Self-managed cohousing: born out of need or new ways of life?

Speakers:

Self-managed cohousing is a growing trend in Europe. The conference explores to what extent this trend represents:
- Pilot-projects for eco-engineering and new energy networks
- Emerging Lifestyles and new communities
- A potential transformation of housing provision
- Citizens’ challenge to the planning system

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This "LE STUDIUM ® CONFERENCE" looks at self-managed cohousing initiatives in the perspective of sustainable spatial development. Its purpose is to go beyond the on-going research and practices, in order to set a research agenda and establish future collaborations. Speakers include residents, professionals and academics of different disciplines and nationalities. While cohousing is increasingly subject to research, reliable and non-normative assessments are still rare to find. The conference looks into current practices from different European countries to formulate relevant criteria and a solid critical theoretical framework. The public debate centres on the question “Utopia or solution? The potential of self-managed cohousing for housing provision and participative urbanism”.

Monday, March 12th, 2012
8:30 Registration
9:00 Opening of the LE STUDIUM ® CONFERENCE
Professor Paul Vigny, Chairman of LE STUDIUM ®
Jean Germain, Mayor of Tours, Senator of Indre et Loire
Professor Loïc Vaillant, President of Tours University
Professor Sylvette Denèfle, MSH Tours

9:30 First session
Emerging lifestyles: incentives for cohousing
Session chair: Claire Lévy-Woelant
25 years of ‘EcoHabitatGroupe’: experiences and Evolutions
Pierre-Yves Jan, Daniel Janes
Communal living in Flanders
Luc J Onckheere
Room for the intermediate size: from niche to naturally
Annet Ritsema, Vincent Kompier, Marijke Raap, Nynke Jutton
Housing lab, an innovative service design laboratory
Liat Rogel, Marta Corubolo
Coffee break

Tuesday, March 13th, 2012
8:30 Coffee
9:00 Keynote I
The social architecture of cohousing
Helen Jarvis
10:00 Third session
Theoretical perspective: current research
Session chair: Sylvette Denèfle
SOSTRECIVIC, a social model of access to housing in Spain
Maria José Meseguer

Wednesday, March 14th, 2012
9:30 - 17:00 Seminar Alter Prop
Urbanisme participatif : habitat autogéré et éco-quartiers
Maison des Sciences de l’Homme, Tours
Guests: Nicole Lerousssau, Taculik Souarn, Christiane Droste, Laure Hédard and Project Managers of eco-neighbourhood projects in Europe
More details under: http://alter-prop.crevilles-dev.org/