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gE.CO - Tools for generating commons

gE.CO - Generative European Commons Living Lab is a European funded project aiming to create a platform to bring together and support formal groups or informal communities of citizens who manage fab-labs, hubs, incubators, co-creation spaces, and social centres created in regenerated urban voids. These innovative practices are considered generative commons because they are based on sharing and collaboration between citizens and establish a new partnership between public institutions and local communities, setting forth new models of urban governance based on solidarity, inclusion, participation, economic and environmental sustainability.

gE.CO built a consortium of experts: universities and non-profit and for-profit organizations in order to: i) bring together generative commons using a digital platform for collaboration that will map citizens' initiatives as well as those Public Institutions engaged in new forms of partnership with local communities.

This way, generative commons and Public Administrations can finally be connected in a new network able to promote the exchange of good practices and legal solutions; evaluate a group of pilot cases in order to understand which socio-economic, cultural and legal factors make self-organized experiences sustainable and Public Institutions helpful for their development; use the results of the evaluation for scaling up sustainable generative commons and innovative local policies. The project will produce a series of guidelines and toolkits to support authorities and generative commons to pursue sustainable development through a Tools for citizens' participation and community building, a Temporary Use Toolkit, Tools and models for the governing of generative commons and a Legal toolkit.

The consortium is led by the Università degli Studi di Torino with University of Newcastle upon Tyne, Open Lab Athens, Community Land Trust Bruxelles, Universitat de Barcelona, Spazi Indecisi, Patrizia Di Monte and Eutropian.

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