



## **What future we choose: the neoliberal metropolis or a common living place of solidarity?**

**19<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> September**

The European Social Forum is the occasion for the participants to initiate a debate about the current state of our cities and the challenge of turning them in better and more just places where to live.

We need to understand better and in depth the effects of the 'neoliberalist' policies on the metropolis and the repercussions of the model of the ultraliberal city development, characterized by gentrification, social exclusion and increasing inequalities. Starting from the negative impacts of the neoliberalist city on the people (growing precarity, expulsion, lower accessibility to public services, etc.), how to turn into reality the statement "city as a common good" (redistribution, solidarity between the 'have' and the 'have not', centre and suburb, metropolis and country)?

The participants will try to make proposals for alternative approaches from local (participation in urban planning, political decision making, struggles etc.) to global (campaigning, lobbying etc.). The aim is to promote an international collaboration among movements, organizations and groups, for understanding phenomenon, trends and building actions for overcoming identified problems.

The activity is organised in two events:

**Seminar, 19<sup>th</sup> September, 18h-21h:** for presenting and debating about the neoliberalist city model and its effects; case studies in which the effects of the neoliberalism are evident: analysis of current discomfort and problems, testimonies of struggles, actions undertaken; and proposals for alternative approaches and actions to be undertaken: concepts, principles, and broad strategies. Speeches and open debate will be translated into English, French, Italian, Swedish, and Turkish.

**Workshop, 21st September, 9.30h-12.30h:** for discussing in details the outcome of the seminar, participant's organizations programme activities and actions related to the theme; proposal for a collective statement and plan of action. Language: english.

### **Participating organizations**

*Association Internationale de Techniciens, Experts, Chercheurs (AITEC) ; Camere del lavoro-CGIL Bologna, Brescia, Ferrara, Modena, Padova, Reggio Emilia, Roma, Venezia e Vicenza; CGIL National Department of Immigration Politics; eddyburg.it; Initiatives Pour un Autre Monde (IPAM); International Alliance of Inhabitants (IAI); Interregional Trade Union Confederation (IRTUC Øresund); Network of the World Forum for suburban Local Authorities (FALP); Lavoro in movimento; LO-distriktet i Skåne; Foundation for Social Search, Culture and Art, Turkey( TAKSAV); Union Of Chambers Of Turkish Engineers And Architects (TMMOB); Zone onlus*

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## SEMINAR PROGRAM

Friday 19 September 18h-21h

Moderator : Monique Crinon (Aitec/IPAM)

A brief introduction of the activities by Ilaria Boniburini (Zone onlus)

Welcome speech by Kenneth Bjrkman (LO Skåne)

### PART 1

#### Understanding the 'neoliberalist' policies and their impacts on the cities

- i. **The urban and social impacts of the urban neoliberalist policies in the central and oriental European countries** by Sonia Fayman (Aitec-France) and Krizstina Keresztely (Aitec/Hongrie)
- ii. **Labour and habitat: the victims of neoliberalism** by Oscar Mancini (CGIL-Camere del Lavoro Vicenza)

### PART 2

#### Case studies, experience, testimonies of struggles, actions undertaken

- iii. **Turkish urban regeneration processes in Trabzon Zağnos Valley and İstanbul Sulukule** by Fahri Ozten (TMMOB)
- iv. **Inequalities in the Rosengaard region** by Peter Kay Mortensenm (IRTUC Øresund)
- v. **Experience of territorial bargain/negotiation about urban and housing policies in Italy** by Mauro Alboresi (CGIL-Camere del lavoro)

### PART 3

#### Proposals for contrasting the neoliberalist

- vi. **Towards a new citizen-centred urban social pact: the grass-roots international approach of the Zero Evictions Campaign** by Cesare Ottolini (IIH)
- vii. **To develop alliances with local authorities for improving solidarity** by Representative of FALP
- viii. **The city as a common good** by Edoardo Salzano (eddyburg.it)

### PART 4

#### Open Debate

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## WORKSHOP PROGRAM

**Sunday 21 September 9.30h-12.30h**

Summary of the seminar's open debate, key issues arisen at the assembly of urban social movements and other activities about the city and urban problems.

Presentation and debate about activities and planned actions by participant's organizations to contrast the neoliberalism city model.

Elaboration of a collective statement and action plan.

### Further information

Update on the program, further information about speeches and speakers, abstracts, and papers will be uploaded at the ESF webspace, at the page:  
<http://openesf.net/projects/the-city-as-a-common-good/project-home>.

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