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## **Second ULG Meeting - 28/10/2021, 15.30 - 17.30**

Beeozanam, Via Foligno, 14, 10151 Torino TO

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On the 28th of October, the second Urban Local Group meeting took place. Activities focused on the creation of the Commons Foundation.

In the first part of the meeting, two interventions came up: Antonio Vercellone talked about the Commons Foundation; Giulia Marra presented the European project UIA B-MINCOME.

In the second part of the meeting, the members split into smaller groups and discussed specific topics about establishing the Commons Foundation.

### **Talks**

Antonio Vercellone's talk investigated the identity and the aim of the Foundation and the procedures to establish it. He explained how foundations can have a complex governance model: the bodies can be diverse, open, and participatory (e.g. assemblies, supervisory boards, executive committees, etcetera)

Giulia Marra presented some of the insights from the evaluation of the B-MINCOME project: it has been a UIA initiative realised in Barcelona. It aimed to fight the poverty and inequalities in some of the neighbourhoods.

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## Discussion

The ULG split into small groups to discuss the three main topics related to the Commons Foundation:

1. *What it is, what it does*
2. *Governance and economic sustainability*
3. *Relationship with the city.*

The group defined the identity of the Commons Foundation: it is a form of self-government and it manages one or more urban commons through the acquisition of the good property.

The other topics that have been discussed are: the range of activities carried out by the Foundation, the possibility to involve more than one good and the possibility to consider intangible assets.

Regarding the *governance* issue, the group reflected on how the government could be inclusive and participatory. It has been proposed to study the organisation of other foundations and to think about how to set up a control system.

Later, the group focused on the issue of economic sustainability, pointing out the need for a prior analysis of economic management, including the question of whether and how to involve profit actors. They considered sources of support such as donations, funding, European structural funds and UIA as well as commercial and catering activities.

The group *Relationship with the city* highlighted the need to set up a control system in order to avoid the risk of privatization of the Foundation by the city or its own managers. The group emphasised that the Foundation is and must remain an entity in its own right, no longer belonging to the City - in the sense of public administration - but to the community. Working on communication, transparency and simplification could help to make the asset more open and accessible. It is also important for the Foundation to take on board other experiences and cooperate with other bodies.

In order to broaden and advance the discussion, a virtual blackboard on Miro is available at the following [link](#), as an open working tool.