

Enabling Transformative Urban and Environmental Co-production at Scale – Key Learnings

Fairville Dialogues in Co-production - The Enabler Series
// Leviers de la Co-production
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- **Simultaneous Translation Available**
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- **Throughout the event, we will be taking live notes on Miro.** You can access this interactive document via a link shared in the chat.
- **Please add your own comments in the Zoom chat** and we will add as post-it notes on the Miro board
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Presentation of Key Learnings



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Why co-production? Why now?

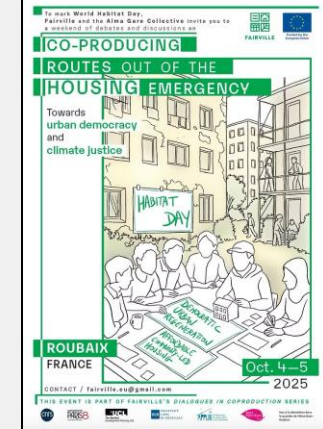
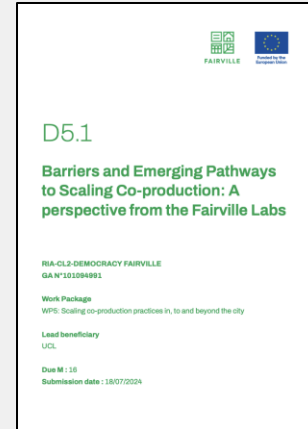
- Across Europe (and beyond) growing numbers of urban inhabitants confront **a moment of compounding crisis**.
- **Deepening and multiplying inequalities** are threatening the social contract. **Trust in the institutions** and actors of liberal democracy **is under threat**.
- Despite these hardening circumstances **an appetite for meaningful involvement in neighbourhood life and broader city-making processes endures**.
- Across the Fairville labs and wider-network community-led coalitions are seeking to actualise the promise of participatory democracy, **to (re)engage and transform state resources / processes** via **transformative co-production** towards just and democratic city-making.

*What is co-production?
Fairville's definition is based on the observation of solidarity practices in urban contexts: these are processes through which residents mobilise around a common cause, joining forces with organised actors to collectively produce and secure a common good or service.*

**Agnès Deboulet,
CNRS & Fairville PI**

Key learnings – how did we get there?

- Discussions within and amongst **Fairville Labs on barriers and opportunities** for transformative co-production in their contexts;
- **In-person and on-line events**, organised around: sectoral areas of interest central to Fairville, Actor-focused & Alliance-building discussions;
- **DiC Enablers series** elaborating on these discussions, bringing together a community of practice around enablers of transformative co-production.



Brussels,
April 2025



Roubaix,
October 2025



Athens,
December 2025

Enablers of Transformative Co-Production

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Establishing/Grounding Meaningful Co-Production

15 January 2026
3-5pm CET / 2-4pm GMT

Drawing on inputs from across Europe (and beyond), this event marks the beginning of a series focused on unpacking critical enablers of meaningful, co-produced city making.

The first event of this series explores three foundational entry points for co-production:

- Strong community networks capable of resisting injustice, sharing knowledge and forming a horizontal base;
- Broadened support for co-production, reflective of a shift in public discourse;
- Accessible, receptive, and capacitated institutions able to engage with the knowledge and ambitions of co-producers.

With inputs and comments from:

- Richard Lee (Just Space, London UK)
- Mariana Tournon (APPIU, FR)
- Manuel Katzer (Deutsche Wohnen & Co. enteignen, Berlin DE)
- Maxime Pomeroy (City of Tours, FR)
- Beth Perry (University of Sheffield, UK)
- Claire Béné-Gbaffou (Aix-Marseille University, FR)
- Myriam Cau (Conseil Français des Urbanistes, FR)

Facilitation:
Barbara Lipietz, Tim Wickson & Alessio Kolioulis (The Bartlett Development Planning Unit, UCL UK)

Translation:
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Resourcing for Meaningful Co-Production

12 February 2026
3-5pm CET / 2-4pm GMT

In this second event of our series we focus on:

- Unpacking funding / resourcing mechanisms to strengthen community-led co-production -including community-led finance and savings-based models, cooperatives, public funding and public-commons-partnership, alongside forms of technical and professional support.
- Exploring processes to scale such mechanisms in ways that engage public and private institutions alongside communities.

With inputs and comments from:

- Hélène Balazard (Institut Alinsky)
- Eduard Cabré Romans (Mayors for Housing)
- coop57
- François Dubois (APPIU)
- Goran Jeras (MOBA)
- Keir Milbrun (Abundance)
- Nina Quintas (urbalkonde)
- Claudy Vouhé (L'Ére égale)

Facilitation:
Barbara Lipietz, Tim Wickson & Alessio Kolioulis (DPU, UCL)

- Lorena Zárate (Global Platform for the Right to the City)
- Diana Wachira (Habitat International Coalition)

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Regulating for Meaningful Urban Co-Production at Scale

12 March 2026
3-5pm CET / 2-4pm GMT

This session asks:

- What is the role of regulation in opening (or closing) pathways towards more just and democratic city making in Europe?
- What can we learn from campaigns seeking to shape regulation by and for urban co-production?

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With inputs and comments from:

- Maria Francesca de Tullio - Ex Asilo Filangeri Napoli
- Keti Tskitishvili - European CLT Network
- Malika Peyraud - Aida
- Eva Álvarez de Andrés - Universidad Politécnica de Madrid
- Irene Escorihuela Blasco - ODESCA
- Claire Colomb - University of Cambridge





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Defending Meaningful Urban Co-production at Scale

16 April 2026
3-5pm CEST / 2-4pm BST

Hard to establish yet quick to unravel, openings for co-produced city making and management must be actively maintained and defended. Drawing on case material from across Europe, this dialogue will shine a light on different approaches to securing the future of co-production practices at scale.

With inputs and comments from:

- Marie Garmadi, Observatoire des libertés associatives
- Saskia O'Hara, Public Interest Law Centre
- Leonie Weber, AKS Gemeinwohl
- Julian Sivrano, Autonomy
- Agnès Deboulet, CNRS/Paris 8

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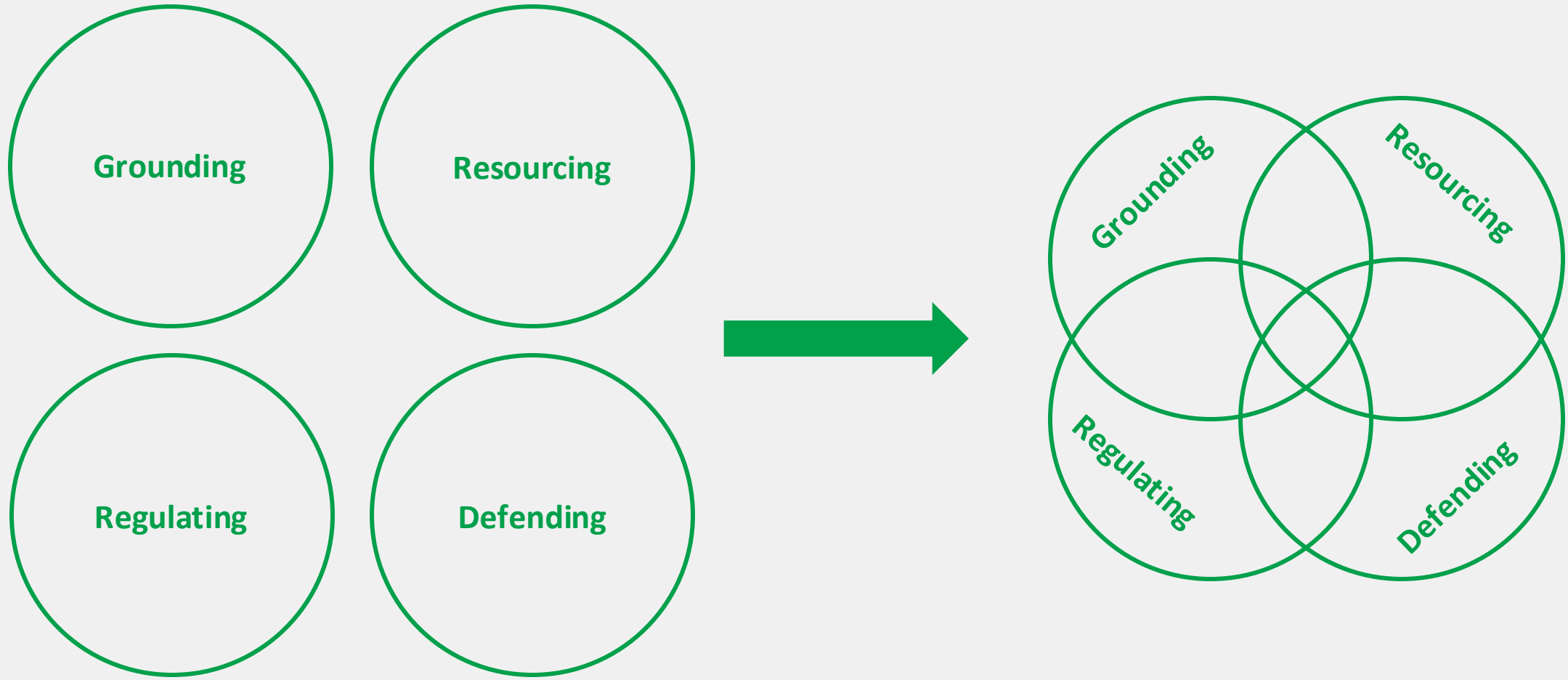




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Enablers of Transformative Co-Production



Grounding

- **Key Learning 1:** Horizontal network building is an under-resourced yet foundational enabler of transformative co-production.
- **Key Learning 2:** Horizontal networks draw strength from both scale and diversity.
- **Key Learning 3:** Specific co-production objectives (policies, plans, places) benefit from broader work to reclaim / reframe narratives about who and what the city is for.
- **Key Learning 4:** Independent, mission-orientated and resourced intermediary organisations play a key role in brokering co-production opportunities as well as translating community knowledge and aspirations into action.
- **Key Learning 5:** Establishing an effective 'partner state' is a critical yet challenging piece of the co-production puzzle.

“If co-production is serious, then there must be power sharing with communities. And for this to happen, you first need a community network to share power with.”

Richard Lee, Co-Produce It CIC / Just Space

Resourcing

- **Key Learning 1:** Transformative co-production requires resourcing strategies to both support democratic **processes** and deliver equitable **outcomes**. In other words, resourcing co-producers and their processes, as well as co-produced plans and places.
- **Key Learning 2:** Co-production alliances work with / call for / benefit from multiple forms (financial and non-financial) of resourcing and multiple sources (state and non state).
- **Key Learning 3:** Even in austere times, local, regional and national states retain assets and resources with potential to be used otherwise. New forms of Public Community Partnerships (PCPs) are already testing transformative ways of leveraging such resources in the promotion of more equitable urban environments (e.g. Public Commons Partnership, feminist Participatory Budgets, Fonds d'Interpellation Citoyenne based on the 1% artistique etc.)

“The absence of any resource for residents to decide autonomously renders current consultation processes often useless, even counterproductive.”

François Dubois, APPUII

Resourcing

- **Key Learning 4:** Financial blending mechanisms can enable community-led co-production alliances to assert greater influence over what actually gets produced, and on what terms.
- **Key Learning 5:** Community savings can be leveraged as part of an alternative financial infrastructure to resource diverse co-production projects e.g. urbaSen / FSH revolving fund, MOBA / ZEF cooperative banking model and community share offers)

"We often take the current economic system as granted. We need to start realising that the economy and finance are a social contract and we can envision a very different social contract."

Goran Jeras, ZEF/MOBA



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Regulating

- **Key learning 1:** Deepening co-production via regulatory mechanisms has multiple starting points depending on context.
- **Key learning 2:** Developing new regulatory tools can act as a rallying point for, and enabler of, transformative co-production...
- **Key learning 3:** ...As can the activation or extension of existing (but dormant / ineffective) regulatory openings.
- **Key learning 4:** Regulation is a valuable but imperfect enabler of transformative co-production. Once identified, established openings need to be actively occupied, championed and defended.

“The concept of civic use created a legal precedent, supporting several recognised commons in Naples and inspiring similar initiatives across Italy.”

Maria Francesca de Tullio, Ex Asilo Filangeri Napoli



Defending

- **Key Learning 1:** Monitoring and evaluation is an essential but often neglected / under-resourced component of co-production initiatives. Without such work, hard-won co-production gains can quickly unravel.
- **Key learning 2 :** Independent observatories and empowered public scrutiny mechanisms play an essential watch-dog function. They are necessary for bolstering transformative co-production and as part of any functioning democratic society.
- **Key learning 3 :** (Re)learning and (un)training mechanisms for public, private and civil society actors are key to rolling out and sustaining transformative co-production processes.

“Is meaningful community co-production possible in profit driven development models?”

Saskia O'Hara, Public Interest Law Centre

Developing Outputs

- **Enabling Transformative Co-production in European Cities and Beyond: A Companion**
 - Not a compendium of 'best practices'!
 - Curated selection of contextualised, imaginative resources for current and aspiring co-producers:
 - From Fairville Labs and the community of practice build around Fairville's project
 - Related to the enablers of transformative co-production
 - Articulated through 'how to questions'?
 - With different entry points relative to different contexts/opportunities

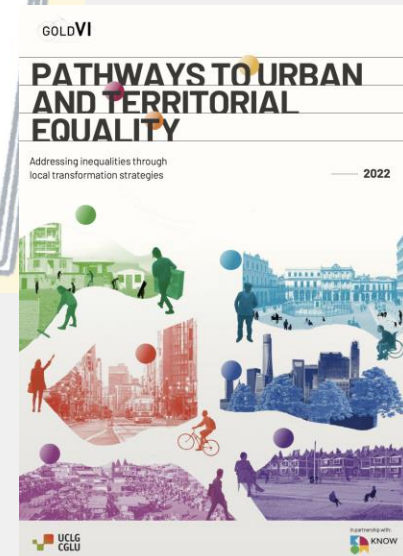
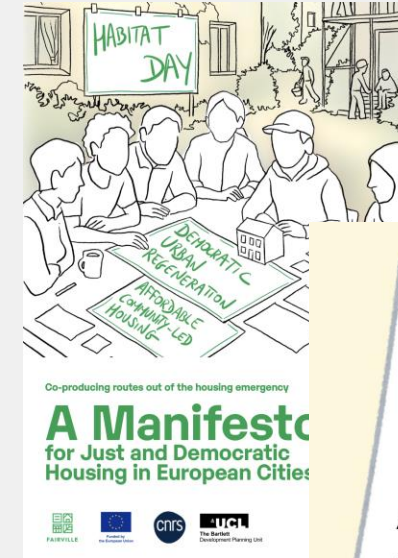
Our intention is to highlight diverse possible ways of consolidating/expanding/scaling TCP practices



Developing Outputs

- **Enabling Transformative Co-production in European Cities and Beyond: Recommendations for Local and Regional Government**
 - Translating key learnings for Local and Regional Governments
 - Learnings emerging From the Fairville Labs and the community of practice build around Fairville's project
 - Learnings related to the enablers of transformative co-production
 - Developed with attentiveness to different 'local opportunity structures' and capacities for action

Our intention is to develop a graded continuum of recommendations relevant to diverse local and regional government actors.





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Responses and Reactions



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Global Platform for the
Right to the City

Sophia Torres



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Comments and Questions // Questions et Commentaires



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Upcoming Activities and Ongoing Engagement Opportunities

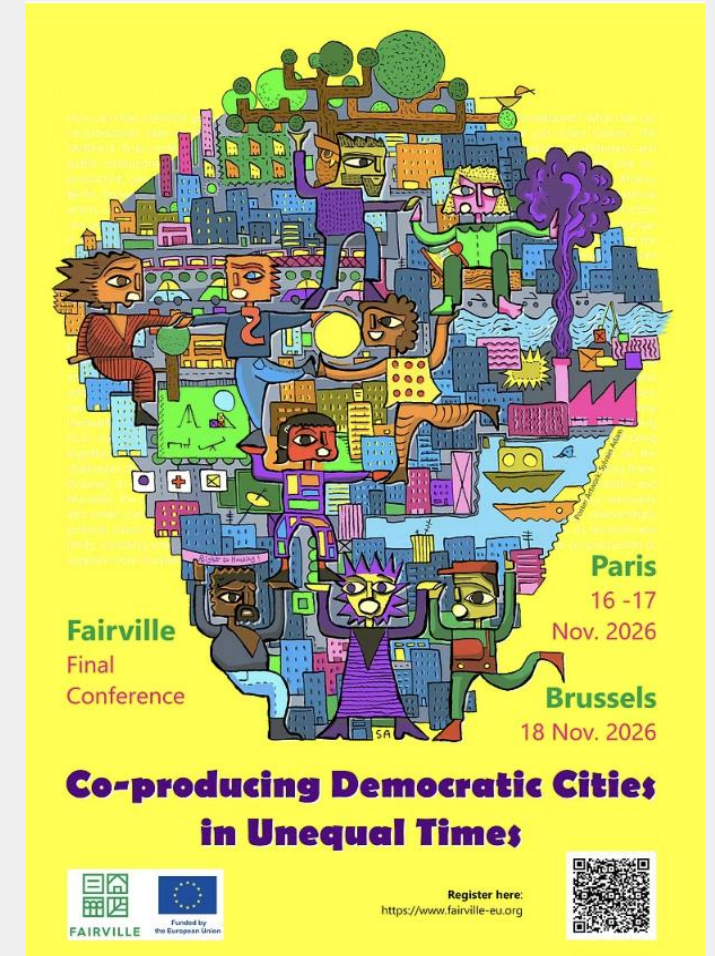
September to November Programme



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Upcoming Activities

- **Reclaiming Co-Produced Housing Report**
 - Developed with Habitat International Coalition, the Global Platform for the Right to the City and The Bartlett Development Planning Unit (upcoming on <https://www.fairville-eu.org/>)
- **Ongoing Output Development Work**
 - Including inputs from Fairville consortium and wider community
 - Including planned focus group discussions with local and regional government representatives
- **Fairville Final Conference, Co-producing Democratic Cities in Unequal Times, 16-18 November**
 - <https://www.fairville-eu.org/final-conference-en>





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