

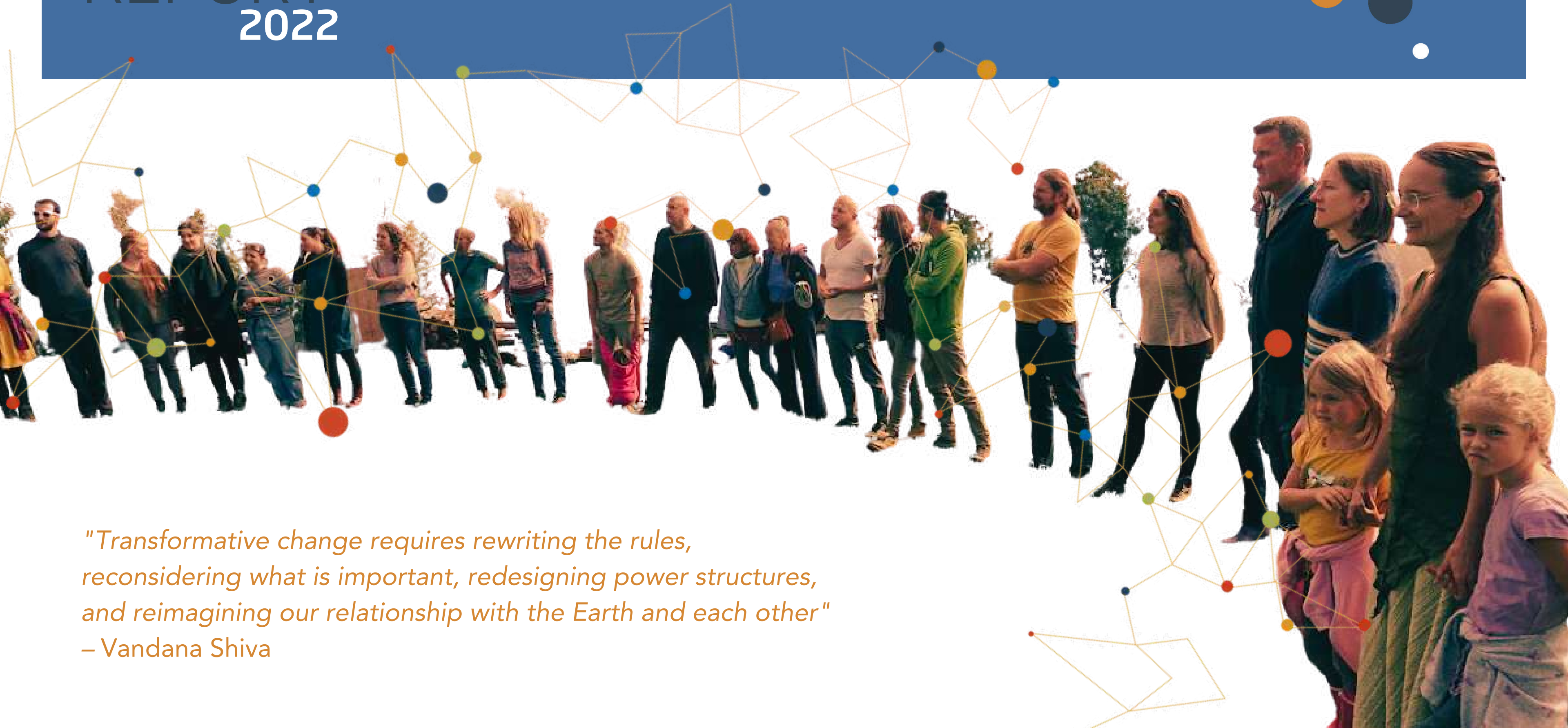


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EUROPEAN NETWORK
FOR COMMUNITY-LED
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*"Transformative change requires rewriting the rules,
reconsidering what is important, redesigning power structures,
and reimagining our relationship with the Earth and each other"*
– Vandana Shiva

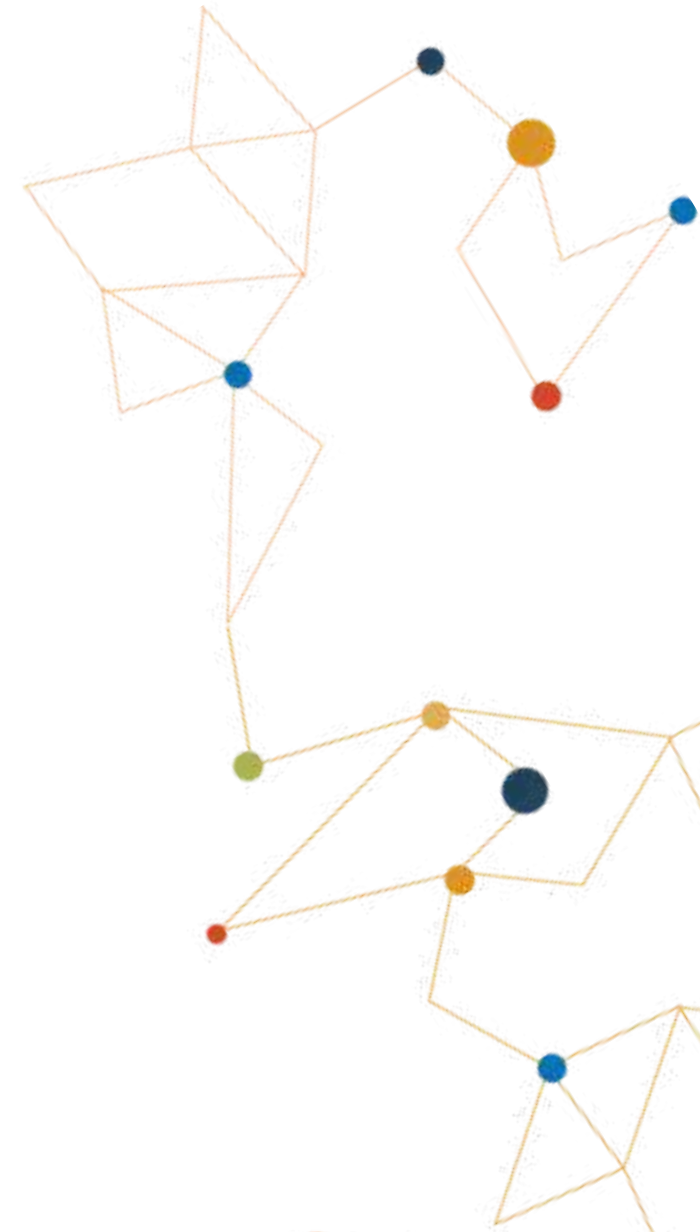
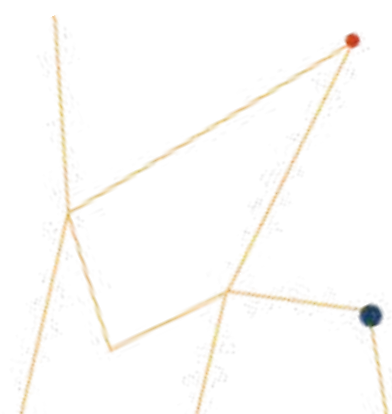
INTRODUCTION

Looking back at 2022, we are thrilled to present the significant milestones we achieved over the past year. Amongst them, expanding our team has been crucial. We welcomed several new team members, each bringing their unique talents and passions to the ECOLISE constellation. We are very excited about the potential for change that lies ahead!

As you dive into this report, we hope you feel the same sense of pride and excitement that we feel about the work we have done. Our projects and initiatives are a product of the energy and support of our network, and we are deeply grateful to each and every one of you for your contributions to our mission.

This report is a testament to our collective efforts towards building a more compassionate, fair, and regenerative society, therefore we'd like to extend our sincere gratitude to our Council, members, partners, and supporters for their continued dedication to our cause.

With gratitude,
The ECOLISE team



COMMUNITIES FOR FUTURE

NEW WEBSITE



Following the session on reworking the platform and the answers to the platform survey, a new [Communities for Future platform](#) was launched by the end of the year with pretty keen features:

- Members can request admin access to manage their articles, resources, and especially, events. They can now publish an event, monitor and manage registrations, set up automatic reminders and thank-you follow-up emails as well as get insights and report their campaign.
- There is a CfF mapping function, including identifying and integrating demonstration sites. The new website features a mapping function to allow users to explore events and organisations on the map. The mapping function can be adapted to suit our needs in the future, depending on the type of content we wish to see on the map.

OUTREACH STATS

From January to December the CfF followers have increased:

Twitter: 30% increase in followers to 680 followers

Instagram: 77% increase in followers to 918 followers

Facebook: 38% increase in followers to 1,334

Website visitors: up from 2233/month in January to 9200/month in October

Newsletter subscribers: stable 1217 (between new subscriptions and unsubscription)

We have published new content regularly on the website, including events and articles on the CfF sessions, EDSC and other initiatives, such as:



[Youth Voices](#)



[EDSC2022](#)



[Bringing the EU Green Deal to local levels](#)

COMMUNITIES FOR FUTURE POLICY FLAGSHIP PROJECT

ECOLISE calls for a focus on community-led responses to the planetary crisis. Our main policy project for 2022 - 2023 is a campaign on [10 theses towards transformative community-led local development](#): How can communities drive such a transformation? How does the European Green Deal - globally the most ambitious political reaction to the planetary crisis - fit in this? How can we make diverse sustainable lifestyles possible for everyone?

2022: First consultation phase of the 10 theses

The flagship project includes an extended consultation on the content and main messages of the 10 theses, including events and consultations in smaller groups where ECOLISE reached out to overall 300 people from more than 60 institutions and NGOs, including ECOLISE members.

A continuous scientific review of the document was ensured with the support of Tom Henfrey and a wider scientific board including a wide range of academic institutions such as DRIFT (NL), the EuroRegen project team under the lead of Ana Margarida Esteves (Research Fellow at the Center for International Studies of the University Institute of Lisbon, ISCTE-IUL and Guest Assistant Professor of the Department of Political Economy of the same institution) and professors from universities such as Freiburg (GER).



Objectives

- Harness the window of opportunity which the European Green Deal offers for community-led initiatives
- Trigger deep conversations about worldviews and attitudes which are at the heart of individual and social change
- Arrive at a shared policy position together with partners on what kind of transformative local development policies communities need in order to thrive, and what communities can bring to answer the planetary crisis and live well within planetary boundaries.
- Build a strong alliance for an advocacy campaign targeting EU levels which will launch in 2023

A detailed description of consultation events:

28 September 2022: [Kick-off event](#); 5 weekly online calls – link to the [harvest](#).

19 October 2022: Follow-up event (online) – [harvest](#), [recording](#).

8 November 2022: Policy – ECOLISE Members' Hour – [harvest](#).

28 November 2022: Main policy stakeholder event. Presentation of a beta version of the [10 Theses](#). [Harvest](#), [recording](#), [slides](#) and [summary of the event](#). This event was hosted by the European Economic and Social Committee ([EESC](#)) in Brussels and supported by the following 16 partner organisations:



The event aimed to involve change-makers on policy levels in the conversation and to explore the political demands with a focus on the European Green Deal. The event generated a lot of interest, with over 130 participants (with a wide age range from 24-73 years old) including 66 organisations – policymakers, community-led initiatives, NGOs, local action groups etc. – from 42 countries present.

Useful Links on the 1st Consultation Phase:

[Key takeaways](#) | [Summary of the inputs](#)



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Achievements:

Over 300 people from over 60 institutions have participated in the consultation process on the 10 theses so far in 2022. From September to November 2022 the ECOLISE policy team triggered deep conversations at the European Rural Parliament in Kielce (September 2022) via 2 dedicated events and a plenary session (> 400 attendants from all over Europe), as well as throughout the 4 dedicated ECOLISE events.

Policy stakeholders from EU levels were targeted throughout, for example at the European Rural Parliament (Kielce, Poland) where the policy team (Amelie Krug & Nina Klein) attended and co-organised two events plus a presentation in the plenary. The [programme](#) provided the opportunity to network with high-ranking policy stakeholders such as Janusz Wojciechowski, Director General for Agriculture of the European Commission or Normunds Popen, Deputy Director General for Implementation and International Relations DG Regional Policy and Toma Šutić, Cabinet of Vice President for Democracy and Demography, European Commission.

The main impact on policy stakeholders happened at the main policy event in November 2022, with Daniel Mes from the cabinet of Frans Timmermans, Vice-president of the European Commission and in charge of the European Green Deal stressing the relevance of civil society, saying that without pressure from citizens, there would be

no Green Deal. Laurence Graff from the European Commission/ Directorate General (DG) CLIMA (adviser on the Climate Pact) stressed the need to get everyone on board: “We need more action. We need the right enabling environment to support ambition, to support fairness as well, because we need everybody on board and some will be more impacted than others”. Local development policies funded by the EU cannot remain as an add-on of the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP), which in itself fails to align with the goals of the European Green Deal, as MEP Benoit Biteau noted at the [policy event](#). They need to be a focus of EU policy in their own right, with adequate funding.

The alliance-building effort with partners from other Civil Society Organisations was very fruitful, confirming the broad interest in community-led initiatives on a European policy level. ECOLISE also managed to partner with [The Good Lobby](#), an innovative charity targeting advocacy & lobbying for CSOs, in a paid cooperation partly funded by the EU-funded project CLIMACT/ SPARKS, which ensured added attraction of the 10 theses flagship project for members and partners via expertise and capacity building opportunities.

With the support of the Inspire team the policy flagship project managed to also have a certain impact on social media, which will be expanded in the advocacy campaign planned for 2023.

COMMUNITIES FOR FUTURE SESSIONS

ECOLISE hosted 9 Communities for Future sessions, which are public webinars aimed at serving the capacity-building and networking needs of our broader network. We had a diverse range of guest speakers from our network on topics like engagement in the European Day of Sustainable Communities, local community-led development and the EU Green Deal, together with several policy consultation events, monitoring and evaluation frameworks for the network, and fundraising capacity building. The recordings of the sessions are available on the [CfF website](#).



[Let's Get Visible! How and why should you join the European Day of Sustainable Communities?](#)



[Bringing the EU Green Deal to local levels](#)



[The power of localisation: exploring transformative community-led initiatives](#)



[Reimagine monitoring and evaluation for transformative network impact](#)



[Youth voices on climate, sustainability, and communities in Europe](#)



[Policy Consultation Process Kick-Off. Let's build a united voice for Community-led Initiatives](#)



[Policy Consultation: 10 theses on transformative community-led local development](#)



[28 November main policy event: community-led initiatives and the European Green Deal](#)



[Fundraising capacity building with network members and allies](#)

COMMUNITIES FOR FUTURE AT COP27 IN EGYPT

Communities for Future was present at COP27 through ECOLISE's network weaver Laura Kaestele who joined forces with friends and partners such as ICLEI (Local Governments for Sustainability), Global Ecovillage Network, Gaia Education, European Committee of the Regions, Climate Chance, Sekem, Climate Action Network, and Oxfam to strengthen alliances, advocate for and share concrete examples of local, regenerative community-led action for a just eco-social transition. Communities are a strong driving force for social change and must be included in negotiations, commitments and finance as they can localise and actually implement objectives of the Paris Agreements or the European Green Deal.

Read [Laura's article here](#).



COMMUNITY-LED LOCAL DEVELOPMENT



ECOLISE has been advocating for extending the scope of Community-Led Local Development (CLLD) and Smart Villages to encompass effective support for community-led action on climate change and sustainability in all EU countries. ECOLISE contributed to the design of CLLD and Smart Village programmes for the post-2020 period, helping to ensure that these programmes are widely accessible to communities, in both urban and rural areas, wishing to undertake action on climate change and sustainability.

Throughout 2022 ECOLISE explored cooperations within the CoP and promoted uptake of the LEADER/ CLLD approach amongst CLIs as well as strengthened cooperations between ELARD and ECOLISE.

Key actions have included:

- 1** ECOLISE has continued the Community of Practice (CoP) in CLLD/Smart Villages (SV), which was initiated in 2021 and brings together key stakeholders to explore how best to promote the uptake of CLLD/SV supports for community-led climate action, and what future policy changes are needed to further improve this. The draft terms of reference of the CLLD/SV CoP can be seen [here](#). The publication on the Communities for Future website can be found [here](#).
- 2** Activities of the CoP on CLLD included a joint online event in cooperation with ELARD, in the framework of the European Green Week in May 2022, which presented the CoP and showcased good practice examples. This event attracted over 100 participants - mainly local action groups and community-led initiatives, as well as policy stakeholders from all levels (EU, national, regional/ local). You can find more information on the event [here](#).
- 3** The policy team animated regular internal and external meetings with the ECOLISE team and council, as well as with external partners, which lead to a focus of the CoP on policy and advocacy for the 2022 - 2023 period, specifically on the 10 theses on transformative community-led local development policies.

- 4** The strong collaboration between the partners led to ECOLISE's participation in the European Rural Parliament (Kielce, Poland), where ECOLISE co-organised 3 events and took part in the plenary session with over 400 attendees from all over Europe (Local Action Groups and national delegations, EU, national and regional/ local policy stakeholders). You can find the ERP programme [here](#).



PROJECTS

CAMPAIGNers

The EU-funded [CAMPAIGNers](#) project launched this year a lifestyle challenges app for cities. ECOLISE has been supporting all facets of development but in particular, the [Amplifier City initiative](#), which gathers a community of practice of cities promoting sustainable behaviour change.

COMMUNITY CLIMATE COACHES

The work to promote Community Climate Coach (CCC) as a vocation continued this year. The trainings are planned to take place in January 2023 (Resilience Earth, Catalunya) and March (Cloughjordan, Ireland) and the final resources will be available in May 2023 on the project's website [here](#).

CLIMATE RESILIENT AND INCLUSIVE CITIES

The Climate Resilient and Inclusive Cities ([CRIC](#)) project is promoting climate change awareness and capacity building on mitigation and adaptation plans for 10 Indonesian pilot cities.

ECOLISE's role in the CRIC project is to tackle the issue of Water Management and Sanitation through a collaborative and inclusive participation and sustainable design lens. Throughout 2022 we have been participating in meetings with the pilot cities and field officers and preparing the field visits for early 2023.

ClimACT/SPARK

The ClimACT project, brand name [SPARK](#), brings together a consortium of 20 organisations under the umbrellas of Oxfam and the Climate Action Network Europe. The project raises awareness, increases capacity, and supports EU citizens, particularly young people, to build public support for ambitious climate change and development policies which have gender equality at the core. ECOLISE's role is to deliver the [European Day of Sustainable Communities](#), as well as the inaugural Communities for Future policy week, laying the foundations for a wider event in early 2023. The SPARK project is in the middle of its 3rd year of implementation. The consortium's joint actions have led to at least 30 million people becoming aware of climate change, development and gender equality. The resources created by this creative consortium are available in the website's [resources page](#).

EUROPEAN DAY OF SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES

The sixth edition of the European Day of Sustainable Communities took place on September 18th 2022. Despite the challenges of the ongoing pandemic, over 128,000 people participated in hundreds of events in fifteen countries across Europe between the 11th and the 25th of September. These included online and in-person events such as ecovillage open days, roundtable discussions, upcycling workshops, permaculture picnics, citizens' climate assemblies, shared meals and many more.



FUNDRAISING

The main goals:

- Strengthen our financial capacity
- Become more resilient, diversifying our funding sources
- Explore the potential to further develop our role in channelling funding to members and partners for strategic initiatives

ECOLISE focused on increasing the capacity and coordination of the fundraising area while maintaining our current funding sources and searching for new ones. In 2022, thanks to the grant received by Porticus, we were able to put more effort and resources into fundraising activities.

First, we created a Slack channel to transparently hold and organise conversations about finances and share different funding opportunities. We also created a Funding and bid tracker document where we organise and keep track of ongoing and past project applications, besides potential donors.



In May we launched the Fundraising Circle (Initially as Money and Value Flow circle) to further develop and coordinate the work in this area. This circle, with three key domain areas: *analysis, strategy and action*, is working well, with active council participation, good collaboration and a regular rhythm. The “Money and value flows” became a separate area, with a lower activity level at the moment.

We made some internal changes in the team to increase our capacity in the coordination of this area. Since then our fundraising efforts are better coordinated and organised, having team members focusing more on partnership building and application writing, others on support, or building and nurturing relationships with new and existing donors. The Fundraising Circle is coordinated by [Juan del Río](#).

During the year we have also been gathering information and inspiration by attending several online webinars (mainly held by MZN International), like Five tips for NGOs aiming at commercial contracts, 10 Tips to Improve your Proposal Budget, and How to turn around a financially distressed NGO. In addition, we also contributed to build fundraising capacity within our network by delivering an online collaborative workshop, focused on different funding options and approaches.

We have put a special effort in nurturing our relationship with donors, building a collaborative and trust relationship and we have succeeded on that matter. However, several changes have occurred:

- funding from an important, long term funder will come to an end in 2023
- another funder, Porticus, due to their internal strategy changes, will not be able to renew the same grant they provided us in 2021.

We maintain a strong relationship with Porticus, and we are currently exploring other ways of collaboration: we are looking for other funding options within Porticus and actively approaching other potential donors with their support. At the moment, these are some of our key activities and we hope to have positive news in the coming months.

ECOLISE [recruited an external consultant](#) to support us with the design and development of our fundraising strategy, and with our general fundraising activity. Gisella Reina, a fundraising strategy expert, started to work with us in December 2022. As the fundraising strategy itself needs to build on the overall strategy, having delays in that general process, she has been focusing on different fundraising tasks: supporting us in approaching and communicating with existing and potential donors, developing our pitch to potential funders (including communication), creating a database of donors, giving advice on an internal funding needs assessment and in the creation of a short and long term budget plan for the Communities For Future flagship project.





In parallel, we continue working on different EU projects applications. Among them, and connecting it to our fundraising strategy, we have already begun to target possible funding sources for launching the Regenerative Communities Fund (RCF), to support members, partners and CLIs directly. In particular, in November 2022 we were part of a consortium (led by CAN-Europe) that submitted a proposal on significant sub-granting to the EU DEAR programme.



ECOLISE TEAM

TEAM UPDATES

In March 2022 three new members joined the [ECOLISE team](#): Laura Kaestele (Network Weaver), Nina Klein (Policy Lead) and Jane Feeney (Communications and Campaigns Lead), leaving ECOLISE at the end of 2022. In May 2022 two other people joined the team: Tim Strasser (Monitoring and Evaluation Expert) and Amelie Krug (Policy Support). In July 2022 Duncan Crowley was selected as the Social Media Officer. Finally, in December, María Sánchez joined the communication team as a Communications Officer.

With both a feeling of sadness and joy, we said goodbye to our dear colleague Jane Feeney as communications and campaign lead leaving ECOLISE at the end of 2022. We express our heartfelt gratitude for her calm and effective approach, steady support, accountability, expertise, and genuine commitment to making the world a better place. We honour her courage to change and seek new professional adventures.

Pauliina Helle and Juan del Río continued in Co-director roles and in October 2022 Eamon O'Hara shifted from his advisory position to join them as a third Co-director, as part of the Co-director governance experiment process.

ORGANISATIONAL TRANSFORMATION

Since 2021 ECOLISE has been in an intense process of transforming its organisational culture and governance. The goal is to better align with the values and ethos of the progressive social movements that ECOLISE represents, while also serving as an effective bridge towards mainstream and high-level institutions, particularly at the Brussels level. This work is divided into two areas: Culture building and Governance transformation.

CULTURE BUILDING

In the area of culture building our two main focuses have been the development of our internal policies and work on diversity and inclusion. We went through a process of developing a Diversity Plan for ECOLISE within the framework of the Diversity Department of Actiris (the Brussels Regional Office for Employment). The plan consists of 11 concrete actions that we are committed to completing within two years, to improve practices of diversity and inclusion in ECOLISE. These actions include, for example, improvements in our recruitment processes, writing policies and guidelines for diversity and inclusion in communications and events, coaching and training, and more.

We received €10,000 in co-financing from Actiris for these actions during two years.

Francesca Stuer, a safeguarding expert, held a half-day safeguarding workshop for ECOLISE Core in January 2022. The workshop kick-started the review process of our internal policies. Francesca did a full review of our 24 internal documents related to safeguarding, such as the Code of Conduct, Misconduct Procedure, and others. During 2022 we finalised a new version of a Code of Conduct, including a list of social agreements that are meant to guide us in a positive way in building and maintaining the kind of organisational culture that we want to foster, instead of just focusing on preventing and repairing harm. We also worked on harvesting learnings from earlier internal challenges in ECOLISE, to improve our tension management and conflict procedures.

Ben Yeger and Milly Sinclair from [Whole Partnership](#) provided us with capacity building in a systemic approach to conflict transformation. Two ECOLISE team members and one ECOLISE member joined a 5-week training with them, and a few ECOLISE-specific sessions were offered for the entire team and Council.

Moreover, we started monitoring the well-being of the ECOLISE team and Council by launching a regular Wellbeing Scan that gives us data about satisfaction levels in different areas.

GOVERNANCE TRANSFORMATION

A Governance Transformation circle was established in January 2022. The purpose of the circle was to lead organisational development based on the “Caterpillar to Butterfly” Report and Transformation Roadmap from 2021. Some of the key aims were to facilitate a shift to non-hierarchical organisational structures, and clarifying decision-making processes and accountabilities.

The direction was taken to lead the internal transformation in a step-by-step manner, through small, iterative experiments and by bringing focus to constant evaluation and learning. The circle also led several governance experiments and developments, namely:

- Division of the former Executive Director role into a shared role held by two Co-directors
- Clarifying and visualising the ECOLISE governance structure
- New templates for monthly reporting and quarterly progress evaluation
- Weekly team co-working meetings with an open and co-created agenda
- Strengthening asynchronous collaboration and decision-making practises via Slack and Google Docs
- Renewal of our Slack channels, making most channels public and bringing ECOLISE members to specific channels in our Slack for strengthening direct interaction

- Experimentation with consent decision-making from Sociocracy 3.0 and the advice process decision-making method
- Creating a ‘delegation matrix’ table for clarifying who makes which type of decisions, and decision-making flowcharts for visualising decision-making processes

During 2022 ECOLISE team and Council received an important amount of capacity building on shared governance:

- In January, Jussi Markula from [Prominda](#) hosted a workshop on self-organisation and the ‘Teal paradigm’ (See [Reinventing Organisations](#) by Frederic Laloux).
- In April, Sarah McAdam from Transition Network, an ECOLISE member, hosted a [public session](#) with us, where she shared insights from the governance transformation process of Transition Network and gave advices for ECOLISE.
- In April-May, four ECOLISE team members joined the “Collab - Self-organising business” peer-learning workshop series, hosted by [Withmore](#).
- In May, we started receiving coaching from two [Toolbox.be](#) mentors, Alain Van Gaever and Johan Merlevede.
- In October, a workshop called “Build your clarity and confidence in collaborative decision-making” was held for the ECOLISE Core by our former Council member, Nenad Maljkovic.

Our active process of organisational transformation is still expected to continue, at least, over the next two years.

MONITORING & EVALUATION

During 2022, ECOLISE has been working on putting in place a more structured monitoring and evaluation (M&E) framework. Much of the existing M&E activities have evolved to meet the needs of emerging activities, but these methods now need review and streamlining to ensure they are better integrated and also more strongly linked to priority goals and targets. In this context, the M&E framework development is linked to a strategy review process which will update and clarify key organisational goals and strategy. At the same time it will identify indicators to help measure progress and related M&E activities. This process will ensure that collected quantitative and qualitative data is helping to inform and improve the strategy implementation process.

The upcoming M&E framework will also have a focus on wider, societal impacts. The nature of ECOLISE activities in the framework of Communities for Future is to mobilise members and partners around the common goal of mainstreaming community-led action on climate change and sustainability. This encompasses the activities of a much broader set of stakeholders and requires a different approach to M&E, involving collaboration across the stakeholders concerned. A working group with members and partners is currently being developed to strengthen such collaborative efforts on measuring societal impacts, building on and aligning around existing M&E approaches of members where possible, including collecting

qualitative stories from local communities and assessment of impactful practices. The "SCALE 3D" model developed by Tim Strasser, our M&E expert, will help to structure this effort, by outlining how networks can contribute to the development of transformative capacities in social movements and which kind of impacts this can lead to.



Watch the Communities for Future session recording on: [Reimagine monitoring and evaluation for transformative network impact](#)

NETWORK AND EVENTS

Over the past year, ECOLISE has supported, organised and participated in a diverse range of events together with our members and partners. Below are a few highlights from 2022:

- The 2022 General Assembly took place virtually on May 20th with 68 participants. They received reports and engaged in network governance. Members elected a new Council of 7 people, said goodbye to HabitaRegen CRL and Hivemind Institute and welcomed [GEN Netherlands](#) as a new member.
- In June we joined forces with our partner [Local Futures](#) to celebrate [World Localisation Day](#) with a [CfF session](#) on the power of localisation by transformative community-led initiatives with ecovillage, transition and degrowth speakers.
- Since 2022 was the [European Year of Youth](#) we created a dialogue space during another [CfF session](#) for young people to share their experiences in local communities, sustainability initiatives and advocacy work.
- Throughout the year we offered several Member's Hour sessions to share updates about the work of the ECOLISE team and offer ways to engage members in and benefit from the learning, networking and policy advocacy. One of these was a capacity-building and knowledge exchange session focusing on [Learning from Transition Network's shift to shared governance](#)

- To onboard our new member GEN Netherlands and provide an overview of the network structure, membership and key activities, we hosted a network orientation call, which is a new format to be further used to attract new members in the future.
- Following the idea to catalyse and support more collaborative, funded projects across the network we offered 3 project building sessions on the New European Bauhaus Call, Erasmus+ and Horizon Projects (such as a [Soil Deal for Europe](#))



[Watch the Project Building session on "A Soil Deal for Europe"](#)

- Some network and team members enjoyed the opportunity to connect in person at the [European Ecovillage Gathering](#), July 7th to 10th, at [Ananda Gaorii](#) in Denmark ([another article to read](#)) hosted by ECOLISE members [GEN Europe](#) together with the Danish Ecovillage Network, LØS, and [GEN Ukraine](#). Also, our partners [RIPESS Europe](#) offered some interesting workshops about the social solidarity economy.
- We partnered with the makers of the [“Once You Know” climate collapse documentary](#) to offer guidance on how to organise a film screening and facilitate a discussion with methods from [The Work that Reconnects](#), to help people feel their emotions in the face of collapse, and use them as driving to act, be resilient and make an impact (you can explore their [impact guide “roots of resilience”](#)).
- ECOLISE, alongside partners from the SPARK project consortium, ICLEI, Global Ecovillage Network, Gaia Education and Climate Action Network participated in the [UN Climate Conference COP27](#) in Sharm el Sheikh Egypt that took place from November 6th to 18th - [read this report sharing event experiences](#).
- We launched a prototype and hosted several group meetings to develop an interactive network map to make member profile information, connections and network patterns visible and support relationship building, value exchange, and collaboration across the network. The map as a tool, together with a network evaluation survey to collect member feedback, will provide insights and opportunities to strategically improve network health, connectivity and value.

ECOLISE COUNCIL

Five members were elected to the ECOLISE Council at the General Assembly, in May 2022:

- Mieke Elzenga, Global Ecovillage Network Europe / Liberta Care (the Netherlands)
- Claudian Dobos, Romania in Tranzitie (Romania)
- Justin Stevens, Arkbound Foundation (Portugal /UK)
- Lina Cirvinskiene, Baltic Ecovillage Network (Lithuania)
- Marek Hartych, National Network of Local Action Groups in the Czech Republic.

Two Council members stayed over from the previous term:

- Leonor Afonso, GEN Europe (Switzerland/ Portugal)
- Duncan Crowley, FCUL (Portugal /Ireland)

Mieke Elzenga and Claudian Dobos were chosen as Co-presidents. Duncan Crowley stepped down from the Council to a paid position in the ECOLISE team in July 2022 as Social Media Officer.



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