

V2 Shared Moments of ECA and Transeuropa during 27-29th of October

Thursday 26th - 1900-2100

Conversation*: Commons Agenda in the Urban Context?

*with facilitator

In this assembly-like collective debate we will investigate and explore what kind of policies could help support, protect and facilitate commons in the urban environment. What is the commons agenda for the urban context and what can municipalities do?

We will explore the experiences municipalities have had in trying to implement commons policies or interacting with commons initiatives and the experiences of collaborative citizens initiatives .

In a facilitated discussion

- commoners could present ideas or proposals, for example what came out of some of the workshops.
- Citizens engaging in commons initiatives could share their experiences. Good and bad.
- Representatives from municipalities could share their experiences, successes, failures.
 - Spanish cities of change
 - Italian cities, Bologna, Messina, Naples, ?
 - Others, like cities having experiences with co-decisions making, participatory democracy such as Amsterdam, Berlin ?

Gaëlle:

On Thursday 26th - 1900-2100 Conversation*: Commons Agenda in the Urban Context?

It looks good to me, but I am also wondering if there is a way to organize the discussion around transversal issues, to avoid the succession of presentation of proposals, and make it more interactive and living.

Here are some questions I was thinking of (but didn't really think hard about them, so they are just ideas). For each of course people would use examples from concrete initiatives:

- What are the legal tools you found missing and/or had to develop to allow concrete initiative with commons/commoners?
- Same question with participative working techniques and coordination.
- Practically, how is co-construction possible between commoners and cities?

I think we need (professional) facilitation.

Assembly of Convergence / The European context and beyond.

Friday 27th: 4-6pm at MediaLabPrado Auditorium

The idea of this assembly is to have a shared moment in both ECA and TEF's programme where we 'converge' and project into the immediate future. How do we transform our societies? what are our common principles, is translocal solidarity enough? What are our next steps, what are we taking further, what political space are we finding ourselves in?

Facilitation question? Who?

(The Diem25 and ECA assembly in Brussels was a successful moment of exchange between the movements and to repeat that idea with more actors and other movements.)

Format:

World café (rounds of 2 x 10mins) beginning to talk in smaller groups before merging into a fishbowl discussion?

Different options

- 1) ECA and European Alternatives host together an Assembly for our members + interested public
- 2) ECA and European Alternatives invite other actors and movements to join assembly.
- 3) ECA, European Alternatives and other movements co-host the Assembly to make it even larger.

Gaelle:

Regarding Assembly of Convergence / The European context and beyond.

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I like option 3) ECA, European Alternatives and other movements co-host the Assembly to make it even larger.

The more open the better.

For this one also we need facilitation (although maybe less strictly) and plan ahead themes for discussion.

Saturday 28th- Morning - Site visits of 'places of commoning' in Madrid

10-2pm

Invite authors, initiators of the Los Madriles - Neighbourhood initiatives Map of Madrid to ask them if they can invite the network of 'places' on the map to host interested people for tours of the various sites of action / commoning around Madrid.

The idea is to have this more or less self-organised and not specific timings for specific sites, but pre-determine those places around town that are willing to be 'open' on Saturday morning to receive people

- Great idea, simple, easy. Let's start a list of initiatives and who will contact them to see if they are open:

- Campo de la Cebada: Flavia Totoro: Nicole: Done

- Here is an example template email that we should translate to Spanish:

"Hello, as you may have heard Transeuropa Festival is taking place in Madrid October 25 to 29. One of the thematic axes is commons, and together with the European Commons Assembly we would like to organize some time for citizens (local people from Madrid and those coming from farther away) to visit and learn about different commoning initiatives going on in Madrid.

Your project XX is very interesting and we were hoping you would be willing to host an "open house" for visits on Saturday October 28 in the morning/early afternoon. Of course, we can work together to determine the timing that works best for you, and ideally it would be great to do some sort of activity on site - we are here to help and take part in commoning!

There is more information on the festival and the European Commons Assembly attached, and we can discuss further by email, phone, or skype. We hope you agree and of course invite those in your community to participate in the other events in the program of the festival.

Thank you"

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Following David's suggestion to invite Michel Bauwens to speak about the municipality accepting a commons program in Ghent in the joint session with TransE. on commons and policy, I thought to reach out to him.

I wanted to check with the rest of you first as to what you think.

I thought to send the following message.

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Hi Michel,

How are you? Great news about what you've managed to do in Ghent with the commons!

I was wondering first if you are planning to attend ECA Madrid and Transeuropa festival?

If so, perhaps you would be interested in taking part in one, or several aspects of the program:

- The combined discussion presented by ECA and Transeuropa on the Commons in policy (Thursday Oct 26 7pm)
- Saturday afternoon session on the Commons, autonomy, and self-management
- A thematic working group with other ECAers and Spanish commoners (on citizen participation to public policy, for example, or another topic)