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# CALL FOR PARTICIPANTS

## HOLDING S.P.A.C.E.

(Support for Participatory Activities and Collaborative Entrepreneurship)  
2nd training course



10th - 16th October 2023: - [CLIPS](#) model for community-led projects

Ecovillage [Torri Superiore](#), Italy

## CONTENT

Ecovillages and sustainable communities, based on their foundational choice of 'living together, have a long experience **managing and understanding collaborative and participatory projects**, and the relationships created within them. This knowledge has been combined with influences from the fields of sociology, cognitive and group psychology, ecology and systems theory and consolidated in a set of tools and methods that can be very useful for young people to shape a **more just, inclusive and sustainable future**. This project wants to offer a solid base of knowledge and a complete set of skills to a group of people involved in a broad sense in the field of education and/or working with youth, to enable them to support young people in starting participatory projects, or to start participatory projects themselves. **Some of the participants will have already attended a 1st training course about the basics of group facilitation. We are now looking for participants for the 2nd training.**

The **2nd training (10-16 October 2023)** will present the [CLIPS \(Community Learning Incubator Programme for Sustainability\)](#), a solution-oriented model to help people involved in participatory projects in their initial steps, but also provide tools and methods to existing initiatives that struggle with problems or simply need revitalisation. CLIPS is based on learnings and insights from established ecovillage projects that have been distilled into concepts and methods applicable to any group that recognises the value of community. The participants in this training will learn the CLIPS model and get practical experience of the CLIPS methodology.



## WHERE IS IT GOING TO HAPPEN?

The mediaeval village of Torri Superiore is a small jewel of popular architecture located at the foothill of the Ligurian Alps, a few kilometres from the Mediterranean Sea and the French border, close to the coastal town of Ventimiglia. Originating in the thirteenth century, the village is structured in three main bodies with more than 160 rooms, all connected by an intricate fabric of stairways.

Its complex structure has often been compared to a fortress or a labyrinth, perched on the mountainside, and unfortunately some people with reduced mobility can find it challenging. The village has been entirely restored and is now open to ecotourism, for courses, meetings and programs of environmental education, and offers accommodation for stays and vacations. Participants will be staying in shared rooms. While enjoying the stunning location, we'll be able to tap into Torri's long experience with volunteering projects and community development.



## THE FACILITATORS

**Lucilla Borio** was secretary of the GEN Europe network from 1999 to 2004 and twice president of GEN internationally (2001 and 2003). In 2001 she started her facilitation training with Beatrice Briggs and IIFAC, with whom she has often collaborated and run training courses. He translated and wrote the introduction to the book “A Practical Guide to Facilitation and the Consensus Method” and has written articles and essays for various books, including “The Encyclopedia of Communities”, “Ecovillage Living”, “Ecovillages around the world” and the recently published Italian book “RIVE, ieri, oggi, domani”. She regularly publishes articles on facilitation in the magazine Vivere Sostenibile Liguria Ponente. Lucilla currently facilitates social change groups, offers courses and is one of the main authors and trainers of the Erasmus+ programme “CLIPS - Community Learning Incubator Partnership for Sustainability”.

**Giorgia Lattuca** is a facilitator and trainer, graduated in Economics and specialised in International Cooperation for Sustainable Development. Giorgia started working in several European programmes and has experience as a project manager in India and South America. Since 2014 she combines her different passions by collaborating with RIVE, the Italian Network of Ecological Villages where she served as co-president for the last 2 years. In this role, she has been part of the strategic partnership CLIPS. She facilitates groups and projects using the Circle Way and systemic tools, as well as traditional facilitation methods. She loves to explore dance and is passionate about yoga, massage and meditation. She loves living in contact with nature, reading and travelling to find connection with life’s magical flow.

A third facilitator is in the process of being confirmed.

## TRAVEL AND COSTS

For the 1st training, arrival day is Tuesday 2nd of May after 14:00. Departure day is Monday 8th of May after breakfast. You need to be able to attend to the full duration of the activity in order to participate.

This project is co-funded by the Erasmus+ programme of the EU, which means that travel and participation costs are covered. Participants will have to buy their tickets in advance and will be reimbursed after the activity. If this arrangement is an obstacle to your participation, please let us know. The tickets will be reimbursed up to a maximum amount that depends on the country where the travel starts. To be eligible as a participant, your country of departure and arrival have to be the same.

### MAXIMUM REFUNDABLE AMOUNTS

210€ from Italy

320€ from Slovenia, France, Spain, Germany, Belgium, Netherlands, Greece, Serbia and Ukraine

### GREEN TRAVEL

To reduce the project's environmental footprint, all participants will be asked to avoid flying for travelling to and from the training. Please make sure that you are comfortable with this condition if you apply.

Participants from all countries (except Italy, Slovenia and France) will also be refunded for the costs of a maximum 1 overnight stay that they need to spend while travelling each way. Only for participants from Ukraine, the maximum number of nights will be 4 each way (4 in total). You will need to provide a proof of payment (tickets, etc.) and the maximum amount is 60€ per extra night.

**IMPORTANT!** Please note that this measure is not intended to support holidays or other detours before or after the training, and that the amount spent will be refunded only if it is part of a coherent travel plan coming from and going back to your place of residence.



## HOW TO APPLY?

If you want to participate in this training, please fill [this questionnaire](#) before **Sunday 17th of September, 2023**.

Participants' selection will be based upon the information that you share with us in the questionnaire and consultation with the project's partner organisations.