The collaborative management of urban commons to counteract poverty and socio-spatial polarisation
NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSES

- 8 Community centers, outcome/outputs of different (local) regeneration processes
- Specific skills in community building and empowerment (approach and engage communities)
- Social mix
- Containers for projects, competences made available
- A vision of a role to play as a partner of the City Administration
- Financial support of the Compagnia di San Paolo
Neighborhood Houses
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URBAN COMMONS

- Regulation on collaboration between citizens and the City for the care, shared management and regeneration of urban commons. Approved by the City Council in 2016
- Collaboration between City administration and active citizens (associations, third sector, informal groups)
- Subsidiarity: collaboration and mutual trust
- Co-design, co-management
- The pact of collaboration
PROJECT IDEA

- Experimenting the Regulation on Urban Commons
- Renewing buildings and public spaces in deprived areas by means of pacts of collaboration
- Enable development processes toward services co-production and innovative urban welfare
- Produce a scalable management/governance model to support a social innovation practice
- Unlock the urban potentials
PARTNERSHIP

- City of Torino
- University of Torino (Computer Science Dept. and Law Dept.)
- Cascina Roccafranca Foundation, leader of the Neighbourhood Houses Network
- ANCI, National Association of Municipalities
BUDGET

- Total budget: 5.157.364,30 €
- ERDF: 4.125.891,44 €
- Infrastructural investments: 1.963.891,44 €
- Duration: 01/03/2017 - 29/02/2020
CALL FOR PROPOSALS

A public call. Three topics:
A) Dismissed public buildings
B) Underused public spaces (eg. schools, public services and offices)
C) Taking care of public spaces and green areas

Neighborhood Houses support the community building process and the definition of proposals
COMMUNITY BUILDING

- The Neighborhood Houses gives information and support in the process of defining the proposals.
- Public meetings to describe the Co-City project, the Regulation on urban commons and the online platform.
- Info-days and on site visits.
- Operational meetings with local associations and informal groups of citizens.
PROPOSALS

• 122 proposals received
• 61 admitted to the co-design phase so far
  A) Dismissed public buildings: 1
  B) Underused public spaces: 4; Schools: 12
  C) Care of public spaces and green areas: 44

• Many non-admitted proposals must be considered as a resource for the future
Proposals
CO-DESIGN

- Re-definition of the project/program. Proposals undergo a process of fine-tuning with the project and the City policy goals
- Proposals feasibility evaluation
- Active citizens / City Offices. Involvement of the Municipality’s offices and city Districts’s representatives (E.g. social services; Cultural and administrative service; Environment; Heritage, Education, etc)
- The co-design phase ends with the definition of the text of the pact of collaboration, to be approved by the City Government
The Pact of Collaboration is the tool of urban commoning, a non-authoritative administrative legal tool, based on a participatory approach.

The City define assets, investments and means to support the commoning process (training, coaching, equipment, facilities, etc.).

Empowerment of the commoners: identify strategies, organisation, fund raising, sustainability.

Providers/enablers.
• An innovative legal handbook (and the ambition to innovate public procurements and PPP)
• Co-design guidelines (objectives, actors, actions, timeline)
• An innovative management model to support social innovation practices
• An ICT scalable infrastructure (*FirstLife* local social network + peer-to-peer social market using distributed ledger technology application)
• Replicability and scalability
The project so far

**COMMONERS**
- The City
- and 61 proposals of collaboration

**CO-DESIGN**

**PACTS OF COLLABORATION**

**CO-MANAGEMENT**

**COMMONS**
- 1 Abandoned building
- 4 Underused spaces
- 12 Schools
- 44 Public places

**CO-CITY toolkit**
- Legal framework
- Collaborative technologies

*Commoning narratives*
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