

Idea | About You

Lead organisation name

If you do not yet have a registered organisation, please write the name of your initiative or planned organisation here.

La Titaranya SCCL

www.latitaranya.coop

Lead organisation details

Please provide details about your current status, especially if you selected "Other" (max. 200 characters)

La Titaranya SCCL is a non-profit and social initiative cooperative. Catalan Law of Cooperatives defines the creation of non-profit cooperatives and also of social initiative (to care for people)

Idea | Partners

Please share the names of your partner organisations here.

If you do not have any partner organisations, leave the fields empty. You can update these fields any time before the application deadline.

La Dinamo Fundació

Associació Cultural L'Aleta

Associació El Bou de Valls

Associació l'Espardenya de Valls

Associació Llumull Accions Audiovisuals

L'Eixam Arquitectures SCCLP

Punt d'Accés SCCL

MilMans Assessoria SCCLP

L'Economat SCCL

Coop57 SCCL

Produccions Saurines SCCL

Camins Km0 SCCL

Grup de Consum La Bajoca

More information

Please use this field if you have more than 3 partner organisations or if you want to tell us more about your proposed partnership arrangements (max. 200 characters).

This is a project with other partner organizations, for instance, Coop57 (financial services - www.coop57.coop) or Old Quarter Neighbourhood Association

Idea | Idea

Title*

Give your idea a short and meaningful title (max. 50 characters).

La Titaranya, urban space for civic revitalization

Subtitle

(max. 200 characters)

A comprehensive strategy for community intervention in the most degraded neighborhood of Valls (Catalonia)

Pitch*

Share a concise and appealing text that makes the reader curious. Summarise your main challenge, objective, target group, approach or activities, and intended impact in 3-5 sentences. (max. 500 characters)

La Titaranya SCCL is a cooperative housing and social facilities in cession of use.

La Titaranya is a community intervention strategy in a neighborhood where neither the market nor the public institutions has been able to reverse the degradation that is experienced.

La Titaranya is a civic alliance between the sociocultural entities of the historic center of Valls and cooperativism (a democratic and participatory way of generate economy), to gnerate projects of high transformative content

Topic*

Choose 1-2 topics that fit to your idea. Your answer to this question does not influence the selection process. It helps to get a better overview of the ideas.

- Community development
- Urban and rural development

Other

Please specify. (max 250 characters)

Beyond being a community development project, it is also a project of social inclusion, because it incorporates the provision of one or more housing for local organizations to support groups in social vulnerability.

Idea | Local Dimension

Where will your project idea take place? *

We are looking for initiatives that will take place outside of the big urban centres that are attuned to polarisation or have a low density of cohesion in society and with few possibilities for engagement. Which region is mainly affected by your project? Please name city, country and/or region e.g. Teleorman, south Romania. (max. 100 characters)

Valls is a small town of 25,000 inhabitants in south Catalonia, with a degraded historic center

What is the specific societal challenge faced by the region in which your project idea is based?*

Tell us more about the region your project idea is based in and what challenges it faces regarding democracy and societal cohesion. What problem(s) are you trying to solve? (max. 800 characters)

The historic center of Valls (also known as the Old Quarter) suffers a severe social, urban and economic degradation, impossible to reverse if there are no singular and exemplary civic initiatives that become a turning point to avoid the serious disarticulation of the neighborhood. For the past two decades, neither the local government nor the capitalist market have intervened to reverse this situation. The result has been an urban space that has lost its associative network, its economic activity, where the existing housing has been degraded and where the most precarious and vulnerable population of the town has been concentrated, mainly migrants with little political or associative capacity.

This is a project to recover the community life through the creation of a new urban space

How does your idea strengthen democracy and active citizenship at a local and community level? Please refer to your described challenge.*

We are looking for ideas that strengthen democracy and active citizenship in local communities. How does your idea enhance citizens' engagement and participation? (max. 800 characters)

Democracy and the active participation of citizens is an inherent feature of La Titaranya, for this reason we chose the cooperative formula that brings together resident families, social and cultural organizations and the work cooperatives that will have their spaces there. All these people and entities are legal partners of La Titaranya cooperative, and therefore participate democratically in the management and decision-making, as established in the bylaws of La Titaranya. The democratic governance of La Titaranya is strengthened with the participation of the Barri Antic residents' association, which also works in the assembly with residents in the neighborhood, a key element to ensure that the citizens participate in debates, actions and programs which will take place at La Titaranya.

Who are you doing it for? *

We are looking for ideas that try to engage different perspectives from all local voices of the communities including those who feel excluded. Please describe what target groups, beneficiaries or audiences will be affected by your idea. How will you include the whole range of opinions on the issue? Try to add some key figures about the groups of people you are going to be working with. (max. 800 characters)

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How is your idea embedded locally? *

How will you be working with local supporters, partners and/or allies? Please refer to established networks you might have or want to establish and/or possible institutional supporters (administrational bodies, organisations). (max. 800 characters)

Currently, La Titaranya is made up of a network of 13 local organizations:

- Associació Cultural L'Aleta, a historical entity in the city with more than 25 years of experience promoting socio-cultural transformation projects in the neighborhood

- "El Bou de Valls" and "L'Espardenya", entities of popular and traditional culture

- Old Quarter Residents Association, a community association that works to keep the neighborhood alive and decent living conditions

- La Bajoca Consumer Group, sale of agro-ecological and local products

- Hacklab Valls, free software association, and 7 local work cooperatives.

In addition, La Titaranya has a bit of economic support and collaboration of Valls City Council (local public administration) and Tarragona Provincial Council (regional public administration).

What makes your idea stand apart in its local and regional dimension? *

Please describe what niche your initiative is filling in the specific region and context you are describing above. (max. 800 characters)

La Titaranya is the first cooperative of housing and social premises in cession of use in Valls and in the south of Catalonia. For the first time in the region there will be a model of access to housing that is neither renting nor buying but the use of a home or social premises for the time you need it, but the property will always be of the cooperative. This formula allows to generate 23 accessible flats and 8 social premises (below the market price).. The offer of housing is mainly aimed at young families with difficulties in accessing housing. It is also an offer of a community environment where to live, with the opening of a street and a square of 300m2 for the use of the people of the neighborhood.. La Titaranya must also be the first project of "Community land" in Catalonia,

Idea | Road to impact & Motivation

How do you plan to get there?*

Please describe the specific steps, interventions, methods and/or approach you will undertake to implement your project idea. (max. 800 characters)

La Titaranya project is based on 4 phases:

1.- Purchase of the urban estates and constitution of the cooperative La Titaranya (2019). The three owner entities signed a surface rights contract with the La Titaranya cooperative.

2.- Elaboration of the Viability Plan, architectural project and incorporation of people and partner organizations (2019-2020). La Titaranya has the advice of the La Dinamo Foundation and the L'Economat cooperative to carry out all the tasks of design, governance and economic viability.

3.- Construction of La Titaranya (2021-2022). The financial services cooperative Coop57 provides the financing system for the work.

4.-Development of community intervention projects with the Neighbors Association and other socio-cultural organizations (2021-2020)

How will you be reaching out to others and advocating your project idea?*

Through what actions, measures or channels will you be reaching out to your key target groups and others to whom your project idea is relevant? (max. 800 characters)

The strategy to reach the people and groups interested in the project is based on:

- a) Promotion campaign aimed at people looking for affordable housing. There have been 3 presentations of La Titaranya open to the public
- b) With these meetings we have achieved the participation, as partner members, of 4 associations.
- c) Elaboration of a protocol for access to housing for third sector institutions to support groups in social vulnerability.
- d) Micro-patronage campaign among the population of Valls to finance the recovery of an urban space in the middle of the historic center
- e) Creation of a cooperative pole formed by 7 work cooperatives to create a coworking strategy in the Titaranya

What are the expected results?*

If your idea is selected, what will be different a year from now? What would success look like for you? Think back to the challenge your project is addressing - what will have changed, in part, thanks to your project? How is the local community empowered? (max. 800 characters)

- 23 affordable homes. The first housing development in the historic center after 15 years without any development. Attract young families to live in the historic center.

- 6/9 social or commercial premises for cooperatives or associations. Facilitate the location of companies and entities in a neighborhood that does not currently have commercial premises in good condition

- Spaces (event's hall, meeting room and warehouse) shared by associations, for activities aimed at the citizens of the neighborhood . Location of the Old Quarter Residents Association, as an engine of civic revitalization
- Opening of a new urban space for the use of the neighborhood: opening of a new street and a public square of 300m2
- Incorporation of tutelaged housing aimed at third social sector institutions

How will you ensure the sustainability of your initiative?*

What actions or next steps will you take in order to ensure that your initiative continues beyond the project funding?

Cultural Association L'Aleta and L'Economat SCCL act as entities with sufficient strength to deal with contingencies of defaults that may arise, especially with the monthly quota system

Titaranya has developed its Viability Plan, which allows the establishment of long-term financing for the whole promotion, based especially on access to credit through Coop57

The “Communitary Land” model for ownership guarantee in perpetuity the disposition of the premises for social and cooperative uses.

The diversity of entities allows the security that the project does not depend on a single entity

An organizational structure has been designed with the technical dedication of La Dinamo (legal and economic advice) L'Economat (cooperative for local development projects), Coop57 (financial services)

How does your initiative contribute to strengthening democracy in Europe? *

Please share how your idea relates to the bigger picture and strengthens democracy in Europe. (max. 800 characters)

La Titaranya delves into the democratic role of citizenship at different levels:

- It's a cooperative that groups people, families, cooperatives, associations under a system of democratic governance (characteristic of all cooperatives), where each person or member entity has a vote and a voice in decisions. This network of agents governs democratically the project

- It is the first “Community Land” project in Catalonia. A model inspired by the Community Land Trust (CLT), organizations of British origin through which heritage is mobilized and guarded outside the free market.

- Cooperativism of housing in cession of use is a democratizing model to access to the house, putting in the hands of the people a horizontal, collective and democratic possession of house, besides the market free

Why are you the right people for responding to this challenge?*

We are looking for people that know the community and region they are working with, although everybody with a solid background can apply. Please introduce your project team and briefly summarise their experience and skills. Tell us how you are connected to the region your idea will take place in and how do you know about the specificities of its civic landscape. (max. 800 characters).

Ownership: L'Aleta, Coop 57 and La Dinamo are the three entities that own the land in undivided parts. L'Aleta guarantees rooting in the territory with 25 years of intervention in Valls, Coop57 guarantees the financing of the promotion and La Dinamo guarantees the technical knowledge for accompanying the promotion.

Promotion: Titaranya is made up of 13 local associations and cooperatives

Support: La Dinamo will accompany La Titaranya throughout the promotion process: legal area, economic area and architectural area. L'Economat SCCL is a working cooperative in Valls, a founding member of La Titaranya, that manage a public service to promote cooperativisme that is advising the group promoting

Financing: Coop57, the entity that will provide the necessary financing to carry out the project

Why is this idea important to you?*

What motivates you to bring this idea to life? What is your connection and mission behind the idea? (max. 800 characters)

For us, Titaranya is a source of hope in the face of an unsustainable situation. The people and entities that are part of La Titaranya love the Old Quarter and for many years we have decided to fight for it. La Titaranya is an innovative urban, social and economic transformation project in Catalonia, as it unites under the same cooperative, the cession of use of houses and social or cooperative premises. At the same time, it brings a new transformative dimension, demercantilizing, democratizing and communitizing land ownership. We have been able to forge an alliance between a large number of organizations (cultural and civic associations, third sector institutions, labor cooperatives, ...) with a common goal: to empower the citizens of the neighborhood to build our own solutions

Idea | Finances

Total budget*

Please indicate your overall budget. The total budget may (but does not have to) include the applicant's own contribution and/or external sources of funding.

70.000

Budget requested*

Funding requested from Civic Europe can range from 1 to 50,000 EUR. Depending on your planning, the amount entered here can be the same as the "total budget" figure entered above.

45.000

Major expenses*

What are the major expenses you foresee for the implementation of your idea? Please share a rough estimate by cost category (e.g. office expenses 1000 EUR, travel and accommodation costs 3000 EUR, public relations 2000 EUR, personnel costs etc.)

We present a budget focused on the need to get the whole of contributions to the share capital necessary to make the participation of the entities viable.

Share capital of La Titaranya for the right to use the premises:

L'Economat: € 15,000

L'Aleta Cultural Association: € 15,000

Other associations and civic organizations: € 25,000

Other sources of external funding (public grants): € 15,000

Share capital of La Titaranya for the right to use a flat by a Third Sector Institution:
20.000€

Duration of idea (number of months)*

How many months will it take to implement your idea?

24 month

Idea | Network & Community

How will you contribute to and benefit from the Civic Europe network? *

Winning projects meet at least one time per year in network meetings and receive mentoring and support from the Civic Europe team. Tell us about your expectations. Think about your skills, resources, networks and partners when describing what you could offer and what you would like to take away. (max. 800 characters)

Our expectations in the Civic Europe network are based on the fact that we can share models of networks of civic entities that undertake community impact projects: models of democratic governance of network, models of economic sustainability, models of collaboration with the public administration. We are also interested in knowing other European projects that have generated an urban space of community dynamization combining housing, cultural activities, social premises and cooperative economy.

Titaranya project has a clear vocation for replicability, precisely because it is an innovative model, we make available to the Civic Europe Network all the knowledge generated, especially in the desing and promotion of cooperatives that are able to include housing and social premises.

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La Titaranya is an ongoing project that has already passed the definition and promotion phase of the project (purchase of properties, definition and constitution of the cooperative, previous architectural study and definition of spaces, campaign to attract

people and partner entities, elaboration of the previous viability plan, obtaining public grants)

Steps we need to take from now on:

- Preparation of the final Economic and Financing Viability Plan
- Search for funding. The main obstacle of the project is the difficulty of civic, cultural and third sector entities to deal with the contributions to the cooperative social capital that give them the right to the premises
- Elaboration of the final Architectural Project
- Planning community revitalization projects with all entities in La Titaranya
- Construction works

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La Titaranya is a project with a total budget of € 3M, of which € 370,000 is financed with the compulsory contributions to the social capital of the cooperative of the people and entities that will have the right to use homes or premises. The rest is financed by the monthly fees to be paid by families and entities

The help we are requesting from Civic Europe is only to help finance part of the compulsory contributions to the social capital of entities that have become members of La Titaranya and want to access the right to use of premises or housing.

Total budget of compulsory contributions to the social capital of the entities: € 90,000

For the right to use premises:

The Economat SCCL: € 15,000

L'Aleta Cultural Association: € 15,000

Other member entities: € 40,000 (we request € 25,000 from Civic Europe)

For the right to use a home:

A tutelary flat by an organization of the third social sector of Valls for vulnerable groups: € 20,000 (we request € 20,000 from Civic Europe)

Please use this field if you have more than 3 partner organisations or if you want to tell us more about your proposed partnership arrangements (max. 200 characters).

La Titaranya presents this project without partner organizations, but La Titaranya is the result of the collaboration of 3 organizations: Fundació La Dinamo, Cooperativa de Serveis Financiers Coop57 and the Associació Cultural L'Aleta. These 3 organizations are the promoters in Catalonia of a model of shared land ownership, where urban land is mobilized and kept outside the free market. The first project in Catalonia was the cooperative La Titaranya.

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Títol:

La Titaranya, an urban space for civic revitalization

Subtítol: A comprehensive strategy for community intervention in the most degraded neighborhood of Valls (Catalonia)

La Titaranya SCCL, as a cooperative housing and equipment in cession of use, has been conceived as a community revulsive for the historic center of Valls, with the aim of reversing the chronic and growing degradation that the neighborhood suffers. La Titaranya aims to generate affordable and off-market housing in the historic center of Valls, while promoting facilities for social economy initiatives and facilities for the use of sociocultural, generating projects of high social and transformative content , for the benefit of the community. La Titaranya is a community intervention strategy in a neighborhood where neither the market nor the public institutions has been able to reverse the degradation that is experienced. As an alternative to this dèficit, a civic alliance has been generated, between the sociocultural entities of the historic center of Valls and cooperativism (a democratic and participatory way of generating economy).

Other

Beyond being a community development project, it is also a project of social inclusion, because it incorporates the provision of one or more housing for local organizations to support groups in social vulnerability.

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In fact, the La Titaranya project is the culmination of a process of commitment to the neighborhood of a group of social organizations that have come together under the cooperative formula to build a space for democratic and participatory management, which incorporates the different voices of the neighborhood in the management of the new urban space. La Titaranya is a joint commitment of the different social organizations that remain active within the neighborhood: the Association of residents of the Old Quarter (representative of residents in the neighborhood), the Cultural Association L'Aleta (historical

entity that organizes conferences, fairs , conferences, parties) Consumer Group La Bajoca (promoter of responsible and local consumption), 5 work cooperatives (which have developed a cooperative ecosystem) and 2 traditional culture entities.

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- Eixam Arquitectures SCCL, a cooperative of architects
- Mil Mans SCCL, a cooperative of legal and employment advisers
- The Economat SCCL, a cooperative for local development projects- SCCL Access Point, telecommunications cooperative- Producciones Saurines SCCL, audiovisual communication cooperative- Camins Km0 SCCL, tourist services and heritage cooperative- La Providencia SCCL, a restaurant services cooperative. In addition, La Titaranya has the support and collaboration of Valls City Council (local public administration) and Tarragona Provincial Council (regional public administration).

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How do you plan to get there?*

Please describe the specific steps, interventions, methods and/or approach you will undertake to implement your project idea. (max. 800 characters)

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How will you be reaching out to others and advocating your project idea?*

Through what actions, measures or channels will you be reaching out to your key target groups and others to whom your project idea is relevant? (max. 800 characters)

What are the expected results?*

If your idea is selected, what will be different a year from now? What would success look like for you? Think back to the challenge your project is addressing - what will have changed, in part, thanks to your project? How is the local community empowered? (max. 800 characters)

The main expected result is the social, cultural, housing and economic revitalization of the neighborhood, which takes the form of the following expected results:

- 23 affordable new homes. Creation of the first housing development in the historic center after 15 years without any development. Attract young families to live in the historic center.
- Between 6 and 9 social or commercial premises for cooperatives or associations. Facilitate the location of companies and entities in a neighborhood that does not currently have commercial premises in good condition
- Spaces shared by associations, programming of activities aimed at the citizens of the neighborhood. Creation of a event's hall, meeting room and warehouse for associations and citizens . Location of the Old Quarter Residents Association, as an engine of civic revitalization in the neighborhood
- Opening of a new urban space for the use of the neighborhood: opening of a new street and a public square of 300m2

- Incorporation of tutelaged housing aimed at vulnerable groups

How will you ensure the sustainability of your initiative?*

What actions or next steps will you take in order to ensure that your initiative continues beyond the project funding?

1441/5000

We are currently in the process of seeking funding to make effective social capital contributions, especially from civic and cultural entities. Instead, the sustainability of the project is the variable that is currently most guaranteed:

- La Titaranya establishes a system of monthly fees for the use of premises and homes. This quota system is below the market price and is adapted to the real payment possibilities of the entities and the families.
- Both the L'Aleta Cultural Association and L'Economat SCCL act as entities with sufficient strength to deal with contingencies of defaults that may arise.
- The Titaranya SCCL has developed its final Viability Plan, which allows the establishment of long-term financing for the whole promotion, based especially on access to credit through Coop57.
- The "Communitary Land" model and the ownership of the estates guarantee in perpetuity the disposition of the premises for social and cooperative uses.
- The diversity of agents and entities allows the security that the project does not depend on a single entity.
- An organizational structure has been designed with the technical dedication of Fundació La Dinamo (legal, economic and organizational advice for housing cooperatives in transfer of use), L'Economat (cooperative for local development projects), Coop57 (financial services).

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Please share how your idea relates to the bigger picture and strengthens democracy in Europe. (max. 800 characters)

La Titaranya delves into the democratic role of citizenship at different levels:

- La Titaranya is a cooperative that groups people, families, other cooperatives, associations and social entities, under a system of democratic governance (characteristic of all cooperatives), where each person or member entity has a vote and a voice in decisions. This network of agents governs democratically the project community and urban revitalization of La Titaranya.
- It is the first "Community Land" project in Catalonia. A model inspired by the Community Land Trust (CLT), organizations of British origin through which heritage is mobilized and

guarded outside the free market, through the participation of various actors in land ownership.

- Cooperativism of housing in cession of use is a democratizing model of the systems of access to the house, putting in the hands of the people a horizontal, collective and democratic form of possession of house, besides the market free.

Why are you the right people for responding to this challenge?*

We are looking for people that know the community and region they are working with, although everybody with a solid background can apply. Please introduce your project team and briefly summarise their experience and skills. Tell us how you are connected to the region your idea will take place in and how do you know about the specificities of its civic landscape. (max. 800 characters).

Ownership: L'Aleta Cultural Association, Coop 57 and La Dinamo are the three entities that own the land in undivided parts. L'Aleta guarantees rooting in the territory with 25 years of intervention in Valls, Coop57 guarantees the financing of the promotion and La Dinamo guarantees the technical knowledge for accompanying the promotion.

Promoting cooperative: La Titaranya is the promoting cooperative of the project and it is made up of 13 local associations and cooperatives

Support for the promotion: La Dinamo will accompany La Titaranya throughout the promotion process of the cooperative project: legal area, economic area, architectural area and construction area. L'Economat SCCL is a working cooperative in Valls, a founding member of La Titaranya, that manage a public service to promote cooperativisme that is advising the group promoting

Financing: Coop57 will be the entity that will provide the necessary financing to carry out the whole operation.

Why is this idea important to you?*

What motivates you to bring this idea to life? What is your connection and mission behind the idea? (max. 800 characters)

The Statutes of La Titaranya establish the creation of funds for situations of economic vulnerability of its members and for future access to housing for people who cannot make the necessary capital contributions: "Article 33. Voluntary reserve fund: the Collective Housing Access Fund and the Mutual Fund ". Access to the premises has priority for social entities and the social and cooperative economy; it is offered to third social sector entities that can enter as partners by acquiring the right to use flats for their guardianship and home care programs for vulnerable groups.