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Restorative practices at the heart of collective housing

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HARMONY OR HOW TO CULTIVATE LIVING TOGETHER IN THE HEART OF LIVING PLACES

The final conference of the European HARMONY project was held in Carvin (France) as part of the fourth and final transnational meeting of this project co-financed by the Erasmus+ agency.

This event marked the culmination of ambitious collaborative work carried out by the CCAS of Carvin (France, project leader), the Il Gabbiano ODV association (Lecco, Italy), the non-governmental organization Oranjehuis (Courtrai, Belgium) and the University of Sassari (Italy).

Elected officials, social mediation professionals, housing organization agents, social workers and even citizen volunteers... the participants in this conference were guided by a common objective: to strengthen living together and acting to prevent and repair conflicts that harm the quality of life of residents.

Through a **dedicated toolbox**, the Harmony project aims to encourage dialogue and promote harmonious cohabitation within collective housing through preventive and restorative practices.

Preventive and restorative practices are concrete and human tools that are based on essential principles: listening, respect, accountability and co-construction of solutions by the residents themselves.

When implemented in good conditions by legitimate people trained in their use, these practices make it possible to prevent everyday tensions, to address and manage identified difficulties before they worsen, and to restore dialogue in the event of conflict. Through three round tables led by the project partners and enhanced with feedback, the final conference of the Harmony project helped illustrate the concrete, positive and lasting impact of these practices on the quality of collective life.

They testified at the conference

Philippe KEMEL
Mayor & President
of the CCAS of Carvin

« Thanks to the Harmony project team. The diversity of European experiences has made it possible to progress and identify avenues for improvement to ensure that our society is one of greater happiness and encounters; always more fraternal and united. »

Prof. Em. Ivo AERTSEN
Leuven Restorative City
& European Forum for
Restorative Justice

« Harmony is an important project which will inspire new initiatives and contribute to the spread of restorative practices as a vector for conflict resolution in Europe and well beyond. »

Emanuele MANZONI
Municipal councilor in
charge of
« Lecco restorative city »

« This conference was a moment of deep reflection on how to transform conflicts into opportunities for rapprochement and improvement of daily life. The experience does not stop and Harmony's activities will continue in the future to sow a culture of restorative moment-to-moment. ».

PROJECT ACHIEVEMENTS ARE AVAILABLE

Harmony is above all a living process, within which tools, practices and relationships continually evolve to bring about the emergence, thanks to restorative practices, of a culture of connection and living well together.

To do this, the project partners have developed a series of materials encouraging the use of preventive and restorative practices as a vector for resolving conflicts at the housing scale. These materials are now available and made available to the public.

1 The report of good and promising practices

The report provides insight into the use of restorative justice practices in neighborhood conflicts and social housing, based on lessons learned from a series of experiences identified in European Union member countries. **The document is downloadable in English, French, Italian and Dutch.**

2 The toolbox for practitioners

What could be better than a **toolbox** to find the most suitable solution to a conflict situation? Incorporating 11 tools inspired by preventive and restorative culture and tested in real conditions during the project experimentation, the toolbox is intended for all practitioners of social mediation, professionals and amateurs alike.

3 The digital guide to help you get started with the toolbox

In order to make it easier to use the toolbox, the Harmony project partners have developed an expla-natory digital kit intended for anyone wishing to use restorative practices as a vector for conflict resolution. A video viewable in **English**, **French** and **Italian**.

WATCH THE VIDEO

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