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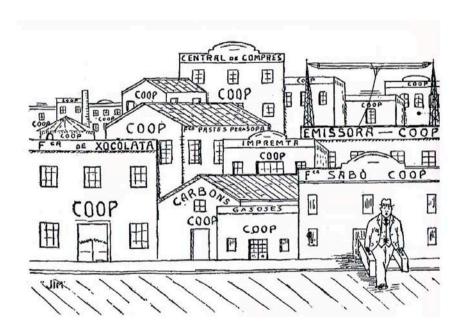
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Cooperative movement 19th















Non profit cooperative

Collective ownership

Right-of-use

Self-organized (community)

Non-speculative

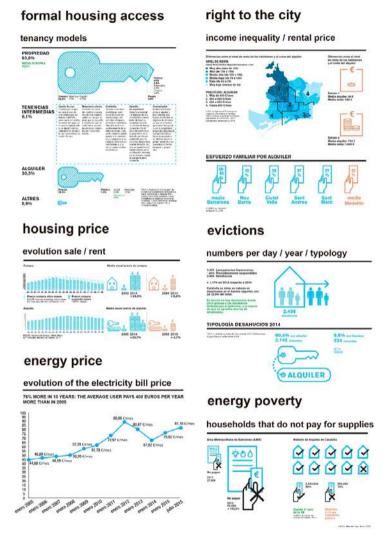
Affordable, stable and flexible

Shared living (conviviality)

Sustainability

Social and solidarity economy





Alternative cooperative housing model (right-of-use)
Sostrecivic,2004



- (1) Ensure access to affordable and decent housing
- (2) Avoid speculative uses of housing
- (3) Develop a new model of production, management and ownership of housing
- (4) Produce new forms of coexistence, social relations and community self-organization
- (5) Promote equal relationships between people of different ages, genders and origins
- (6) Become an alternative model to traditional public housing, affordable for people with low incomes
- (7) Build a human scale self-managed neighbourhood, based on social commitment and developing another way of city making
- (8) Make the most of existing resources and built in an sustainable way.





First experiences laborda, 2011

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Cohousing



Cohousing, a change of model

Cohousing is an experience that creates places for community life. This is common practice in the north of Europe, and it is now possible in Catalonia as an option with many advantages.

An alternative to the current housing model

In order to face the housing emergency, Barcelona City Council is not only working to help people through grants and specific services, but also by increasing the Public Housing Stock. Along these lines, the City Council has opted for an alternative to the current model: the assigned-for-use housing co-operative, or cohousing.

Cohousing is a way of getting access to housing which allows a community of people to live in a building without being the owners or tenants at below-market prices, for a long period of time, between 50 and 100 years.

Highlights

- > Do you have problems paying for your dwelling?
- > Do you want to renovate your property?
- > Do you want access to public housing?
- > Do you want to let your property with guarantees?

Cooperative housing policies

Barcelona Housing Plan 2016-20

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The Plan is structured into four strategic action lines:

- -Preventing and attending to housing emergencies
- -Ensuring the proper use of housing
- -Increasing the number of affordable flats
- -Redeveloping the current housing stock'

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2 Actions promoted to foster cohousing (highlighted measures):

-Creation of a co-operative housing committee

It aims to facilitate and conciliate the interests of all parties involved. This committee is made up of representatives from the world of ethical finance and housing co-operatives, as well as the Councillor for Housing's Office.

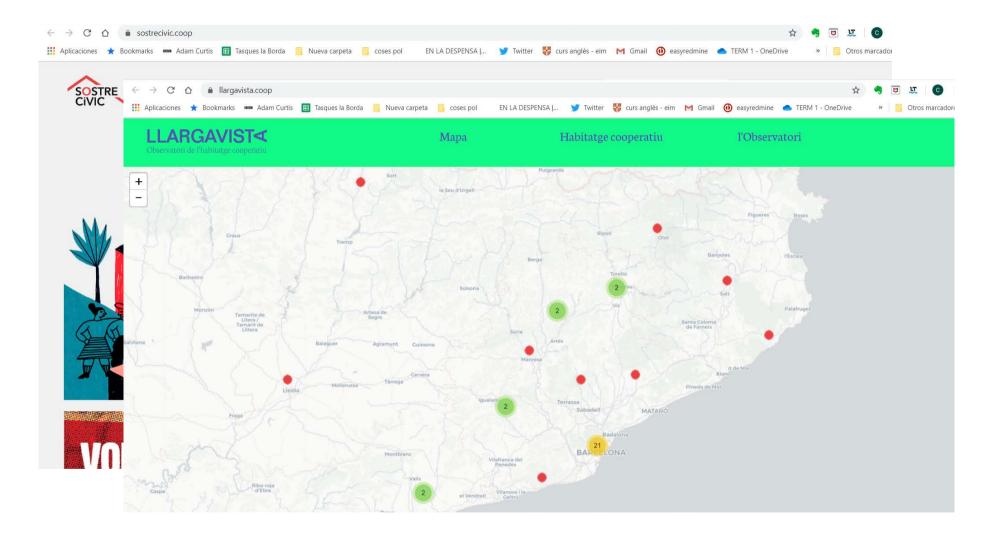
-Public tender for municipal sites allocated to cohousing 110 cohousing flats to be built on 5 municipal plots of land

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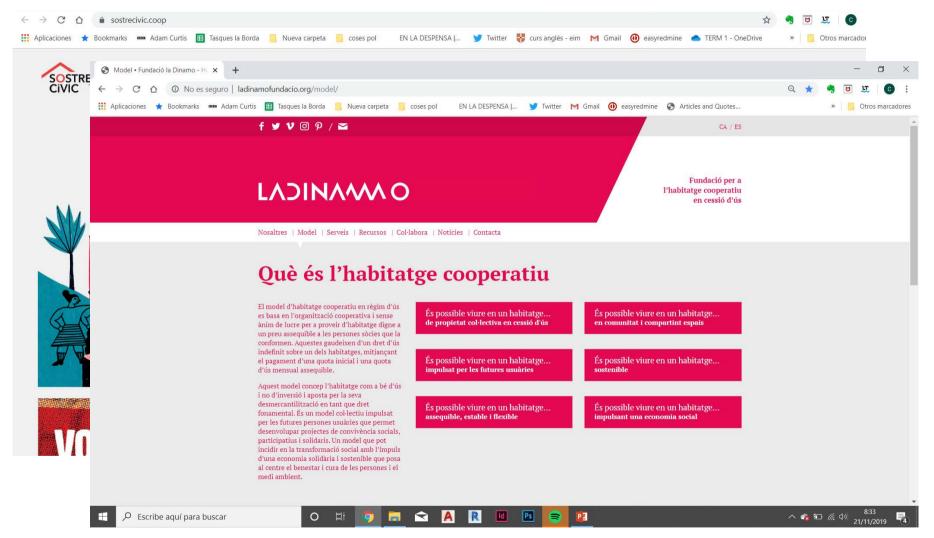
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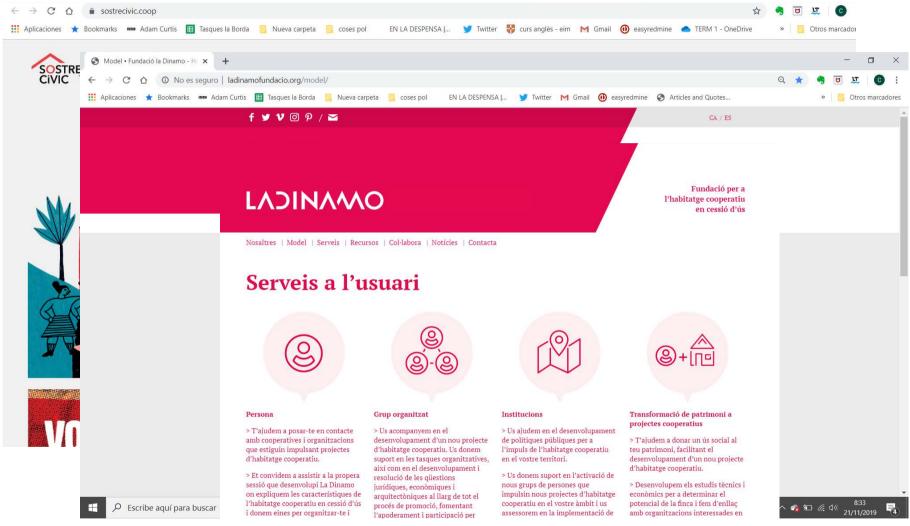
Replicability, mobilization of demand



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New agents



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1st national assembly (October 2019)

3days/12h

250 people

40 initiatives, (including housing coops, seed groups, coops under construction)

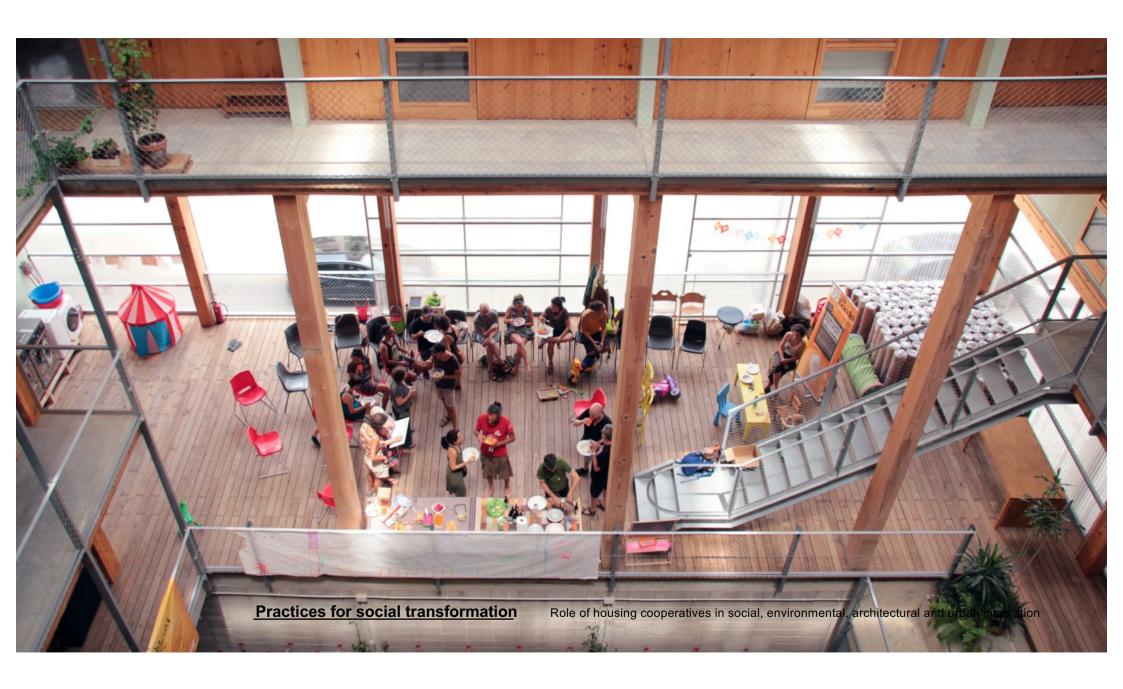
Canarias, Balears, València, Castella i Lleó, Castella i la Mancha, La Rioja, Navarra, Catalunya, Euskadi, Cantabria, Asturias, Galicia and Andalusia.

Right of use/Right of housing, Legal and economical challenges, Relation and dependence from institutions and public administration, Resilience, Sustainability, Senior/Elderly projects, Self-management and Self-promotion, Feminism and care.





Practices for social transformation





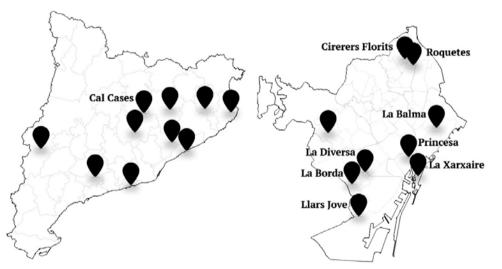






Architectural and environmental innovation

Role of housing cooperatives in social, environmental, architectural and urban innovation



- (0) Culture of individual property
- (1) Replicability and scalability
- (2) Articulation of the sector
- (3) Model definition and regulation
- (4) Affordability and funding (public/private)
- (5) Access of land (public/private)
- (6) Public policies and measures of promotion (cooperative-public collaboration)
- (7) Inclusive projects and universal access

Current Challenges

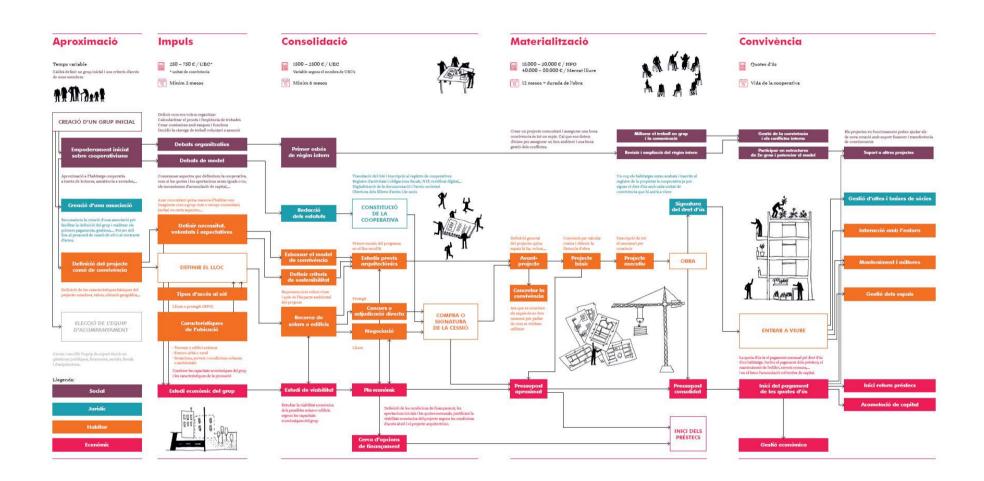
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- (1) Divulgation and communication
- (2) Systematization of knowledge
- (3) Systematization of replicability
- (4) Tools of Management (digital platform)
- (5) Tools of Funding (collective savings, CLT, ICF)
- (6) Dynamization and articulation of the sector
- (7) Mobilization mechanisms of the private housing stock
- (8) Argumentation of the transformative capacity and public interest of the model
- (9) Tools for public policy implementation
- (10) Legal definition and framework on the current legislation

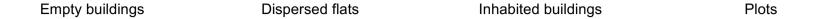
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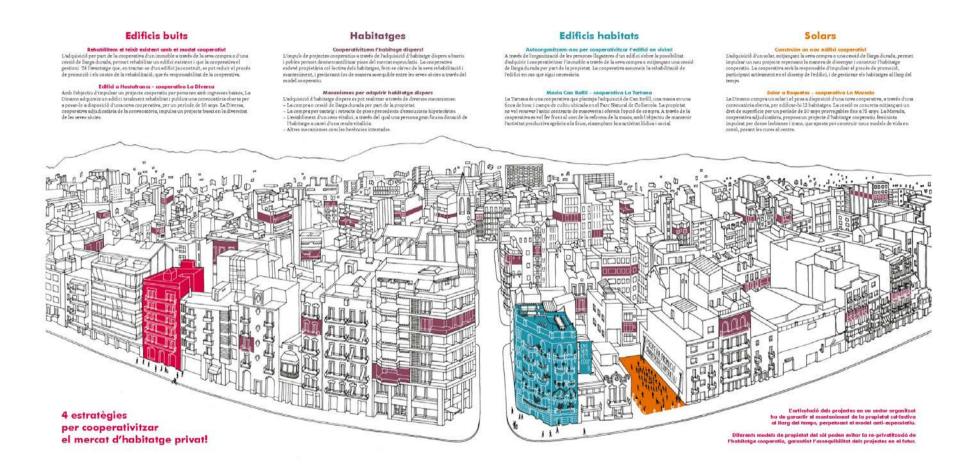
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Systematization of knowledge





Private market mobilization



2 Pionner projects



Scalability through cooperative-public collaboration:

- (1) 10 International case-studies analysis
- (2) Local and national policies active-research
- (3) Proposal of legal regulation
- (4) Arguments and referents
- (6) Set of Tools (contract, public contest bases, etc)

Tools for public policy implementation

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