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Housing crisis in Europe: the way forward?

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HOUSING CRISIS FOR YOUNG EUROPEANS – FROM RECOGNITION TO ACTION

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- 600 housing cooperatives in Italy
- 40.000 units of undivided ownership
- 10.000 units managed for different social housing operators (public and private)



Young Adults and The Housing Dream

Housing Crisis for Young Italians

- 2/3 of young adults (18- 34) are living with their parents because they cannot afford independent accommodation
- 35,9% of these are workers
- Young people have great difficulty in overcoming the transition from student status to work:
 - this phase lasts much longer than it should
 - 40% with low wages and a strong discontinuity



HOUSING NEEDS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

TWO CONCEPTS

- 1) **Affordable fluid** and temporary housing that allows mobility and change but that is **not precarious**.
- 2) Consider **housing** as a possibility of **informal learning**
 - offer housing projects that create **living settings** of relationships and the possibility of building paths of autonomy, a form of **emancipation and social mobility** , alternatives to buying a home.
 - different forms of **collaborative and cooperative housing** give the possibility of creating networks: this is fundamental not only for the quality of free time, but also for the definition of the young person's social and professional identity. Sharing space and time is no longer a choice of necessity, but a real **opportunity to grow** and experiment.
 - some of these experiences can provide an opportunity for true and authentic **inclusion - for example, exchange between generations** - through mutual help either within the apartment or within the context in which housing is located.



Carbonia 3

Public Private Partnership

A cooperative managing public temporary housing

TARGET

- families in housing emergency
- +
- young students and temporary workers
- +
- young people with more fragile profiles



Cooperativa DAR=CASA



Social mix Affordability

- 20 young people aged between 20 and 35 of 8 different nationalities (50% Italian)
 - Studio apartments €445/month
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- 32 families of 14 different nationalities (15% Italian)
 - One- and two-room apartments €300-400/month



COHABITAT LAMBRATE



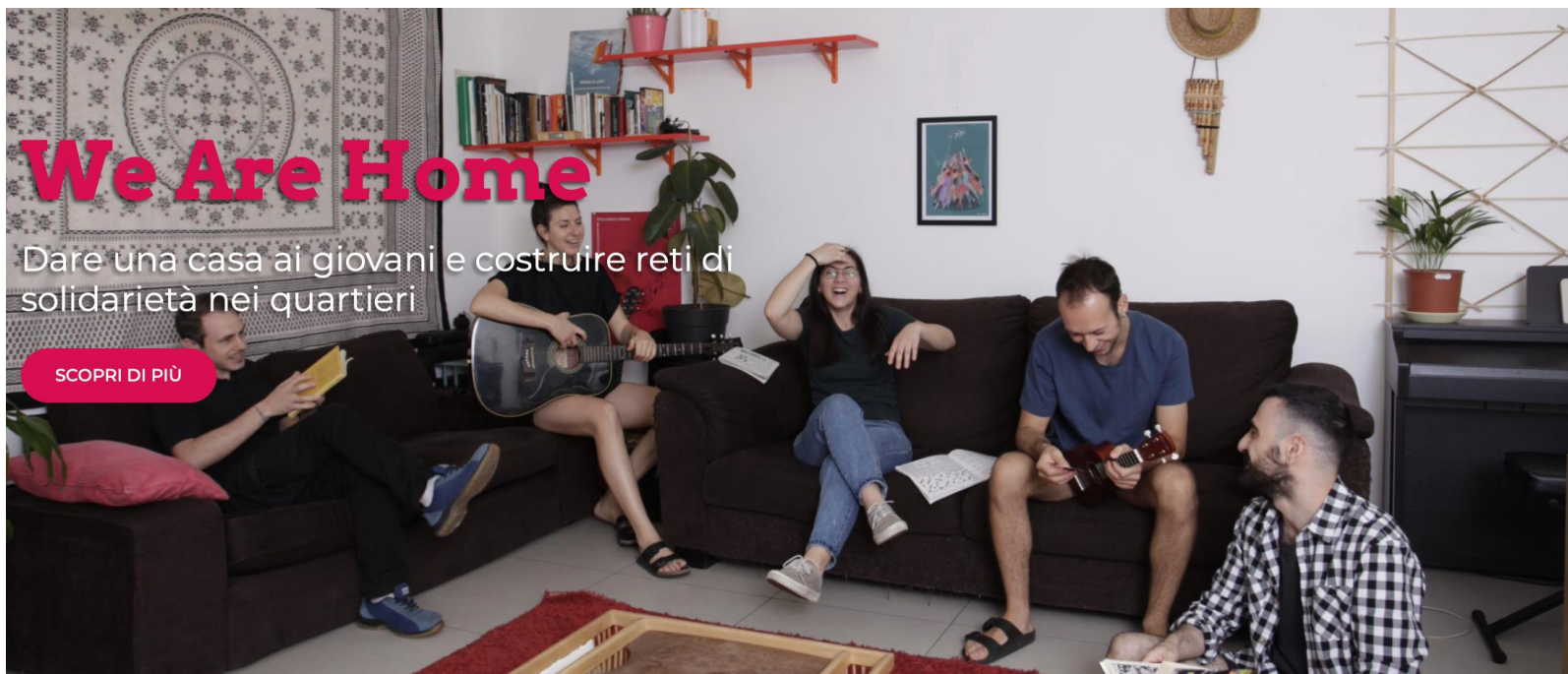
- **Spaces:** two large apartments each divided into 7 double or single rooms
- The apartments are also characterized by the presence of a large **shared kitchen** well equipped
- **Services** are included in the rent costs
- **Temporary rentals:** a duration of minimum 6 months and a maximum of 18 months
- **Management:** empowerment of tenants, who through a self-management experience, accompanied by social managers can go towards a housing autonomy
- **Cohabitation Agreements** are signed



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OUTPUTS

- highlighted the peculiarities of youth demand
- **exclusion causes:** not only economic accessibility but also the **rigidity** of the housing offer and the lack of a system of **guarantees** aimed at favoring a structurally precarious target
- has defined a **management model** for collaborative youth housing projects, identifying tariffs and services



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