

THURSDAY
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VENUE

Comet Louise Place Stéphanie 20,
1050 Brussels
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PRACTICAL INFO

- Welcome breakfast as of 08:00
- Conference from 09:00 until 17:00 CET
- Buffet lunch included
- Plenary morning session in hybrid format (in-person and online)



WEBSITE

www.merging-housing-project.eu

PERSONAL INVITATION

MERGING PROJECT - FINAL EVENT

HOUSING INITIATIVES AS DRIVERS OF SOCIAL INCLUSION

We are pleased to invite you to the Merging housing project final event!

Join us as we unveil the outcomes of the Merging housing project, a 3-year interdisciplinary research project funded by the EU's Horizon 2020 research and innovation programme, bringing together 7 disciplines from 10 partners coming from 6 European countries.

The main objective of the project is to facilitate and ensure the sustainability of migrants' integration process, through participatory housing initiatives in 3 EU cities: Lyon, Valencia, and Gothenburg.

This event aims to:

- Disseminate the project findings
- Share recommendations for scaling up and replicating such initiatives
- Establish connections and bridges with other organizations and projects within the same field of action.

It will allow you to gain insights into innovative housing solutions and to share knowledge about migrants and refugees' integration across Europe.

Throughout the day, we will collectively brainstorm the fundamental components needed for guaranteeing the continuity, sustainability and replicability of such initiatives as well as creating a model of innovative public policy approach that could be implemented in various areas and broader contexts.

IMPORTANT:

If you wish to confirm your participation, please complete the registration form before the 11th of April 2024 by clicking on this [link](#).

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us via email at: alexandra.cogels@cota.be

We look forward to your participation.

The Merging consortium members



MERGING CONSORTIUM MEMBERS



Social Business Earth



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FINAL EVENT AGENDA

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09.00 → 17.00

TIME	SEQUENCE	SPEAKERS/FACILITATORS
08:00 → 09:00 1 ST FLOOR	Welcome and complimentary breakfast	Cota's team oversees the reception
09:00 → 09:15 MAIN ROOM 3 RD FLOOR	Introduction: The Merging project in a nutshell	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prof. Catherine Mercier-Suissa & Ms Noémie Dominguez (UJML - Merging coordinators) Mr Michail Moschovakos, Policy Officer, Migration, Education, Youth and Intangible Cultural Heritage, European Commission, Directorate-General for Research and Innovation, D3-Fair Societies & Cultural Heritage.
09:30 → 10:15 MAIN ROOM 3 RD FLOOR	3 pilots, 3 stories: presentation of the projects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prof. Andrea Spehar (UGOT) - TBC: a local representative from the Anna project (Gothenburg) Prof. Catherine Mercier-Suissa (UJML) et Ms Mallory Mahout (FNDSA) Prof. Carles X Simo-Noguerra (UVEG) - TBC: a local representative from the Caliu Urba project (Valencia) Ms Nancy Ottaviano (Quatorze)
10:15 → 10:45 MAIN ROOM 3 RD FLOOR	Merging's final evaluation: findings and recommendations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms Mina De Beaumont & Mr Thibault Simonet (Cota)
 10:45 → 11:05	COFFEE BREAK	
11:05 → 12:05 MAIN ROOM 3 RD FLOOR	Panel discussion: <i>"How to rethink housing for migrants, refugees and newcomers in Europe, to ensure a sustainable and proper integration?"</i>	<p>Introduction and moderation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms Samantha Caccamo, CEO, Social Business Earth <p>Discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms Pura Peris Garcia, Law professor, activist for housing, against racism and sexism, member of the Spanish Green Party and former regional DG for Housing Emergency and Social Function of Housing (2019-2023) Ms Sameera Chukkappalli, Founder of Needlab, Obama Leader, and UN-Habitat Assembly Speaker Prof. Paolo Boccagni, Associate professor of Sociology at the University of Trento, Italy Mr Rudi Osman, Journalist, and founder of the Union of Exiled Students, Obama leader A representative from EU-COMAR (name TBC).
12:05 → 12:15 MAIN ROOM 3 RD FLOOR	Wrap-up of the morning session	Ms Alexandra Cogels & Mr Thibault Simonet (Cota)
 12:15 → 13:15	LUNCH BREAK (<i>on site buffet lunch</i>)	
13:15 → 13:30 MAIN ROOM, 2 ND & 3 RD ROOMS 3 RD FLOOR	Introduction of the afternoon workshops	Ms Alexandra Cogels & Mr Thibault Simonet (Cota)
13:30 → 15:00 MAIN ROOM, 2 ND & 3 RD ROOMS 3 RD FLOOR	Workshops (2 sessions)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Workshop 1 - Making home - Photo exhibition <i>Facilitation : Ms Nancy Ottaviano (Quatorze) & Ms Alexandra Cogels (Cota)</i> Workshop 2 – Integration: why and how? - Showcase of 3 European projects working on migrants' integration process. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Second Tree: Mr Giovanni Fontana, president - Integreat: Ms Morena Cuconato & Ms Virginia Signorini (UNIBO) - Mimy: a representative TBC <i>Facilitation : Ms Noémie Dominguez (UJML) & Mr Thibault Simonet (Cota)</i> Workshop 3 – Participation in the pilots - Experience sharing about collaboration within the 3 Merging's pilots projects. <i>Facilitation: Mr Daniel Millor Vela (UVEG) & Ms Anne-Cécile De Giacconi (LIP), with the testimonies of:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Gothenburg: Prof. Andrea Spehar (UGOT) & a local representative of the pilot - Lyon: Prof. Catherine Mercier-Suissa (UJML) & Ms Mallory Mahout (FNDSA) - Valencia: Prof. Carles X Simo-Noguerra (UVEG) & a local representative of the pilot
 15:00 → 15:30	COFFEE & WELLNESS BREAK	
15:30 → 16:15 MAIN ROOM, 2 ND & 3 RD ROOMS 3 RD FLOOR	Workshops (1 session)	<i>See above</i>
16:15 → 16:45 MAIN ROOM 3 RD FLOOR	Wrap-up of the afternoon session and closing remarks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> TBC : an observer Prof. Catherine Mercier-Suissa & Ms Noémie Dominguez (UJML - Merging coordinators)