE Labs in Brussels, Berlin, London, Marseille, West Attica, Dakar and Giza. Conceived as a living journey through co-production, it highlights how residents, community organisations, researchers, practitioners and institutions work together to understand contemporary urban challenges and respond to them collectively.

Through stories, maps, collaborative tools and collective outputs, the exhibition reveals often unseen practices that contribute to transforming places and communities. It sheds light on the processes of dialogue, experimentation and collective learning, as well as the negotiations and challenges, which emerge when different forms of knowledge, experience and action come together.

More than a presentation of results, the exhibition creates a space for reflection on what becomes possible when co-production is placed at the heart of urban transformation. How can different forms of knowledge and experience contribute to urban change? What are the possibilities and challenges of collective action? It is an invitation to make the invisible visible, to explore the learning generated through collective action, and to imagine cities that are fairer, more democratic and more inclusive.

Following its launch in Brussels, the exhibition will continue its journey in Berlin and Marseille in early 2027, fostering the exchange of experiences and collective learning across Fairville cities.



The exhibition is coordinated by the Louise Centre of the Université libre de Bruxelles, with the support of the CNRS and the Fairville project partners.

Practical Information

18 November to 11 December 2026
Monday to Friday, 10.00 am to 4.00 pm
Guided are tours available on request on Monday and Friday mornings at: fairville.exhibition2026@gmail.com

Venue: Museum of the Faculty of Architecture La Cambre Horta Université libre de Bruxelles (ULB), Place Flagey 19 1050 Ixelles, Brussels, Belgium

Practical Information

Exhibition open from 7 to 18 January 2027

Events and guided tours on 15, 16, 17 January 2027
Link to the programme (tbc)

Venue: Kiezraum, Mehringdamm 10963 Berlin, Germany

For more information: Fairville Exhibition
https://www.fairville-eu.org/final-conference-en

Practical info

Reaching the venue

Monday 16th November 2026

Maison des Sciences Humaines et sociales Paris Nord
20 Av. George Sand, 93210 Saint-Denis la Plaine
By metro : Line 12 - Station Front Populaire

- *Conference: 1st floor, Amphitheater*
- *Lunch & dinner: 4th floor, Salle Panoramique*

Tuesday 17th November 2026

L'Académie du Climat
2 Pl. Baudoyer, 75004 Paris, France
By metro: Station - Hôtel de Ville (1 & 11) – Saint-Paul (1) – Pont Marie (7)
By bus: Station - Académie du Climat – Lines 96 – 76 – 69 & N° 11 – N° 16

- *Conference & lunch: 2nd floor, Salle des fêtes (2.14)*
- *Parallel sessions: 2nd floor*
  - *Salles des fêtes (2.14)*
  - *Salle des Mariages (2.22)*
  - *Salle Tumo (2.18)*

Wednesday 18th November 2026

ULB Museum, Faculté d'architecture de l'ULB : La Cambre Horta
Pl. Eugène Flagey 19, 1050 Brussels, Belgium
By bus: N° 71 , N° 09 - Station Flagey | By tram: N° 81 - Station Flagey

- *Conference and exhibition: ULB Museum, entrance floor to the left*

Registration: framaforms.org/pre-registration
For more information: www.fairville-eu.org/final-conference-en

Participants

Agnès Deboulet PI of the FAIRVILLE project, is a professor of sociology at the University of Paris 8 Vincennes Saint-Denis and researcher at LAVUE Laboratoire Architecture Ville Urbanisme Environnement, UMR 7218, CNRS) on coproduction and citizen's skills (Ile de France and Cairo region) associated with urban regeneration and environmental threats.

Agnieszka Rolkiewicz is a director of Co Produce It CIC and a qualified Cultural Animator and Applied Theatre practitioner with over 20 years experience in participatory approaches to community engagement and development. She is working on the concept of commons and food security issues across east London.

Ahmed Zaazaa is a researcher and urban designer, focusing on spatial and climate justice in urban planning, housing, and public spaces. Through Taamir for Research and Design, where he contributed to studies concerning the spatial and climate justice, as well as leading co-production projects with deprived and marginalized communities. Academically, Zaazaa works as an assistant professor of practice in the Arab Academy for Science and Technology in Cairo.

Alessio Kolioulis is Associate Professor in Urban Economic Development at The Bartlett Development Planning Unit (University College London). A member of the Fairville research team, he leads research on night-time economies collaborating with governments, communities and international organisations.

Alima El Bajnouni is a lawyer and a PhD student in law within the MIL group (University of Paris-Est Créteil) and an affiliate of LAVUE. Part of the commons movement, she campaigns for the right to housing, the right to the city and food democracy. From 2025 to 2026, she coordinated the Marseille Fairville Lab.

Anna Steigemann is Professor for Urban and Spatial and Regional Sociology at HCU Hamburg since October 2026. Before she was Professor for Urban Research and Spatial Sociology at the University of Regensburg (Fairville partner) and Associated Researcher at the Habitat Unit (Technical University of Berlin).Her work focuses on community building, migration, gender and the city.

Antigoni Gkoufa holds an MSc degree in Environmental Sciences after receiving scholarship by Onassis Foundation. Since 2003, she has been serving at the Region of Attica (Fairville associate partner) in licensing, environmental inspections and participating in environmental projects.

Artemis Koumparelou is an architect engineer based in Athens, with an MSc in Economic and Social Geography. Her work bridges architecture, urban research, and spatial justice, focusing on participatory design, political ecology, housing, and urban socio-spatial inequalities. As a partner at COMMONSPACE coop she has been engaged in urban design projects, spatial analysis, and community-based research.

Astou Mbengue, data collection officer at the Senegalese Federation of Residents (FSH)

and a member of the SUXALI SUNU GOX group, coordinates the 'Know Your City' campaign. She mobilises communities, facilitates focus groups, mediates territorial disputes and raises awareness of projects and vaccination.

Barbara Lipietz is Professor in Urban Development Planning at the Bartlett Development Planning Unit, University College London. Coordinator of the 'scaling' Work Package within Fairville, her research, teaching and advocacy focuses on processes to bolster more just practices of housing, neighbourhood development and city-making. She is chair of the IJURR Foundation and a member of the IJURR Editorial board.

Beth Perry is Professor of Urban Epistemics and Director of the Urban Institute at the University of Sheffield. Her work on 'urban epistemics' sits between urban studies, science and technology studies, sociology, political science and geography, and focuses on the politics and practices of knowledge production in society and its potential for place-based transformation. She hosts the podcast Urban Radar.

Camila Cociña is a senior researcher at the International Institute for Environment and Development (IIED), where she co-leads the Housing Justice work. She is a member of the Radical Housing Journal and the Human Rights and Evictions Network in Chile.

Catalina Codruta Dobre is lecturer and researcher at LoUIsE Lab, Faculty of Architecture, Université libre de Bruxelles. Her work advances collective knowledge and design for water-sensitive urban futures by investigating civil society-led initiatives through research, experimental projects, and international collaboration.

Claire Bénit is an Associate Professor in Planning, at Aix Marseille Université, and a researcher at MESOPOLHIS. Her research interests focus on the progressive governement of cities, through municipal officials' actual practices in conducting change in cities. For FAIRVILLE she coordinated Atelier Marseille 4-5, in dialogue with the district municipality, to co analyse the conduct of transformative urban policies.

Daniele Mezzana, Senior social researcher at Knowledge & Innovation (Rome), he has carried out research in Europe, Africa, India and Latin America on themes such as: innovation and relations between science and society, active citizenship and relations between the state and citizens, migrations, environmental risks, training needs analysis, social exclusion.

Dominique Nalpas, Founder of the Etats Généraux de l'eau in Brussels. Training in mental health, social and cultural work, systemic approach, collective action and networking. For the past 25 years, he has been working on urban and environmental issues, combining an activist and professional approach. He coordinates action research projects and socio-environmental innovation in Brusseau, Brusseau bis, Commoning initiatives.

Eleni Mougiakou is a co-founder of commonspace and coordinator of participatory LAB. In FAIRVILLE, she coordinated the WP3 pilot cases. An agronomist with an MSc in Geoinformatics and a PhD candidate at the Agricultural University of Athens, her work connects urban climate adaptation, green infrastructure and spatial inequalities with

citizen science and collective action.

Elisabetta Bucolo is assistant professor in sociology (CNAM-Paris) and researcher at the LISE-CNRS. Her research focus on collective action, civil society organization and social innovations. Her current works analyse enviromnental and epistemic injustice, participatory research and knowledge in socio-ecological transitions.

Enrico Schönberg is a Berlin-based urban activist and expert in community-oriented urban development and self-managed housing projects. He is active in the Berlin tenants' movement and contributes to initiatives such as ZusammenStelle, the Mietshäuser Syndikat, Stadt Neudenken, and Stadt von Unten, advocating for affordable housing and the preservation of socio-cultural spaces.

Florian Vertriest, 4th Deputy Mayor, City of Roubaix. He has been a councillor for the City of Roubaix since March 2026 (Deputy Mayor for Urban Regeneration and Roads, and Mayor of the Northern Districts). A native of the Alma-Gare neighbourhood and a sports coach, he co-founded his neighbourhood's anti-demolition campaign.

Eva Alvarez, Architect and PhD from the Universidad Politécnica de Madrid (UPM), her career has focused on the fight for the right to housing and socio-spatial justice. She has extensive international experience in action research and has directed the Department of Urban Planning and Territorial Development at the ETSAM-UPM (School of Architecture of Madrid - UPM), where she is currently Associate Professor. She is member of Fairville's ethics and advisory board.

Francesca Ferlicca, is a Rachel L. Mellon Postdoctoral Fellow at Sciences Po Urban School. Her research examines informality, climate risk, and socio-ecological transformation in Latin American cities. Her project, "Nature in the City," investigates community-led adaptation and how informal land markets and speculative pressures produce contested landscapes of flood risk.

François Piquemal is a Member of Parliament for La France Insoumise in Haute-Garonne. A history teacher and spokesperson for the Droit Au Logement association in Toulouse for ten years, he is now the budget rapporteur for the 'Housing' section of the Economic Affairs Committee. He has also helped draft a bill with the APPUII association and other groups to ensure that residents are taken into account in urban regeneration policies.

Giorgos Velegrakis is an Assistant Professor of Environmental Sociology at the University of Crete. His work in Commonspace (a Fairville partner in West Attica) particularly focuses on extractivism, climate change, socioenvironmental conflicts, and environmental movements. He is the co-writer/co-editor of the book "Ecological crisis and left strategies" (RLF, 2025), "Insurgent Ecologies" (Fernwood, 2024) and "The political ecology of austerity" (Routledge, 2022)

Giuseppe Faldi is a lecturer and researcher at ULB (LoUIsE) specialized in urban planning, water management, and climate change adaptation. His research examines different configurations of co-production in water, sanitation, and stormwater management services across urban contexts, focusing on their governance, socio-

technical arrangements and sustainability implications.

Goran Jeras is CEO of Echoes and manager of Croatia's Cooperative for Ethical Financing (ZEF). He co-founded MOBA Housing SCE, a European network developing non-profit cooperative housing. His work focuses on ethical and community finance across Europe, alongside democratic ownership including cooperatives and steward-owned companies.

Guillaume Baron is a licensed architect (DPLG) and lecturer since 2013 (ENSA Paris-La Villette – CNAM). He also holds a postgraduate research degree in Architecture (ENSAPLV, 2025). Founded in 2012, BARON arch. firm focuses on private housing and working-class suburb, involving the rehabilitation of large-scale housing complexes and urban renewal.

Heba Yassen is an Egyptian graduated from social work studies. She engaged through the local youth parliament Mansheyat Dahshur (Giza, Egypt), where she supports the formulation of community claims. She is also volunteer with the Tourism Development Association, helping facilitation for a "Women Entrepreneurs in Egypt" program. For Fairville she supported the team in participative research and community engagement.

Hélène Froment, member of Un Centre Ville pour Tous (CVPT) & CHO3 (collective of organised inhabitants third district) and involved in the Fairville lab Marseille since the beginning, activist on issues of the right to the city and substandard housing, participating in local struggles while living in a disadvantaged neighborhood.

Ismaila Seye is a computer engineer. At urbaSEN, he heads the Mapping and Data Collection Unit. A certified drone pilot and skilled in GIS and digital mapping, and in collecting and analysing field data. He puts these skills to work in Fairville namely on participatory urban planning with residents, land tenure security, flood prevention and sustainable neighbourhood development.

Jakub Galuszka is Junior Professor of Sustainable Cities and Climate Change at the HafenCity University Hamburg. His research focuses on housing, informality, co-production and urban sustainability. Currently, he leads two research projects, namely 'Inconspicuous Transformations: the Socio- Spatial Reconfiguration of Formal Housing in Europe,' funded by the DFG. He is a member of the Ethics and Advisory board (Fairville).

Joana Sisternas Tusell is an associate lecturer at ENSA-PVS and a postdoctoral researcher on the Fairville project at the Mesopholis laboratory (AMU). Her research focuses on urbanisation policies and security measures in precarious neighbourhoods, as well as on the civic engagement and mobilisation of their residents.

Judith le Maire is architect (ISACF La Cambre 1995 – Bruxelles) et Ph'd (University Paris-la Sorbonne). She has published Lieux, biens, liens communs. Emergence d'une gramaire participative en architecture et urbanisme, 1904-1969, 2014. Vice-dean of international relations and development at ULB (2018 à 2

Julien Talpin is a sociologist, permanent research fellow at the French National Center

for Scientific Research (University of Lille). His works deals with community organizing and the mobilization of marginalized communities in urban contexts. He has recently published with T. Chevallier "Inside the Micro-politics of Repression. Institutional Control and Political Neutralization of Non-Profit Organizations in a French City", Partecipazione e conflitto, 19(2), 2026.

Kavyashree Swamygowda is the project manager of the FAIRVILLE project at CNRS – LAVUE. Having trained as an architect in India and as an urbanist in Germany and France, she has collaborated with diverse actors on several Interreg and Horizon Europe projects, with a focus on creating just, liveable and sustainable cities.

Kawkab Tawfik, researcher and communication expert at Fairville Giza Lab, holds a PhD in Cultural Heritage from the University of Rome Tor Vergata and teaches History of Arab Countries at the University of Tuscia (Italy). A Research Associate at IFAO and CEDEJ in Cairo and member of the Egyptian Geographical Society, she is specialising in MENA studies, qualitative research, cultural heritage documentation, media analysis, and digital content production.

Laia Gemma García Fernández researches environmental justice and everyday city-making practices. At ICLEI Europe, she specialises in resilience and climate adaptation, leading FairFuture's scientific coordination and supporting inclusive, co-created adaptation strategies. She holds a PhD in Architecture and Urban Planning from the University of Ferrara and an MSc from UCL.

Laia Segura Cueto is Head of the Representation of Barcelona to the European Union. She works to advance the city's priorities and strengthen relations with EU institutions and stakeholders. Her expertise includes the just energy transition, housing, and public affairs. She previously worked in the non-profit sector in Barcelona and Brussels.

Laura Guaita works as an Expert in the Socio-Cultural Transformations Team at ICLEI Europe. She supports local authorities and other city-makers in their efforts towards more equal, co-created and sustainable cities. Laura holds a master's degree in Sustainable Architecture and Landscape Design at the Polytechnic University of Milan.

Laura Saija is an Associate Professor in City and Regional Planning at the University of Catania and has previously served as an Assistant professor in City and Regional Planning, University of Memphis. Her main research interest is how participatory action-research engages distressed communities in co-design and collaborative planning processe. Her recent work focuses on the role of civil society in planning.

Lorenza Manfredi is an urban researcher, art curator and architect with a PhD in Urbanism from TU Berlin and IUAV Venice. Her work (namely in Fairville Berlin lab) explores urban transformation, autonomous spaces, public space, and participatory practices. She teached at University of Applied Science Biberach, Technical University Berlin and the University of Regensburg.

Loukia Batsi is a researcher at États Généraux de l'Eau à Bruxelles (EGEB asbl). She works at the intersection of climate vulnerability and housing precarity, using action

research approaches. She holds an MSc in Urban Studies and has a background in systemic design. Within the Fairville consortium, she currently coordinates WP4 on co-evaluation methodologies.

Luisa Moretto is professor at the Faculty of Architecture of the Université libre de Bruxelles. Her research interests focus on urban governance and service co-production. This approach is developed in relation to the full water cycle and the urban geographies in the Global South.

Léa Galloy is director of the Alinsky Institute (France). Trained in community organising in Grenoble, her work focuses on supporting the capacity of community organisations to influence the decisions that affect them. A keen proponent of participatory democracy, she seeks to equip residents with the know-how to raise key concerns effectively, and institutions with the know-how to respond accordingly.

Magatte Diouf is geographer and city planner (with 13 years of experience after 2 master 2 in city planning and project management. She is currently UrbaSEN project officer and has piloted 15 projects (floods, water, climate, waste water...) while being in charge of Fairville follow up and reporting

Marco Cremaschi has taught in Venice, Rome, Pittsburgh and Buenos Aires before joining Sciences Po Paris as Professor of Urban Planning. His research focuses on urban transformations, housing inequalities and European policies. He is currently Director of AESOP Transactions and co-leader of the European research project ReHousIn. His recent publications include Rome, Promenades sociologiques (2026) and Regulation and Planning (2021).

Maresa Berliri, Senior Social Researcher at Knowledge & Innovation (Rome), she has conducted research in Europe and Africa on the relationship between science and society; the implementation of gender equality plans in RPOs; ethics; inequalities, participation and democracy; urban development; poverty and social exclusion; and active citizenship.

Mari Paz Agúndez Lería is an architect and urban researcher with a PhD in Urbanism and Architecture from TU Berlin. Her research explores migration, spatial practices, and urban transformation. She is currently a Postdoctoral Researcher at the University of Regensburg (Fairville) and has taught at Berlin International University and TU Berlin.

Mariana Tournon is coordinator of the APPUII association. With a background in history and urban sociology, she has worked on the transformation of working-class neighbourhoods and urban regeneration policies, and subsequently served as a social and urban development officer in the Île-de-France region before joining the permanent staff of the APPUII association.

Matthew Baldwin is head of the European Union Commission Task Force on Housing and Deputy Director-General (DDG) in the energy department of the European Commission. Over his 25 years + service in the European Commission, he ran the Commission's Mission for 100 Climate Neutral and Smart Cities by 2030, and served as EU coordinator

for sustainable urban mobility. He has strong experience of working with cities.

Mathilde Jourdam-Boutin is a research engineer at the MESOPOLHIS laboratory at Aix-Marseille University, working on the FAIRVILLE project and the Marseille 4-5 Workshop. She holds a Ph.D. in Urban Geography, Her research focuses on urban transformations, real estate dynamics, and housing policies from Yaoundé to Marseille, inequalities and urban fragmentation.

Mokhtar Seck is a specialist in territorial dynamics and has a long experience in participatory programs with citizen movements. His work at urbaSEN aims to help the voice the vulnerable dwellers of precarious neighborhoods in Seneral -organized in the Senegalese Federation of Dwellers (FSH) to be heard and fight together against inequalities and urban fragmentation.

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