

the HARMONY project NEWSLETTER



Strengthen living well together in the city and in particular in collective housing neighborhoods

This is an observation; residents live better in an environment in which they feel safe, accepted and supported when they encounter difficulties.

The feeling of belonging to a caring human community committed to the well-being of its members is an essential vector of serenity and appeasement which contributes to the development and maintenance of healthy and solid social relationships.

In parallel with public policies implemented in the areas of housing, town planning, social cohesion, public peace, employment, mobility and even access to education and leisure, the HARMONY project aims to develop and strengthen well-being together in the city and particularly in collective housing neighborhoods.

How ?

Led by a group of four partners from three countries of the European Union (Belgium, France and Italy) experienced in the development of restorative practices in their respective territories, the Harmony project intends to disseminate and apply preventive and restorative practices with a view to preventing and resolving situations of neighborhood conflicts and disturbances of residential tranquility more effectively and sustainably.

This is for the benefit of residents and professional and/or volunteer practitioners who intervene in this context...

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What is restorative justice ?

There are many books written on the topic of restorative practices.

Some claim the roots go back to the way the original tribal communities were organized. Others see restorative practices as an offshoot of restorative justice, in which victims and offenders of a crime or wrongdoing are actively engaged in a facilitated process to repair the harm that has been caused.

In the context of HARMONY, we use this simple definition :

« Restorative practices are the science and practice of strengthening and repairing relationships between individuals and within communities. ».

To learn more about restorative practices, discover the explanatory video from the International Institute for Restorative Practices (the IIRP) :

[WATCH THE VIDEO](#)

HARMONY project stages



January to September 2024 – Analyze, capitalize and map preventive and restorative practices and experiences whose application to the context of collective housing would be relevant to better resolve and prevent daily conflicts between residents and/or between residents and practitioners. **Discover the benchmark report.**

October to December 2024 – Based on the benchmark report, create a kit of interventions inspired by preventive and restorative culture. This “Tool-box” has a transnational dimension facilitating its deployment in intervention contexts corresponding to those of the members of the Harmony consortium. **Discover the tools.**

January to March 2025 – Train stakeholders in communities of community animation and local mediation practitioners and housing operators to use the tools from the intervention kit. **Back to our event in Kortrijk.**

May to September 2025 – Test the intervention kit in real conditions. Through a common evaluation protocol, observe and collect the results of the experiment in order to improve the efficiency of the tools and produce a user guide intended for future users.

October 2025 to March 2026 – Produce a report evaluating the impact of the tools and practices mobilized as part of the intervention kit on well-being in the city sectors integrated into the field experiment and organize a final event to present the results and amplify the approach by disseminating it.

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* More information to come



Harmony Transnational Meeting in Sassari (ITA)*



Harmony Final Event in Carvin (FR)*

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Restorative practices
at the heart of collective housing