CHOICE CLIPS Training: Community Learning Incubator Programme for Sustainability

Sieben Linden, Germany, 6-10 December 2026

CLIPS, developed by GEN Europe, is a methodology and a toolkit for collaborative projects that can support community-led housing (CLH) projects, such as ecovillages, co-housing, and housing cooperatives, with practical tools for group facilitation, participatory decision-making, conflict navigation, and community building.

The goals of the training are:

- To equip participants with knowledge and tools from the CLIPS programme for group facilitation, participatory decision-making, conflict navigation, and community building, specifically adapted for the context of community-led housing projects.
- To enable participants to consciously integrate core project values—ecological sustainability, social inclusion, long-term affordability, and gender equality—into the intention, structure, and planned practices of their CLH projects, using the holistic perspective provided by the CLIPS framework
- To create a supportive and interactive learning environment where participants can share diverse experiences, troubleshoot common challenges faced by emerging and existing CLH groups, and build robust peer-support networks across different European regions
- To guide and empower participants to utilize the CLIPS methodology and tools learned during the training to develop tangible next steps, roadmaps, or action plans for their specific community-led housing projects or initiatives, thereby increasing their potential for success and long-term viability.

WHERE
The training will take place from **December 6 - 10** at the ecovillage Sieben Linden, situated in the village of Poppau in the Altmark – District Salzwedel, Saxony-Anhalt, Germany, which was established in 1997. The Ecovillage has the aim to realize collaborative and holistic sustainable lifestyles that connect a small ecological footprint with a high quality of life. Currently a little more than one hundred adults and forty children and adolescents are living in eleven straw-bale houses and about forty well insulated construction trailers.

TARGET GROUP
The training is intended for facilitators, group leaders, community builders, practitioners, organizers, housing rights activists, and core members of housing cooperatives, co-housing initiatives, and ecovillages. The training will happen back-to-back with the GEN Europe annual National Networks meeting, so members interested in attending this event are encouraged to apply.

Number of participants: 25

TIMELINE

Arrival: **Sunday, December 6th**
check-in 5:00–6:00 p.m., dinner 6:30 p.m., seminar 8:00 p.m.

Training dates: December 6th - 9th

Departure: **Thursday, December 10th**
1:00 p.m. lunch, departure after

Room and board will be fully covered by the CERV CHOICE project for selected participants. A travel refund of up to 165€ is also available for selected participants. Additional travel refunds will be possible according to availability.

Apply by Sunday November 1st by clicking on the link below:

Application form

More info: https://clips.gen-europe.org/ , https://community-led-housing.eu