

# CLIPS

## Community Training

ERASMUS+ Project  
*GEN-WE Sustainability, Community & Unity*

### Call for Participants



25-30 September, 2023, InnEssence, The Netherlands



**GEN NEDERLAND**  
GLOBAL  
ECOVILLAGE  
NETWORK



**GEN-WE**  
GLOBAL  
ECOVILLAGE  
NETWORK  
WESTERN EUROPE



**INNESSENCE**  
exploring inner peace

## What is CLIPS?

CLIPS offers a solution-oriented Community Training model to guide community-led initiatives in their initial steps – and for existing initiatives that struggle with problems or simply need revitalisation. It provides a framework for community development, which has been designed by and for ecovillages and addresses the different stages of project or community development; from initiation, to visioning, decision-making, communication, conflict resolution, structure, expansion and change. It also points out specific tools found useful by existing community projects.

CLIPS stands for *Community Learning Incubator Programme for Sustainability* and has been developed within the European network of GEN (Global Ecovillage Network). Find more on the website: <https://clips.gen-europe.org/>.

## About the training

During the 5-day Community Training you become familiar with the CLIPS framework. You will learn and try out different methods related to the different aspects of group dynamics. We aim to facilitate the transfer of knowledge from lessons learned, providing groups with the tools to move through the stages of community development and manage the associated challenges, increasing overall success and sustainability. You will also have the chance to learn from the experience of the other participants and exchange community experiences.

The training is facilitated by Global Ecovillage Network Netherlands (GEN-NL) and is organised in cooperation with GEN-WE (GEN Western Europe). This training is aimed at people in The Netherlands, Belgium, France and Germany who play an active role in a community project. Partner organisations are **Samenhuizen (BE)**, **Habitat & Participation (BE)**, **Coopérative Oasis (FR)** and **Miethäuser Syndikat (DE)**. The training is funded by the Erasmus+ programme of the European Union.

During the training you will learn how to facilitate group processes using the CLIPS framework. Participating in this training allows you to join the [GEN-WE project](#) and [GEN Europe's CLIPS community](#).

Please, read the CLIPS guide before the training! [You can download it here](#).

## Facilitators

The training is facilitated by the Dutch CLIPS-trainers team. They have a lot of community experience and look forward to the training!



Monique Wijn - Paul Hendriksen - Fredjan Twigt - Mara Andriessen

## Timing

**Arrival day:** Monday, 25th of September

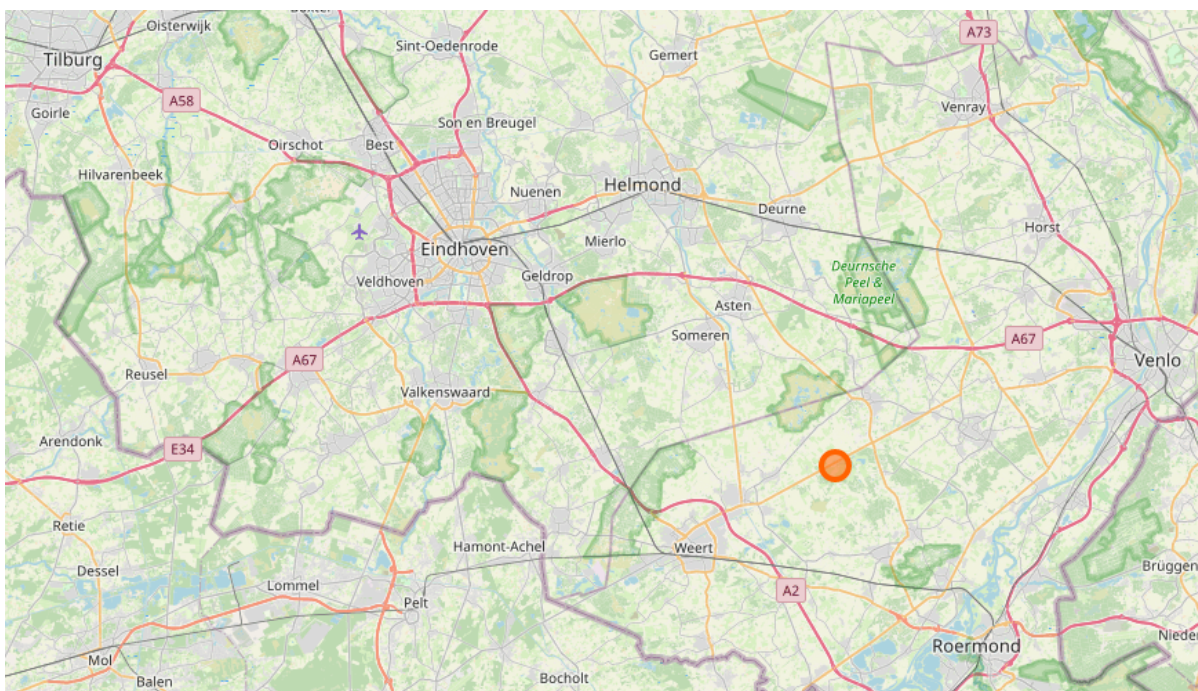
**Training days:** Tuesday to Saturday, 26-30th of September

**Departure day:** Sunday, 1st of October

## Location

The training will take place in The Netherlands. The venue of our training is InnEssence nature retreat centre (<https://www.inn essence.org>).

Adres: Stokershorst 1, 6034 RG Nederweert-Eind, Netherlands.





## Travel information

InnEssence

Stokershorst 1

6034 RG Nederweert-Eind, Netherlands

*Nearest airport is Eindhoven Airport. Close train stations are Weert and Roermond.*

*We will provide the final information to the participants.*

## Venue

InnEssence is a retreat center where we offer retreats for groups from a biocentric point of view and the philosophy of an ecovillage. InnEssence is located in the beautiful Limburg countryside between Weert and Roermond. We offer space to creative and conscious entrepreneurs to shape their retreats in a healthy way. Our site is located on the former Stokershorst monastery.

At InnEssence we co-create a retreat center / ecovillage, where we invite people to explore a life of heart connection. We do this by providing retreats, insights and activities for groups and individuals. We promote a healthy living environment, while living in harmony with nature and living as self-sufficient as possible.

### **Sleeping places:**

Accommodation will be in rooms of 1, 2, 3 or 4 beds.

Most rooms have a private bathroom and toilet.

### **Bring with yourself:**

- notebook+pen or other materials to take notes
- comfortable clothes for indoors and outdoors
- bedsheets and towels (or for rent for € 7,50)
- house shoes

## Finances

The training is funded by the ERASMUS+ Programme of the European Union. The grant covers participation in the training plus accommodation at the venue. Travel costs are covered depending on the distance and the mode of traveling. If you come by train, the reimbursement will be larger. There is a travel grant that may or may not be enough to cover actual costs, so you need to top it up. For that reason, we urge you to book as soon as possible!

- 10-99 km € 23,-
- 100-499 km € 180,- / € 210,- (green travel) (Belgium, Germany, France)
- 500-1999 km € 275,- / € 320,- (green travel) (Germany, France)

### **Trainers donation of € 50,-**

As the EU does not allow in the budget to include costs for the trainers, we ask the participants a small voluntary donation of around € 50,- to support the trainers.

## **Application**

This training is aimed at people in The Netherlands, Belgium, France and Germany who play an active role in a community / cohousing / ecovillage project.

Please, apply for the training by filling the form before the **15th of August**.

<https://forms.gle/gmLjCY5Xr4ZvqWgQ6>

## **Information and Contact**

If you have any questions about the course, please contact Nicoline van de Ven (GEN-Netherlands).

Email: [nicoline.van.de.ven@gen-nl.nl](mailto:nicoline.van.de.ven@gen-nl.nl)

Telephone: +31 6 15 11 68 28