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EUROPEAN NETWORK
FOR COMMUNITY-LED
INITIATIVES ON CLIMATE CHANGE
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IN 2019!**



ACTIVITY REPORT 2019

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Eamon O'Hara, Executive Director, and Iva Pocock, Communications Coordinator, collected the Lush Spring Prize at an event in London, attended by winners and changemakers from all over the world.

LUSH SPRING PRIZE 2019



ECOLISE at five: strengthening the global regenerative movement



ECOLISE celebrated its fifth anniversary in 2019, and recognition for its achievements over this period came in May 2019, when it was awarded the prestigious Lush Spring Prize for Influence.

The Influence prize is awarded to initiatives that are considered “real game changers, and are building and strengthening the global regenerative movement”. This journey for ECOLISE began officially five years ago and much has happened in the intervening years. Despite ever stronger warnings from the scientific community, the climate crisis

has continued to worsen, while concerns of a deeper ecological crisis have also intensified. At the same time, across the globe, citizens have taken to the streets in greater numbers, with young people often to the fore, calling not only for more urgent action on climate and ecological breakdown, but also for a fair and just transition that protects the most vulnerable in society. In Europe, the implementation of the Paris Agreement has entered a new phase. The new European Commission launched the

European Green Deal, which lays out the EU's pathway to net-zero emissions by 2050. Important questions remain, however, notably regarding the level of ambition (is it enough to ensure Europe plays its part in keeping the global temperature rise to below 1.5C?); the impact beyond Europe and what role Europe can play in raising the ambition of international partners; and, crucially for ECOLISE, is there too much emphasis on greening the existing economic model, primarily through technological innovation, and not enough on real transformation through community-led social innovation?

ECOLISE has continued its efforts to move the dial in favour of the latter, and during 2019 a range of actions were undertaken to support this, including:

- The third European Day of Sustainable Communities (EDSC), with several hundred events in 27 countries, as well as a sister initiative in North America, inspired by the EDSC and supported by ECOLISE.
- The establishment of ten National Contact Points (NCPs) to support awareness raising and participation in the EDSC at country level.
- Organisation of a high-profile EDSC policy event at the European Parliament in Brussels, hosted by Sean Kelly, MEP.
- The launch of the first ECOLISE Status Report: 'Reshaping the Future', the most comprehensive review to date of the status, activities and achievements of community-led initiatives in Europe, and the barriers impeding their progress.
- Continuing to input actively into the design of new EU programmes for Community-Led Local Development (CLLD) and Smart Villages, to be launched in 2021.
- Continued input to other EU and international processes on climate action, with a greater emphasis on building advocacy capacity within the network.
- Facilitating dialogue and exchange between ECOLISE members and partners in the framework of the Sustainable Communities Programme (SCP), helping to catalyse several new collaborative projects.
- The launch of the BLAST project on Blended Adult learning for Socio-ecological Transition, involving nine partners, including six ECOLISE members.
- The launch of two new EU-funded Horizon 2020 projects: UrbanA (Urban Arenas for sustainable and just cities), led by ICLEI, and COMETS (Collective Action Models for Energy Transition and Social Innovation).
- The launch of the Ecovillage Transition in Action project, led by GEN-International, which explores the potential for ecovillages to work in collaboration with local authorities.
- Ongoing efforts to strengthen the network, including the development of a new membership strategy, and the resource base.

An important shift in emphasis also began in 2019, as ECOLISE consolidated the work of the past five years and began looking to the decade ahead, a defining period in terms of our response to the climate and ecological emergency.

A new ECOLISE strategy was agreed at the general assembly in April 2019, and during the remainder of 2019 the Council and team worked to translate this into an ambitious plan to help achieve the agreed strategic goals. This plan takes the form of an exciting new action programme called *Communities for Future (CfF)*.

COMMUNITIES FOR FUTURE

Science tells us that we have a 10-year horizon to radically change course if we are to limit average global temperature rises to 1.5°C and avoid the worst effects of climate change. It also tells us that current pathways will not deliver the transformation needed. A dramatic step-up is needed across all sectors at all levels. ECOLISE's response to this is *CfF*, which will be launched publicly in September 2020.

CfF is about mobilising ECOLISE members and partners to work together towards the common goal of catalysing climate-inspired transformation in communities across Europe. It is a call to action to local communities to mobilise in the face of the global climate and ecological emergency; an invitation to be inspired by, learn from, and work with the pioneering communities that are already represented by ECOLISE.

Over the last year, ECOLISE has intensified efforts to build capacity and put in place the elements needed to ensure the effective roll out of CfF. This includes:

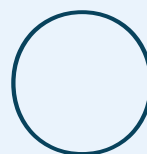
- Increase in the number of paid team members from five to 11 currently and 14 by the end of 2020;
- An expanding network of 44 member organisations, with activities in most European countries (including the 27 EU member states);
- A new Brussels office and ECOLISE HQ, to open in May 2020, with some new team members to be based there permanently;
- A newly elected Council, that builds on the experience of previously Councils, giving strong strategic direction and oversight;
- A growing portfolio of private and EU-funded projects, which are increasingly aligned with the ECOLISE strategy, allowing for good synergies in contributing to CfF implementation.



EUROPEAN DAY OF
SUSTAINABLE
COMMUNITIES

Raising Awareness and Inspiring Action

THE THIRD EUROPEAN DAY OF SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES



On 21 September 2019, as millions gathered globally for the climate strikes, and government leaders met at the UN in New York, hundreds of transformational communities who are taking local, grassroots action towards a zero-carbon, regenerative and inclusive Europe, were celebrating the European Day of Sustainable Communities (EDSC).

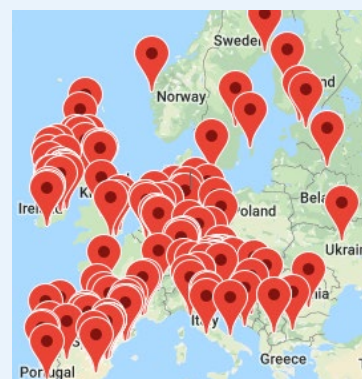
Citizens in 27 countries organised hundreds of events – from conferences on community energy to Transition Network festivals, permaculture gatherings, ecovillage open days, hackathons, shared meals, waste clean-ups and harvest festivals, to much more – to highlight their efforts in the face of ecological and climate breakdown.



The 3rd edition of the EDSC highlighted for the general public and policy makers at European Union, national, regional and local municipal level, the scope and potential of community-led action on climate change and sustainability.

EDSC NATIONAL CONTACT POINTS

A new innovation of EDSC 2019 was the establishment of national contact points (NCPs) in ten countries. Using the prize money received from the Lush Spring Prize, ECOLISE provided micro-grants to member organisations in the following countries, in order to support awareness raising and event coordination: Croatia (Croatian Permaculture Association); Germany (Permakultur-Institut e.V.); Ireland (Carraig Dúlra); Italy (Rete di Reti - Italian Network of Networks); Portugal (FCUL); Romania (Romania in Transition); Scotland (Scottish Communities Climate Action Network, SCCAN); Slovenia (Društvo Sončni grič); Spain (Red de Transición España); and UK (Permaculture Association).



BREAKFAST BRIEFING AT THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

An important part of the EDSC every year is the ECOLISE-organised policy event in Brussels. In 2019, this took the form of a round-table discussion on community-led action with members of the European Parliament and other Brussels-based stakeholders, in the Parliament. The event was hosted by Sean Kelly MEP, in collaboration with the European Economic and Social Committee (EESC) and the Committee of the Regions (CoR), the EU's assembly of local and regional authorities.

For more information, contact Iva Pocock (EDSC) or Meera Ghani (EDSC Brussels event).

Collating and sharing knowledge

RESHAPING THE FUTURE: THE FIRST ECOLISE STATUS REPORT

April saw the launch of the first ECOLISE Status Report. Entitled 'Reshaping the Future', the report provides an overview of the published evidence base on the occurrence, activities and achievements of community-led initiatives in Europe.

It draws on academic studies, grey literature, and informal and experiential knowledge, and demonstrates that communities are delivering a much broader set of benefits than technological solutions focussed only on reducing carbon emissions. It also presents a series of policy pathways that would enable this work to realise its fullest potential. It has circulated widely and been well received.

This first release was intended as a pilot and test of concept in terms of using our wiki/knowledge commons as a shared platform for knowledge co-creation. Learning from this process has fed into a more robust design and delivery plan for the second release, which was developed during late 2019 to allow background research to begin from the start of 2020. Production of the second edition will have a longer lead-in and a clearer organisational structure for the involvement of collaborators, as well as a clear production



timeline aligned with other ECOLISE activities (leading towards release at the EDSC in 2021).

The Status Report is published in cooperation with the Faculty of Science at Lisbon University. The lead authors are Tom Henfrey, Research Coordinator at ECOLISE, and Gil Penha-Lopes of the Faculty of Science, Lisbon University.

For more information, contact Tom Henfrey.

URBAN TRANSFORMATION



ECOLISE is a partner in two new H2020 projects, both of which began in 2019: UrbanA and COMETS (see below). [UrbanA](#) (Urban Arenas for sustainable and just cities) is led by ICLEI and also involves ECOLISE members DRiFT and FCIências.Id, along with three university partners, including ICTA, the main intellectual base of the Degrowth movement.

ECOLISE is leading the communications work package and collaborating with ICLEI on the creation and facilitation of a Community of Practice of city-makers interested in sustainability and justice as a wider knowledge

co-creation community around the consortium itself. This has provided exciting opportunities to introduce methodological innovations based on our own processes, such as use of a wiki as a project database and blended approaches to event and project meetings.

Also on the theme of urban transformations, ECOLISE was a partner in the 2019 edition of [Transformative Cities](#), contributing to inviting and evaluating applications for inclusion in the Atlas of Utopias.

For more information contact Iva Pocock or Tom Henfrey.

ENERGY TRANSITION AND SOCIAL INNOVATION



In May 2019, ECOLISE joined eleven other partners in Turin for the launch of another Horizon 2020 project, this time focusing on Collective Action Models for Energy Transition and Social Innovation ([COMETS](#)). The project will examine the impact of collective action initiatives (CAIs) on energy transition and social innovation, while also proposing tools and methodologies to support these processes. ECOLISE's role involves bringing the community perspective into research activities: in particular designing and facilitating participatory case study methods and contributing to survey design. We are

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Bicycle co-ops provide transportation, organic food distribution and a network of citizen volunteers



TRANSFORMATIVE CITIES

PEOPLES CHOICE AWARD 2019
TransformativeCities.org/2019award

also taking the lead on the development of a collaboration platform for community initiatives, which will be integrated into our new Communities for Future Platform. The project is led by Torino University and brings together partners from eight European countries.

For more information, contact André Vizinho

TRANSFORMATIVE EDUCATION

September saw the start of two new Erasmus+ Strategic Partnerships involving ECOLISE. BLAST (Blended Adult learning for the Social-ecological Transition) is the first major EU-funded project led by ECOLISE. The consortium also involves several ECOLISE members: Romania in Transition, Croatian Permaculture, Gaia Education, GEN International, Permaculture Association Britain and Cultivate. BLAST is assembling a team of transformative educators/facilitators equipped to support people to navigate the social-ecological transition by finding their own path to constructive action. It will produce a variety of learning materials and other



Cloughjordan Ecovillage, Ireland

outputs and will help to increase the delivery of transformative adult education initiatives across Europe. It will also identify and spread related social and educational innovations. The BLAST kick-off meeting was hosted by Cloughjordan Ecovillage, Ireland.

For more information, contact Markus Molz.

ECOVILLAGE TRANSITION IN ACTION



The Ecovillage Transition in Action project meets in Schloss Tempelhof, Germany

ECOLISE is also a partner in a second Erasmus+ Strategic Partnership, this time led by GEN International. The Ecovillage Transition in Action (ETA) project explores the potential for ecovillages to work in collaboration with local authorities to deliver new rural development pathways that emphasise sustainability, community empowerment and social justice. It represents an exciting opportunity for ECOLISE to work closely with GEN, GEN-Germany and partners from the Norwegian ecovillage movement on a topic

of great importance to our Communities for Future framework.

A central element of the project is the development of new curricula for Ecovillage Transition, as well as a Training of Trainers module - both providing innovative materials and pedagogies for CLIs, local authorities, educators and active citizens to work together for positive impact. An Ecovillage Transition Tracker will also combine elements of impact assessment, design thinking and participatory monitoring and evaluation.

For more information, contact Katy Fox.

FACILITATORS OF COMMUNITY-LED CHANGE



The gathering in Brussels

Facilitators of community-led change from around Europe gathered in Brussels in September to share skills and build collaboration in their efforts to help meet global climate and sustainability goals. A two-day skillshare organised by ECOLISE as part of its Sustainable Communities Programme (SCP) was designed to stimulate sharing across initiatives, movements, regions and countries of examples and approaches that help catalyse translocal transitions. Participants came from Scotland, Romania, Germany, Norway, Portugal, Belgium, Ireland & the Netherlands to share their insights and stories.

These included Marcel Van Meesche of 21 Solutions who discussed the Brussels Sustainable Neighbourhood Programme; Isabel Carlisle from the Bioregional Learning Centre in South Devon, England; and Thomas Meier from GEN-Germany who introduced the Living in Sustainable Villages Project.

For more information, contact Juan del Rio.

LOW-CARBON OPEN MEETING SERIES

The ECOLISE online meeting series continued in 2019, helping to further seed collaborative developments in raising awareness of community-led initiatives on climate change and sustainability, sharing and co-creating knowledge, and influencing policy makers.

During 2019, meetings focused on a diversity of topics, including: an introduction to the UrbanA project, and ways to get involved; changing policy, a new series on how to influence policy makers; reflections on the first Status Report and plans for a wider collaborative approach going forward; celebrating community-led action and how to become a co-creator of the European Day of Sustainable Communities; Platform Design and Network Governance, cutting-edge approaches to inclusive and effective collaboration.



The Open Meeting Series is continuing in 2020, with forthcoming meetings focusing on building collaboration around key elements of Communities for Future.

52 CLIMATE ACTIONS

ECOLISE was also a partner in [52 Climate Actions](#) (52CA), delivered by an international consortium led by the Permaculture Association (Britain). 52 CA integrates evidence, analysis and practical experience into a set of concrete recommendations for practical action at individual, community and global levels.

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Advocating for policy change



ECOLISE AT THE
EUROPEAN RURAL
PARLIAMENT 2019

Francesca Whitlock and Davie Philip at the European Rural Parliament

ECOLISE co-presidents, Francesca Whitlock of GEN Europe and Davie Philip of Cultivate, Ireland, represented ECOLISE at the European Rural Parliament, in Asturias, Spain (November 2019). Francesca gave one of the main keynote 'inspirational' speeches, telling the story of how the regional government of Navarra approached the Iberian Ecovillage Network to learn out their secret to rural regeneration. Government officials had realised that hubs of "rural social innovation" were to be found where ecovillages and similar community-led initiatives had taken root.

A pilot project has since been launched by ecovillage Arterra Bizimou near Pamplona, which provides a model of community-institutional collaboration that can be replicated in other depopulated rural areas in Europe interested in regenerating both land and rural communities.

Francesca and Davie also led two well-attended workshops to explore how Rural Parliament members and ECOLISE could work together to support community-led

transformation in rural areas. Davie presented a case study of community-led action in Cloughjordan (Ireland), where the ecovillage and wider community is modelling a resilient and low-carbon society. Participants looked at the challenge of transitioning to a low carbon resilient society, underlining the need for action not just at national and international levels but, most importantly, ongoing, long-term, deep engagement at local community level. Feedback from the workshops informed the drafting of European Rural Parliament Manifesto 2020.



Workshops



Robert Hall shares insights from Sweden



Eamon O'Hara (centre)

SHAPING FUTURE CLLD AND SMART VILLAGES PROGRAMMES

For several years now, ECOLISE has been contributing to discussion on strengthening the climate dimension of the EU's Community-Led Local Development (CLLD) programmes, and to the design of the new Smart Villages initiative. This work continued and intensified in 2019, as preparations are stepped up for the next round of programmes, which begin in 2021.

In December 2019, Robert Hall, ECOLISE Council member and GEN Europe representative, and Eamon O'Hara, ECOLISE Executive Director, participated in a European Network for Rural Development (ENRD) thematic lab on 'Climate change mitigation and adaptation'. This event involved LEADER and other stakeholders in exploring, discussing and sharing different experiences and approaches. The participants discussed practical suggestions for how LEADER can be an initiator, planner, facilitator and supporter of climate action in local rural territories.

Robert and Eamon introduced practical examples from the ECOLISE network and also identified specific challenges to be overcome to ensure that future programmes, which will channel in excess of EUR 10 billion to local communities over the next seven years, have a priority focus on climate action and sustainability.

ECOLISE team members also participated in several other ENRD and European Commission events and activities during 2019.

BRINGING THE VOICE OF COMMUNITIES TO COP25

ECOLISE members from Spain and Portugal, and ECOLISE Network and Outreach Coordinator, Juan Del Río, brought the voice of community-led initiatives on climate change to the COP25 climate negotiations in Madrid (December 2019).



Juan del Río and Duncan Crowley

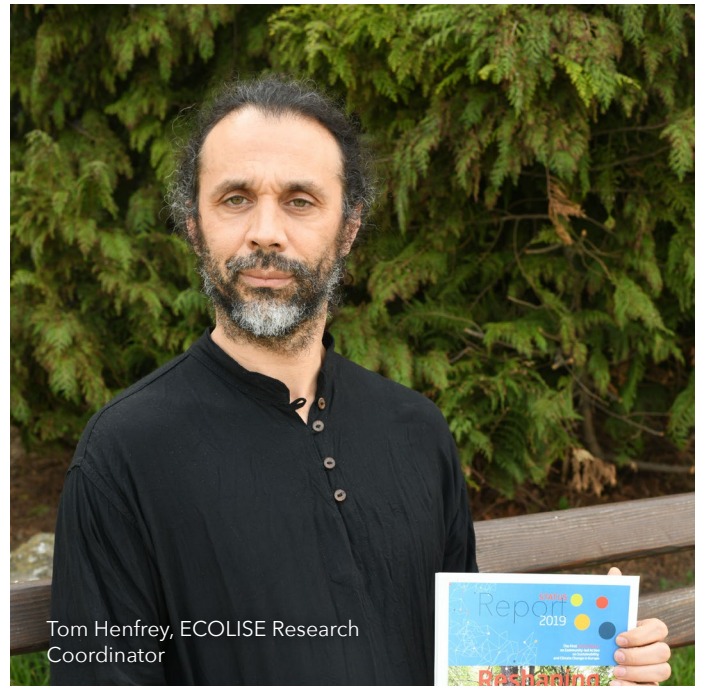
The ECOLISE delegation participated actively at the Cumbre social por el Climate (the Counter COP), which ran alongside the official proceedings. With more than 350 different sessions and workshops, this provided a space for networking with indigenous people, social movements such as the solidarity economy movement, Extinction Rebellion and Fridays for Future, as well as ECOLISE partners such as the European Economic & Social Committee. Delegates also took part in a massive demonstration of over 500,000 people.

Victor Torre of [RIE \(Iberian Ecovillage network\)](#), Mar Muro from [Red de Transición \(Transition Spain\)](#), and Juan Pedro Franco from [Permaculture Ibera](#) attended during the first week, with Juan and Duncan Crowley of FCUL, Lisbon, flying the ECOLISE flag in the second week. Duncan hosted a workshop on alternative media for social movements, while Juan led one on synergies for building community resilience.

Juan's reflections on the event: "There was a sense of urgency but instead of the talks focussing on climate justice and paying back the ecological debt, the main narrative was about market-mechanisms, green growth and techno-optimism. In essence, the complete opposite of ECOLISE's message of zero-carbon regeneration and inclusivity."

SHAPING THE INTERNATIONAL CLIMATE AGENDA

Continuing to bring the ECOLISE message to international audiences, Tom Henfrey, ECOLISE Research Coordinator, presented at the International Conference on Climate Action (ICCA) 2019, jointly organised by the German Environment Ministry, the Federal State of Baden-Württemberg and the City of Heidelberg (May 2019).



ICCA 2019 brought together senior representatives of national, regional and local government, along with national and international organisations and networks for discussions that fed directly into preparations for the UN Climate Summit, CoP25 and other major international fora on climate change and sustainability. The conference reflected new levels of realisation at all levels of government of the need for holistic action on climate change, requiring not simply numerical emissions reductions but transformative social, economic and cultural change, and greater commitment to the collaborative processes and civil society involvement necessary to bring this about.

Following the release of the ECOLISE Status Report, Tom was invited to attend the event as an observer, commentator and reporter. He provided summaries and insights to plenary sessions, observed and inputted to writing processes for key conference outputs, to ensure strong representation of grassroots initiatives.

ECOLISE AT THE OECD

Ecological citizenship is a concept attracting increased attention in Europe, and in April 2019, ECOLISE Executive Director, Eamon O'Hara, shared experiences from the network at a high-level event in Paris, hosted by the OECD.

Co-organised by Comité21, the main French network of organisations and people working on sustainable development, the event focussed on how the concept of "ecological citizenship" affects the pace of ecological transition, but also people's perception of the European Union.

Eamon highlighted the need to remove barriers to citizen engagement in community-led initiatives, focusing on more near term policy initiatives to boost funding and enable participation, but also longer term measures such as universal basic income.



Eamon O'Hara (right) at the OECD event

BUILDING CAPACITY TO EFFECT POLICY CHANGE

Building capacity among ECOLISE members is essential to strengthening our collective influence in shaping the policy agenda at all levels. During 2019, ECOLISE organised several capacity building events and also provided more opportunities for members to engage directly in policy making processes.

In addition to the EDSC Brussels events, and a subsequent debriefing event at the offices of Climate Action Network (CAN) Europe, which brought members into direct contact with policy makers and lobbyists, a number of online events were also organised to build knowledge of policy making processes and share

information about the potential for collective action.

Building on this, opportunities were also offered to members to engage directly in policy development activities, as ECOLISE representatives. A number of members have already taken up this opportunity. For example, Tim Clarke (GAIA Trust), is currently representing ECOLISE on the European Commission advisory group for the Structured Dialogue with ESIF Partners. Amelie Krug (ECOLISE Council) has also participated in the CAN-Europe General Assembly (November 2019), as well as in associated events, including a 'Lobby Day': Political Engagement Day towards the European Parliament & European Commission, and a training session on 'How to engage with European Parliament and the European Commission'.



An expanding network



Three new member organisations joined ECOLISE in 2019, bringing the total membership to 44 organisations with activities in all EU countries, as well as the UK and Switzerland.

The newest members are: the [Hivemind Institute](#) (Portugal), a think tank and action research organisation focused on systems and network thinking; the National Network of Local Action Groups in the Czech Republic ([NNLAG](#)), a formal umbrella organization with more than 160 members (LEADER Local Action Groups) covering more than 90% of the country's surface area; and Liberta Care Foundation (Netherlands), a Dutch-based NGO, established in 2009, working mainly with young people, with a focus on human rights (guidance of refugees) and education.

In April 2019, the fifth annual ECOLISE

General Assembly took place in Križevci, Croatia, hosted by the Croatian Permaculture Association. The event attracted over 50 participants in person, coming from 20 countries, with up to 30 more participating remotely. Important outcomes of this meeting included: the election of a new 11-person Council, including two Co-Presidents, Francesca Whitlock (GEN-Europe) and Davie Philip (Cultivate). The other Council members are:

Alisa Dendro, Baltic Ecovillage Network (Sweden); Alexandru Tudose, Permaculture Research Institute (Romania); Amelie Krug, Baltic Ecovillage Network (Germany); Ellen Bermann, (Transition Network); Genny Carraro, RIVE, GEN-EU (Italy); Gil Penha-Lopes, FFCUL (Portugal); Nara Petrovič, Sunny Hill (Slovenia); Riccardo De Amici, RIVE, GEN-EU (Italy) and Robert Hall GEN-EU (Sweden).

At the first Council meeting following the General Assembly (May 2019), a new Executive Board was appointed, comprising the Co-

Presidents, the Executive Director and the former President (Robert Hall).

MEMBERSHIP STRATEGY

Work also started on a new membership strategy, which will be presented to the General Assembly in April 2020. The new strategy will help to guide efforts to support existing members, while also identifying future goals and priorities in relation to new members.

- (September 2019)
- Maja Vrčon, Communications & Network Assistant (January 2020)
- André Vizinho, Project Coordinator for COMETS (January 2020)
- Nara Petrovic, Research & Editorial Assistant (February 2020)
- Sara Silva, Project Coordinator for CRIC, Climate Resilience and Inclusive Cities (February 2020)

A STRONGER RESOURCE BASE

A priority focus for ECOLISE in 2019 was to strengthen and diversify its funding base. Considerable progress has been made in both of these areas. In terms of diversification, the number of funders went from two to eight (four different EU programmes; FundAction; and the Lush Spring Prize), with a good mix of both public and private funding. In terms of budget capacity, ECOLISE participated in 15 different funding proposals over the past 18 months, nine of which were successful. This has allowed for a significant increase in the annual budget available for ECOLISE activities.

A GROWING TEAM

With increased funding, the number of paid team members has also grown, from five at the end of 2018 to seven at the end of 2019, and 11 currently. Three additional appointments are also expected in the coming months. The most recent appointments include:

- Juan del Rio, Network & Outreach Coordinator (April 2019)
- Katy Fox, Project Coordinator for the Ecovillage Transition in Action project

**ECOLISE, the European network
for community-led initiatives
on climate change and sustainability,**

is a coalition of 44 member organisations engaged in promoting and supporting local communities across Europe in their efforts to build pathways to a sustainable future. Members of ECOLISE include international networks of community-led initiatives such as the Transition Network (representing over 1200 Transition initiatives), the Global Ecovillage Network (15,000 ecovillages) and the Permaculture movement (3 million practitioners globally); ICLEI, the association of local governments for sustainability; national and regional networks; and other specialist bodies engaged in European-level research, training and communications. By bringing these organisations together, ECOLISE seeks to establish a common, Europewide agenda and a platform for collective action. ECOLISE is registered as an international nonprofit association under Belgian law (AISBL).

The European Day of Sustainable Communities is an ECOLISE initiative, organised with ECOLISE members in partnership with the European Economic & Social Committee, Rurener, Let's Do It! World Clean Up Day and La Fête des Possibles. The fourth edition of the day takes place on 19th September 2020. It's a celebration of local communities taking action for a zero-carbon, regenerative and inclusive Europe. Ecovillages, Transition initiatives, permaculture projects, agroecology initiatives, and many others open their doors and invite the public to observe, discuss and be inspired by a diverse range of projects, covering everything from community energy to local food, sustainable mobility, zero waste, social economy and much more.



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