

Newsletter #4

Editorial

We are very happy to share with you the main activities of the CORAL network, upcoming events, and outcomes. First and foremost, we passed the technical and financial review of our 1st Periodic Report with positive feedback from the external reviewer and a few recommendations regarding our future strategy of disseminating new knowledge about the operation and policy potential of collaborative spaces.

Our very first CORAL survey has been launched, and carried out by our Early Stage Researcher, Lorenzo Marmo along with European Creative Hubs Network. We expect that the research will lead to valuable outcomes from an academic and policy perspective and to get a deeper understanding of the functions and social and environmental impacts of collaborative workspaces.

After the successful implementation of the 1st European Conference on “The Future of Collaborative Workspaces” in Athens and the subsequent CORAL Work Package meeting, our ESRs have immersed themselves in the conduction of fieldwork.

In the meantime, we are preparing our upcoming Training School in Sicily organised by DASTU of POLIMI University where will be exploring “Strategies and policies of CWS development in rural and peripheral areas”.

The Project Management Office



The Coral Survey has finally been launched!

In the last months, the researcher Lorenzo Marmo has been working closely with the rest of the CORAL Team to develop several indicators which will serve as tools to measure the social and environmental impacts of Collaborative Workspaces on their territories and communities. In order for the survey to be efficiently constructed, it has been discussed with both academics and practitioners. We believe this dual perspective on Collaborative Workspaces helped create a solid and fertile ground for a better comprehension of the needs and challenges of such spaces, to find out best practices and share them with practitioners and policy-makers.

The Coral Survey is now available [HERE](#), check it out and share the link with your coworkers and hosts/managers!

Upcoming events and news from our network

3rd CORAL School in Petralia Sottana

The 3rd CORAL School marks the start of the analytical stage of the ESR projects where our team will be working on gathering and correlating insights while making sense of the different data collected.

Organized by DASTU - Politecnico of Milan, the School will be held at Petralia Sottana, Metropolitan City of Palermo, on the island of Sicily, Southern Italy. ESRs and invited PhD candidates will engage with regional policy debates regarding regional development, smart specialization strategies as well as remote working practices, and digital nomadism. Keynote speeches and field visits will help participants immerse into the aforementioned topics while working on the synthesis of their preliminary findings.

Stay tuned for the programme and the open call for the 5 PhD candidates!



CORAL is participating at Deutscher Kongress für Geographie (DKG), September 19-23, 2023 with two paper sessions

(Re)working spaces: Collaborative workspaces as effects and drivers of new spatial relations

To strengthen geographical perspectives on the intersectional studies of emerging collaborative workspaces (CWS), this session deploys a relational understanding of space and explores the role of CWS in the production and reconfiguration of places.

Organisers

Yue Mao (Leibniz Institute for Regional Geography), Danai Liodaki (Leibniz Institute for Regional Geography), Ulrich Ermann (Universität Graz, Institut für Geographie und Raumforschung)

More info: <https://dkg2023.de/sitzungen/reworking-spaces-collaborative-workspaces-as-82771>

New geographies of work and labour within, across and around collaborative workspaces

This session addresses multilocalities of contemporary labour and work and their connection to collaborative workspaces. Sharing practices within, across and around these spaces challenge (new) divisions of labour and work.

Organisers

Nikos Gatsinos (Karl-Franzens-Universität Graz), Malte Höfner (Karl-Franzens-Universität Graz), Suntje Schmidt (Leibniz Institut für Raumbezogene Sozialforschung)

More info:

<https://dkg2023.de/sitzungen/new-geographies-of-work-and-82751>



Edited Book - Coworking Spaces: Alternative Topologies and Transformative Potential

The handbook offers renewed perspectives on coworking spaces as sites and infrastructures for the creation and maintenance of social relations, as enabling the articulation of economic diversity, new political subjectivities and commoning practices around labor, e.g., through the formation of co-ops, but also other collective resources such as knowledge, mutual aid, care.

In bringing the book together the authors would like to thank all authors who worked for this book and who were willing to respond to feedback, critique, and comments during the editing process, and during the European Conference “The future of collaborative workspaces: a multi-scalar and interdisciplinary approach”, held in Athens in January 2023.



ECHN workshop in Anceu Coliving

ECHN workshop in [Anceu Coliving](#), a rural space in the North of Spain, took place from the 24th of March until the 29th and it was dedicated to rural hacking.



Throughout the 5 day event, many discussions and brainstorming sessions were around different topics such as the importance of the community, the variety of perceptions and points of view, new life models, how to build local and international Alliances, key factors to become a Rural Coliving Manager and also the creation of frameworks that encompass all of these learnings.

Iceland
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Cowork4YOUTH | Collaborative and Sharing Workspaces Policies for Youth in EEA Peripheral Regions

On Thursday 11 May, the ESRI will host an Open Event for a collaborative European project that researchers within the Institute are involved in, Cowork4YOUTH. This project focuses on young people not in employment, education, or training (NEETs), specifically those aged 15-29.

Cowork4YOUTH aims to increase knowledge of the impact of existing policies on youth employment and also to offer policy suggestions to increase youth employment opportunities. In particular, the project centers on Greece, Italy, Spain, and Ireland, some of which suffer from relatively high 'NEETs' rates.

The event will include presentations by academics working in this area, organizations working with youths on issues related to employment/unemployment, and a panel consisting of individuals from relevant government departments and state agencies addressing youth employment matters.

The Open Event will take place at the ESRI building, Whitaker Square, Sir John Rogerson's Quay, Dublin, D02 K138las Thursday 11th May at 9.00 – 12.30 pm

RSVP please by Monday 8th May [here](#)

Details of the event programme and schedule are available [here](#)

SAVE THE DATE: Hubs Meetup in Timisoara, Romania (5-6/6/23)



The Hubs Meetup is the second biggest ECHN annual gathering focusing on creative hubs and their current topics of interest and challenges.

Over two days, participating hubs representatives gather to exchange on the specific topics identified by the yearly surveys on the hubs' needs or challenges.

[Register here](#) - Stay tuned for the upcoming Agenda.