



A global multidisciplinary network on housing research and learning

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## What is OIKOnet?

On October 1st 2013 start the activities of OIKOnet, a three-year pedagogic project whose purpose is to create an international platform of collaboration to study contemporary housing from a multidisciplinary and global perspective. A total of **34 organizations from 29 countries in Europe and around the world** are part of this network. The project will be coordinated by the School of Architecture and Engineering, Ramon Llull University, in Barcelona, Spain.

OIKOnet is a follow-up of the previous **OIKODOMOS Virtual Campus** [www.oikodomos.org](http://www.oikodomos.org) project which was carried out during 2007-2011 with financial support from the European Union.

OIKOnet will intertwine three areas of activity through sub-networks:

- 1. research on housing studies** from a multidisciplinary and global perspective;
- 2. participatory actions** to engage communities in the definition, solution and evaluation of housing problems, and
- 3. pedagogical activities** which bring together different stakeholders, learning environments and disciplines.

Different interactions between the three sub-networks are expected to occur, for instance: relevant issues on contemporary housing studies proposed by researchers and experts will provide themes to design learning activities; existing problems at the community level will provide study cases to develop design workshops with the participation of academic and non-academic stakeholders; and housing problems will be analyzed in collaboration with local stakeholders.

OIKOnet brings together schools of architecture and urban planning, research institutes, social groups, transnational organizations and local administrations. Altogether, the interactions across different stakeholders and disciplines will provide new insights on the contemporary housing conditions, and will help to forge links between academia and the social and economic milieu, between research and learning, and between the European education space and other universities around the world.

## The activities to be carried out during the three years project include:

- **three yearly conferences** dedicated to discuss the intertwining between housing research and teaching;
- **three international workshops** which bring together students and teachers of the schools of architecture and urban planning to carry out learning activities around specific topics dealing with contemporary housing issues;
- **a yearly meeting** of each of the subnetworks;
- **collaborative learning activities** carried out using the digital platform of the **OIKODOMOS Virtual Campus**;
- **courses and seminars** designed and implemented collaboratively by the partners institutions together with local communities, professional organizations;
- **webinars and online courses** to exploit the pedagogic and research resources of the network;
- **a web portal** to support the collaboration among network members in research and teaching;
- **dissemination activities** (exhibitions, webcasts, newsletters,...) to present the project results;
- **a book** summarizing the work carried out during the three-year project.

If you are interested to participate in the **OIKOnet** activities as student, teacher, researcher, citizen or professional, or would like further details then please contact **XXXX** representative of **OIKOnet** at **XXXXXX**.