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# Enabler Series 2
Resourcing

Unpacking funding / resourcing mechanisms with potential to strengthen community-led co-production]

Exploring processes to scale such mechanisms

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Participants

## SPEAKERS

**François Dubois**

**APPUI**

**The story: The right (and fund) to support citizen-led initiatives challenging public policy**

The draft bill is about urban renewal >> 2014 National Agency for Urban Renewal

The bill introduced citizen participation and co construction

Sadly, the law is not implemented - projects are implemented against citizens' will

Coproduction of bill (law) with communities

**The main ideas are:**

1. Creating formal oversight for co-construction processes (involving citizens in development decisions)
2. Requiring landlords to participate in co-construction
3. Setting aside a small percentage of project costs (like the existing "1% cultural" model) to fund citizen expertise
4. Making authorities accountable to residents by requiring progress reports on demand

**Agnès Deboulet**

**FAIRVILLE/APPUI**

APPUII joins the campaign for a fund for a democracy of citizen initiative > we have a crushing renewal policy for social housing (10b EUR) >> the fund is now open to collectives that were underlooked so far

**Examples of how the fund is used**

- Fund to support referenda on demolitions citizen counter-expertise
- "Act on the capacity to act"

Now: opening the financing of the fund from different sources
+
Current demand: guarantee autonomy for threatened / fragile associations

**Nina Quintas**

**URBAMONDE**

Working with low income communities to guarantee right to adequate housing and promoting community led housing

Examples from a systematisation study community led financial mechanisms (CLFMs)

**3 common principles**

**Community ownership and control**

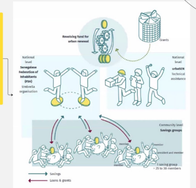
**Collective management and bottom up decision making**

**Solidarity and inclusion**

Beyond finance...these help mobilisation and take ownership - residents are co investors essential for long term sustainability

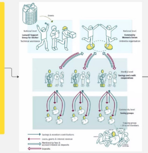
**URBANSEN > REVOLVING FUND FOR URBAN RENEWAL >> FINANCING PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE**

tripartite financial arrangements involving participation from local public actors most often the municipalities with funds from donors


Revolving fund for urban renewal
Grants
National level
Senegalese Federation of Inhabitants (FSH)
Umbrella organisation
National level
urbaSEN
Technical assistance
Community level
Savings groups
member
president and member
1 saving group = 25 to 30 members
Savings
Loans & grants

**WOMEN LED SAVINGS AND CREDIT COOPERATIVES >**

CLFMs within women's development programs, strengthening institutional partnerships, and expanding women's strategic influence through improved access to community resources and financial systems + used as leverage to negotiate with private/public actors



**Claudy Vouhé (L'ETRE LEGAL)**

Paradoxe
+ budget = - participation (Paris)
vs.
- budget = + participation (Rennes)

**Participatory Budgeting from anecdote to antidote? Gender sensitive budgeting**

In France the situation is far from Porto Alegre

City level regional level - there are many buts in France

Max is usually 5% of budget in Paris vs 20% in Porto Alegre

Usually it's individuals and not collectives (including and especially voting online)

No hierarchy of needs and not binding so far from challenging decisions making power and little financial decision made at the end

**Three examples**

**Angoulême's 2019 participatory budget** funded "Les Causeuses," a feminist collective's project addressing gender-based violence through participatory design > created a comic book

**Inclusion/participation in the Participatory Budget of Strasbourg**

-> Budgeting not very gender-sensitive/participatory
-> PB not very gender-inclusive

So...

Strasbourg's participatory budget questioned who participates and benefits, critiquing its lack of gender-sensitivity and inclusivity despite soliciting community ideas for neighborhood improvements.

**Municipalist elections 2020 + 2026**

Growth of 500+ participatory citizen lists in French municipalities by 2026

>> transitioning from participatory budgets to larger more inclusive budgets with binding citizen assemblies and co-construction

**Keir Milbrun (ABUDANCE)**

**PUBLIC COMMON PARTNERSHIPS AND THE PATH TO RADICAL ABUNDANCE**

we create policies and pilots

interested in institutional design and socialisation of assets

how do we transition to a green sustainability society economy

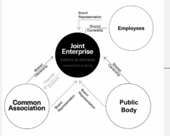
1) Contested reproduction .. we need to build an alternative system in parallel to the existing

2) build democratic political capacity of the population so that they can participate in the transition > institutional structures

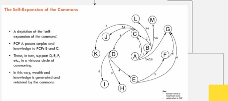
**PUBLIC COMMON PARTNERSHIPS**

helps this transition and is one of the model

how do we reverse PPPs?


Board Representation
Shared Ownership
Employees
Joint Enterprise
(retains & reinvests operational surplus)
Shared Ownership
Financial Surplus
Shared Ownership
Board Representation
Board Representation
Common Association
Public Body

Deliberation over the investment of the surplus


The Self-Expansion of the Commons
A depiction of the 'self-expansion of the commons'.
PCP A passes surplus and knowledge to PCPs B and C.
These, in turn, support D, E, F, etc., in a virtuous circle of commoning.
In this way, wealth and knowledge is generated and retained by the commons.
A
B
C
D
E
F
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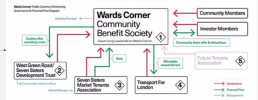
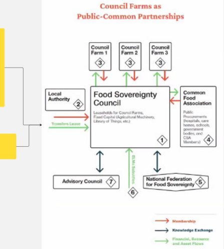
Scale means augmenting democratic planning

Latin Village (antigetrification campaign) > you need an alternative model and developed a new plan

Council Farms as PCP

Two examples


Wards Corner Community Benefit Society
Community Members
Investor Members
West Green Road / Seven Sisters Development Trust
Seven Sisters Market Tenants Association
Transport For London


Council Farms as Public-Common Partnerships
Council Farm 1
Council Farm 2
Council Farm 3
Local Authority
Food Sovereignty Council
Leaseholds for Council Farms, Fixed Capital (Agricultural Machinery, Library of Things, etc.)
Common Food Association
Public Procurements (hospitals, care homes, schools, government bodies, and CSA Members)
Transfers Lease
ELMs Subsidies
Advisory Council
National Federation for Food Sovereignty
Membership

## SPEAKERS

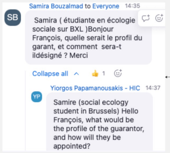
## PART I COMMENTATORS

Q from Barbara Lipietz: What is the balancing act of the groups within a reflection on autonomy and independence of action

A: The fund will be supervised (money from public authority but disconnected from the state)

Agnès Deboulet: autonomy is key and high risk of misuse from public authority and there is another risk (real risks) > increasing the mistrust around intermediary orgs and volunteers as if they would serve other interests there is a crisis of trust >> at the same time these intermediary orgs are needed to navigate the complexity of funds and planning language

## Q&A


Samira Bouzalmad to Everyone 14:35
Samira ( étudiante en écologie sociale sur BXL )Bonjour François, quelle serait le profil du garant, et comment sera-t ildésigné ? Merci

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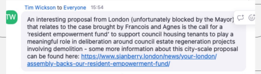
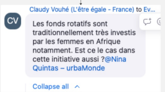
Yiorgos Papamanousakis - HIC 14:37
Samire (social ecology student in Brussels) Hello François, what would be the profile of the guarantor, and how will they be appointed?

For the guarantor > independent body and so the president appointed by prime minister of the country > the principle is that within the national commission that are recruited by the guarantor with different profiles and right skills but need to remain objective > the commission would nominate its people and the jury and not public authorities


Tim Wickson to Everyone 15:54
An interesting proposal from London (unfortunately blocked by the Mayor) that relates to the case brought by Francois and Agnes is the call for a 'resident empowerment fund' to support council housing tenants to play a meaningful role in deliberation around council estate regeneration projects involving demolition - some more information about this city-scale proposal can be found here: https://www.sianberry.london/news/your-london/assembly-backs-our-resident-empowerment-fund/


Claudy Vouhé (L'être égale - France) to Ev...
Les fonds rotatifs sont traditionnellement très investis par les femmes en Afrique notamment. Est ce le cas dans cette initiative aussi ?@Nina Quintas – urbaMonde

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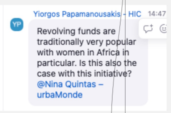
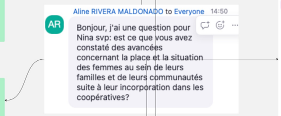
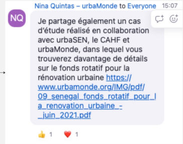

Yiorgos Papamanousakis - HIC 14:47
Revolving funds are traditionally very popular with women in Africa in particular. Is this also the case with this initiative? @Nina Quintas – urbaMonde

96% of members are women

Many women start taking leadership positions at fund level or public body level


Aline RIVERA MALDONADO to Everyone 14:50
Bonjour, j'ai une question pour Nina svp: est ce que vous avez constaté des avancées concernant la place et la situation des femmes au sein de leurs familles et de leurs communautés suite à leur incorporation dans les coopératives?


Nina Quintas – urbaMonde to Everyone 15:07
Je partage également un cas d'étude réalisé en collaboration avec urbaSEN, le CAHF et urbaMonde, dans lequel vous trouverez davantage de détails sur le fonds rotatif pour la rénovation urbaine https://www.urbamonde.org/IMG/pdf/09_senegal_fonds_rotatif_pour_la_renovation_urbaine_-_juin_2021.pdf

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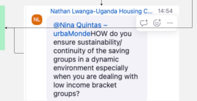
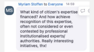

Nathan Lwanga-Uganda Housing C... 14:54
@Nina Quintas – urbaMondeHOW do you ensure sustainability/ continuity of the saving groups in a dynamic environment especially when you are dealing with low income bracket groups?

communities know how to address power dynamics (even in cases of blended finances)


Myriam Stoffen to Everyone 14:59
What kind of citizen's expertise financed? And how achieve recognition of this expertise, often not considered or even contested by professional institutionalised experts/ authorities. Really interesting initiatives, thx!

## PART II COMMENTATORS

**Eduard Cabre Romans**

**MAYORS FOR HOUSING**

1. We believe the EU should build a common framework for affordable housing, the right to stay, and the right to decide.
2. We need community-led, non-profit housing projects because they bring different outcomes (through the specific type of support they provide).
3. With examples such as participatory budgets (PB) and public-community partnerships (PCPs) - let's give priority to these models.

**At the EU level**, there are other relevant discussions, such as those around the European Investment Bank. They require large numbers of units and large portfolios when financing projects, but not small-scale ones for communities - so here is an issue.

Another thing to mention is that there is not a lot of competence and power at the EU level - it's often indirect. But the EU does have the power to incentivize or force member states to behave in certain ways, such as refraining from negative actions and supporting affordable housing. In a political context where these approaches are seen as negative, municipalities may be prevented by right-wing forces from cooperating. So we need to force the EU to take protective stands - for example, in Hungary and Budapest, where the national government blocks cooperation between municipalities and communities.

**Goran Jeras**
**ZEF/MOBA**

PCP crucial for mgt of resources and assets that are precondition to initiate projects for communities like capital intensive projects such as housing

Community owned instruments show the impact if they build financial own infrastructure

Zooming out >> ***very frequently we take current Econ system as granted >> we need to start realise that economy and finance is a social contract > we can envision different social contract***

the transition is important

**The common denominator of community instruments:**

1) What these instruments often miss is the ability to replicate, scale up, and operate independently.
2) Cooperatives require active decision-making to be included - they're not mainstreamed. Traditional economics doesn't question how funds are used: money deposited in banks automatically gets leveraged for various purposes. In cooperatives, we can use capital differently and more intentionally.
3) The key challenge is transforming cooperative models from opt-in alternatives into mainstream economic infrastructure where community control and ethical use of capital become the default

**ZEF MOBA what we are trying to do**

A cooperative bank as PCP decentraislied mgt of assets but aggregating local communities across Europe to act as larger institutions