



**EUROPEAN FEDERATION
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INVITATION CONFERENCE on 23 April 2020 AMSTERDAM



Cooperative Housing
Lessons from the past, solutions for the future

How new forms of cooperative housing can tackle current housing challenges in Europe and in the Netherlands

Housing estate “Schillerpark”, the first cooperative project of Bruno Taut in the 1920ies with reference to the “Amsterdam school”

The conference is the first in a series of conferences as part of the Bruno Taut exposition ‘**The Fantasy Beyond**’, hosted by Museum Het Schip. Bruno Taut (1880 – 1938) was one of the leading reform architects with great influence on the cooperative housing estates of the Berlin modernism.

We are pleased to invite you for a conference to be held in Museum Het Schip, Amsterdam, on 23 April 2020 about new and traditional forms of cooperative housing in Europe and the Netherlands. The organization is in the hands of Museum Het Schip and the European Federation for Living (EFL). Various interesting speakers will comment on the current state of affairs regarding cooperative thinking based on their own knowledge and experience.

Cooperative housing and related cooperative building has a long tradition in a number of countries in Europe. Though forms of cooperative housing has often changed and developed in all these countries, it is still current and of increasing importance.

Nowadays new kinds of housing initiatives are emerging that are based on the cooperative idea. From European level, LiM- Living in Metropolises- as the first pan European housing cooperation, to others small-scale from bottom-up by residents. The basic principle is that people do not opt for rental or private ownership but for a non-profit way of joint ownership with joint control.

The cooperative housing conference is being organized as part of the exhibition ‘The Fantasy Beyond’ in Museum Het Schip about the German architect Bruno Taut. He devoted himself to the cooperative movement at the start of the last century. In addition to the historical development of the cooperatives and the role of Bruno Taut, the symposium

also focuses on the current situation and in particular in Rotterdam and Amsterdam. Various initiatives at European level and new projects of housing cooperatives will be discussed. The debate will focus on the following questions from three perspectives:

1. The European view: What challenges exist today with regard to the growing housing shortage in the metropolises? How can cooperatives as “democratic member organizations” react to the associated problems of social and cultural exclusion, gentrification and climate change through collaborative, solidarity-based and innovative action?

2. The historical view: What can we learn today from over 150 years of coop history? Which principles and reform ideas have proven to be sustainable and can be transferred to today's conditions? Which kind of experiences can be derived from the work of a pioneering social, cultural and architectural reformer like Bruno Taut for the future cooperative movement?

3. The current view in the Netherlands: What experiences, potentials and perspectives are available for cooperative initiatives? How can European best-practices inspire? What is the current situation in the Netherlands – especially Rotterdam and Amsterdam?

The costs for the symposium are 35 euros (including lunch and network drink). You can make a reservation through the Museum Het Schip reservation program or via the website Het Schip.

Museum Het Schip reservation program:
hetschip.globalticket.nl/en/event/6458

Location:

Museum Het Schip
Oostzaanstraat 45
1013 WG Amsterdam



Language: English

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VISITING MUSEUM

11.00 Guiding tour around Het Schip and visit the Bruno Taut exhibition

12.30 – 13.00 Small lunch

Symposium Moderator: Lisette Molenaar

13.00 – 13.10 **Welcome by** Ben Pluijmers, chairman EFL

13.10 – 13.40 **Cooperative Housing as a social, architectural and ecological challenge in Europe**

Andreas Hofer, Intendant IBA'27 Stuttgart Initiator of the housing cooperative 'Mehr als Wohnen', Zürich.

13.40 – 13.55 **Bruno Taut and his influence on the cooperative movement**

Renate Amann, Berlin housing-cooperative 1892

13.55 – 14.10 **The first Pan-European Housing Cooperative**

Dirk Lönnecker, LiM Living in Metropolises SCE

14.10 – 14.40 Coffee break

THE SITUATION IN THE NETHERLANDS

14.40 – 14.55 Maarten van Poelgeest, Coördinator cooperative housing City of Amsterdam

14.55 – 15.10 Gerard Roemers, Wooncoöperatie De Warren, Amsterdam

15.10 – 15.25 Arie Lenkeek, Woongenootschap Rotterdam

15.25 – 15.40 Bart Geerink, Director Amsterdamsche Coöperatieve Woningvereniging 'Samenwerking'

15.40 – 16.00 Coffee break

16.00 – 16.45 Panel Discussion: **Visions for cooperative housing initiatives in the Netherlands today**

Andreas Hofer, Maarten van Poelgeest, Egbert de Vries, (director Amsterdam Federation Housing Associations), Dirk Lönnecker

16.45 – 17.30 Network drink



HOW TO REACH 'HET SCHIP'

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