# Session C



# Creating and advocating for the policies we need for people-led housing

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#### In the current climate of rising housing costs in cities across the world,

the persistence of slums in the Global South, and the ever-greater expansion of global finance into housing, community-led approaches enabling people to lead their own housing solutions are emerging as a key pathway towards materialising the right to housing and providing affordable and secure housing for all. Yet, for community-led practice and actors to have significant and sustained impact a supporting policy framework appears fundamental. **How can we re-imagine, create, and advocate for the policies, at local, regional, and national level, that can facilitate housing for and by people?** 

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At World Habitat we do not take sides other than with what works and what is good. We find, support, share and celebrate those ideas and actions that have an overwhelmingly positive impact on individuals, families and communities. **We want to make housing a basic right for everyone**.

Our **World Habitat Awards** – organised in partnership with UN-Habitat – recognise and highlight innovative, outstanding and sometimes revolutionary housing ideas, projects and programmes from across the world.

Through **peer exchanges and our networks**, we bring people and ideas together – from major global institutions and national governments to grass-roots organisations and local communities.

We champion those communities that take control of solving their own housing needs. We initiated and are now working with thirteen cities to end street homelessness through the **European End Street Homelessness Campaign**.

Our **Community- led Housing (CLH) programme** focusses on achieving proof of concept that community-led housing can be developed and responds to housing challenges in three specific areas: informal settlements, former refugee camps, and the heavily owner-occupied housing markets of Central and South-Eastern Europe.



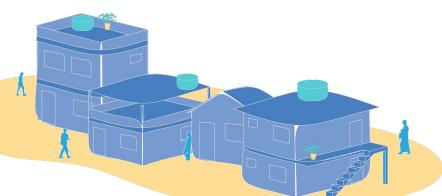
# The World Habitat Awards are now open for entries – they can be submitted now in **English**, **Spanish** or **French** until **23:59 UTC Sunday 12 March 2023**.

https://world-habitat.org/world-habitat-awards/how-to-enter/enter-online/

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### The Favela-CLT project: giving new hope for vulnerable groups in Brazil USE Jan 25, 2023 Dr. Tarcyla Fidalgo Favela CLT project Coordinator Catalytic Communities (CatComm) tarcyla@catcommorg

# Today, in Rio de Janeiro, there are approximately 1200 favelas, a type of informal settlement. They house 24% of the city's population. Most residents live in communities that are over 50 years old.









# The land tenure situation







"Titles don't guarantee we can stay on our land. Because I had two concessions of use from the State, and to be able to stay I practically died."

- Maria da Penha, resident of Vila Autódromo







# Three Workfronts of the Favela-CLT Project



# The Advocacy Workfront

- Legal studies, preparation of legal pieces to regulate the CLT in Brazil;
- The CLT can already be implemented within the brazilian law, we seek to facilitate its adoption;
- **Legislative Working Group** formed mainly by technical allies with legal knowledge;
- Participation in public hearings, advocacy work, workshops directed to key actors, **inclusion of the CLT in local Master Plans**.

## <u>Results: 7 drafts legislations ready to be presented</u> <u>to parliamentarians</u>



#### Legislative Working Group meeting





# Advocacy achievements

- Insertion of the CLT as an urban policy instrument in a master plan already approved in the metropolitan region of Rio de Janeiro - São João de Meriti.
- Insertion of the CLT as an urban policy instrument in two master plan bills: Rio de Janeiro and Maricá.
- Recognition of the CLT by the Rio de Janeiro Planning Secretary as a promising instrument for affordable housing in the city.
- Participation in national seminars promoted by social movements.
- Growing recognition by technicians and academics across the country.

# To know more: www.termoterritorialcoletivo.org

# NEW COOPERATIVE HOUSING WAVE



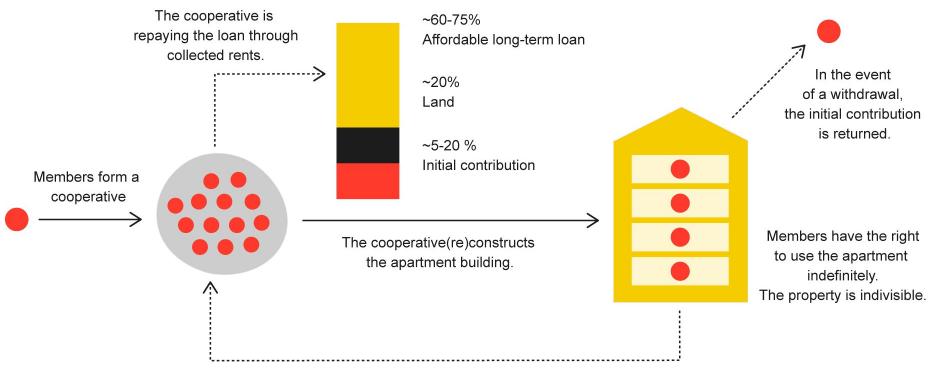
- On average 10 % of the households which are eligible for social housing actually get social housing
- On the 13th of October 2022 a person with the average wage in Ljubljana could only afford to rent 5 studio apartments, or rooms in shared flats
- There is a proven demand for rental housing cooperatives - the latest survey for Ljubljana shows that 26 % would be interested and could afford to live in a housing cooperative











Members are paying cost-based rent.

## PROPOSAL FOR HOUSING COOPERATIVE LAW

- Access to land
- Access to long term affordable finance
- Promotion of housing cooperatives
- Regulation to prevent privatization and speculation











ZAKAJ BI TI ŽIVEL V STANOVANJSKI ZADRUGI? PREDNOSTI STANOVANJSKIH ZADRUG JE NAPOČIL ČAS ZA STANOVANJSKE ZADRUGE?



STANOVANJSKE ZADRUGE IN SKUPNOST



ARHITEKTURA PO MERI LJUDI IN OKOLJA



JAVNA IN POLITIČNA PODPORA?



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# **MOBA HOUSING SCE**

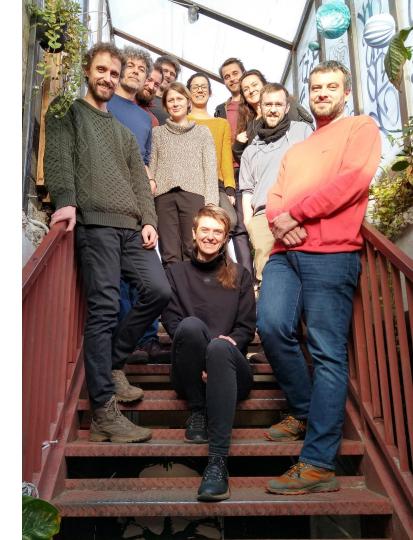
#### Housing cooperative initiatives from:

- Hungary
- Czechia
- Croatia
- Serbia
- Slovenia

#### Housing context of MOBA countries:

- Super-homeownership
- Lack of regulatory frameworks and institutions for rental or cooperative housing
- Housing finance only for individual ownership

Recognizing a **big need and an institutional vacuum** to step into.



## **MOBA HOUSING ACCELERATOR**

Community-led housing solutions require innovating housing finance from the bottom up.

In 2021, MOBA set up a revolving finance pool with seed funding from ABZ and Fundaction, which has helped to kick-start the two housing developments (Budapest & Prague).  $\rightarrow$  short-term loans

MOBA now **aims** – with help of peers and partners – **to multiply its financial capacity to 1,000,000€ (2023)**.

MOBA is just finished the **research on the housing finance gap** in CSEE (funded by the US-based Catalytic Capital Consortium).



### We need your support to capitalize MOBA! 🔦

By donating or potentially by subscribing to MOBA shares (becoming associate members). MOBA base capital -125,000 €

DONATIONS (or shares): 875,000 €

**Operational costs** 

Revolving loans for housing development

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We want to raise an additional 875,000 € by the end of 2023...

> ...to enable further projects through revolving loans (3 in t pipeline)...

...and improve the housing futures of at least 60 people.



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# Let's work together for the right to housing for all!