



→ ANNA - THE PILOT PROJECT IN GOTHENBURG

WHAT IS ANNA?

- An individual accommodation in an ecological floating home preserving personal privacy and autonomy while reducing human carbon footprint
- Located close to the historical centre of Gothenburg facilitating access to employment and urban amenities in a neighbourhood with a fierce sense of community
- A network of social companies, NGOs, professional organisations, individuals and neighbours to support the project development and future tenants.

TO DO THIS, WE HAD TO :

- Carry out feasibility studies to define what could be built in Sweden according to budget and existing urban and building regulations
- Connect with partners and assemble a supportive network of individuals and organisations to co-design the house and establish building methods, including participatory construction.

- Work with First to know and its marine experts on the applicable existing National & European Regulations w(ESRIN, 2022 and 2023) about boats and houseboats to ensure safety on board
- Thanks to Egnahemsfabriken, implement a social construction training program involving 20 participants, with a balance in genders and including one person with a refugee background
- Explore potential locations for the pilot project, prioritising proximity to the city centre to prevent segregation.
- Secure a quay space by negotiating a rental agreement with a private landlord.
- Work with various professional builders on the servicing of house and of the marina
- Collaborate with Räddningsmissionen, an organisation specialising in rental management, to facilitate connections between refugees, newcomers, and housing landlords in the open market.

- Collaborate with the Lundby Parish, a professional organisation providing social support to vulnerable people
- Collaborate with the Support Group Network, a refugee organisation gathering persons in need of housing in Gothenburg both with refugee status or refugee background
- Collaborate with the Gothenburg Floating Lab network and connect with Gothenburg city council for the pilot project to be part of the development of ecological marinas dedicated to social and environmental sustainability

ANNA IS ALSO :

- An ecological, small autonomous housing reducing human ecological footprint and providing an innovative response to the housing crisis.
- A proof of concept that is to be disseminated thanks to further partnerships that are being consolidated through on site collaborative workshops

CONCLUSION

In Gothenburg, the shortage of available housing or land, coupled with construction permit delays, led to the creation of a floating house called ANNA now leading to inclusive governance on the development of marinas of affordable housings for both students and other target groups such as newcomers: «We want to proceed with a proposal to make permanent houseboat berths at Lindholms Harbor» (Emmyly Bönfors, Municipality of Gothenburg, 2023).

→ Visit of the houseboat during the participatory workshop in February 2024

