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REPORT

CO-HATY 2022





WHAT IS CO-HATY?

(HATY) – in Ukrainian, «HOUSES»

(COHATY) – in Ukrainian, “TO LOVE”

CO-HATY is a co-housing project for people who lost their homes due to war.

The full-scale russian invasion of Ukraine forced around 12 million Ukrainians to flee their homes. About 6.5 million of them moved to the west of the country. The lack of housing became a huge challenge, and we started thinking: how can architects help?

At that time, fellow architects from the Kyiv-based Urban Curators agency and the Kharkiv-based NGO Critical Thinking joined the METALAB team

in Ivano-Frankivsk. Together, we formed the idea of CO-HATY, temporary housing created with love and dignity.

At CO-HATY, we restore existing buildings and create comfortable living spaces, following these principles:





PILOT PROJECT

The pilot project involved restoring a part of a dormitory in Ivano-Frankivsk. At the time, we had no funding, no tools, no materials, but we had determination. The whole team picked up spatulas, started working on the construction site, and engaged the community.

More than 150 volunteers joined us in the process. Most of them are IDPs from different cities of Ukraine. The project was also supported in other cities and countries: we received donations of money, building materials, furniture, bedding, and even house plants.

In just 6 weeks, we completed the renovation and residents moved into the dormitory in May.

Pilot project, Ivano-Frankivsk (March and May, 2022)

Photo: Anastasiia Kubert



OTHER BUILDINGS OF 2022

The pilot project showed us that we need to continue. So in 2022, we started restoring three more buildings - two in Ivano-Frankivsk and one near Kamianets-Podilskyi. At the end of the year, residents moved into one of these spaces.

The work with these buildings has become more extensive - it includes redevelopment and replacement of utilities (electricity, heating, water supply, and sewage systems).

To implement the CO-HATY project, we apply architectural and urban expertise, cooperate with local authorities and property owners, seek funding for repairs and furnishings, coordinate the construction process, and design furniture and visual style for the spaces.

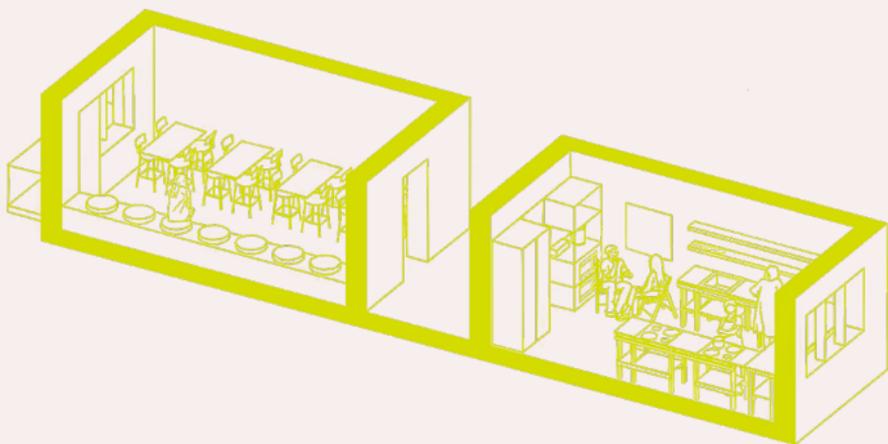
Dormitory in Zinkivtsi, near Kamianets-Podilskyi

Photo: Oleksandr Demianiv



Planning

Visualization: Varya Yahnysheva



Third project in Ivano-Frankivsk. Former hotel building

Photo: Anastasiia Kubert



Interior of the second building in Ivano-Frankivsk.

Former office of the department of education

Photo: Anna Pashynska



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

An important component of the CO-HATY is the involvement of (future) residents into the planning, repair and management of the spaces. This facilitates their integration into the new community and gives them a sense of ownership.

One example is the design of a courtyard near one of the CO-HATY buildings, which was supported by the New Democracy Fund and the Izolyatsia platform. We held a workshop with the residents where they described and depicted the desired space of the courtyard. Everyone found their own tool for this: collage, photography, drawing or mapping. Later, the workshop participants joined in cleaning the yard, clearing the garden and trimming the bushes, because they already felt that this yard belonged to them.

Photo of the volunteer team



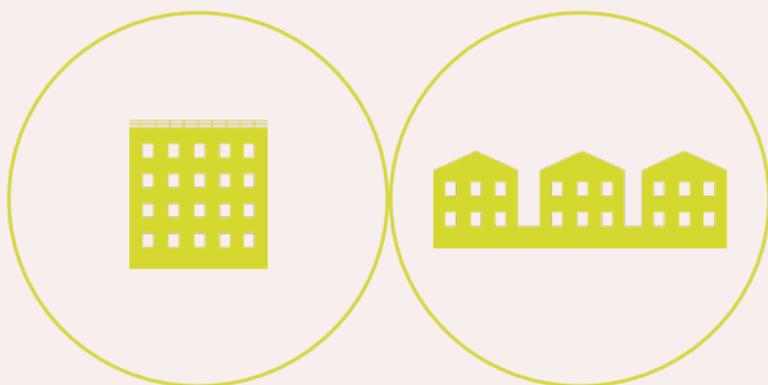


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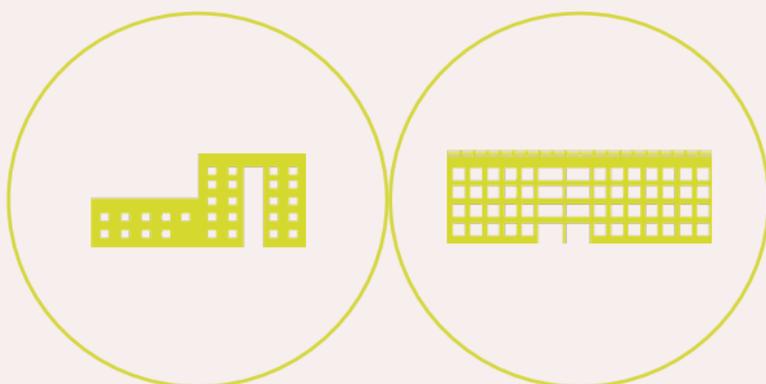
We continue creating comfortable housing for internally displaced persons and are already looking for the next buildings to restore. Together with our partners from New Housing Policy, we are also developing a vision of a relevant and effective model of social housing in Ukraine.

CO-HATY IN NUMBERS

2 BUILDINGS HAVE ALREADY BEEN RESTORED



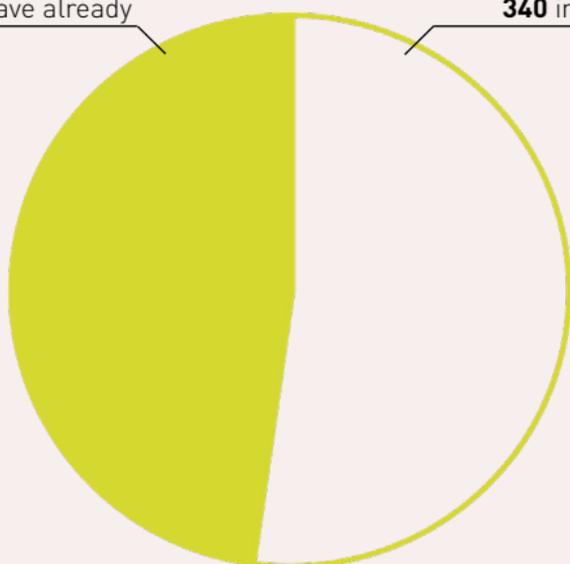
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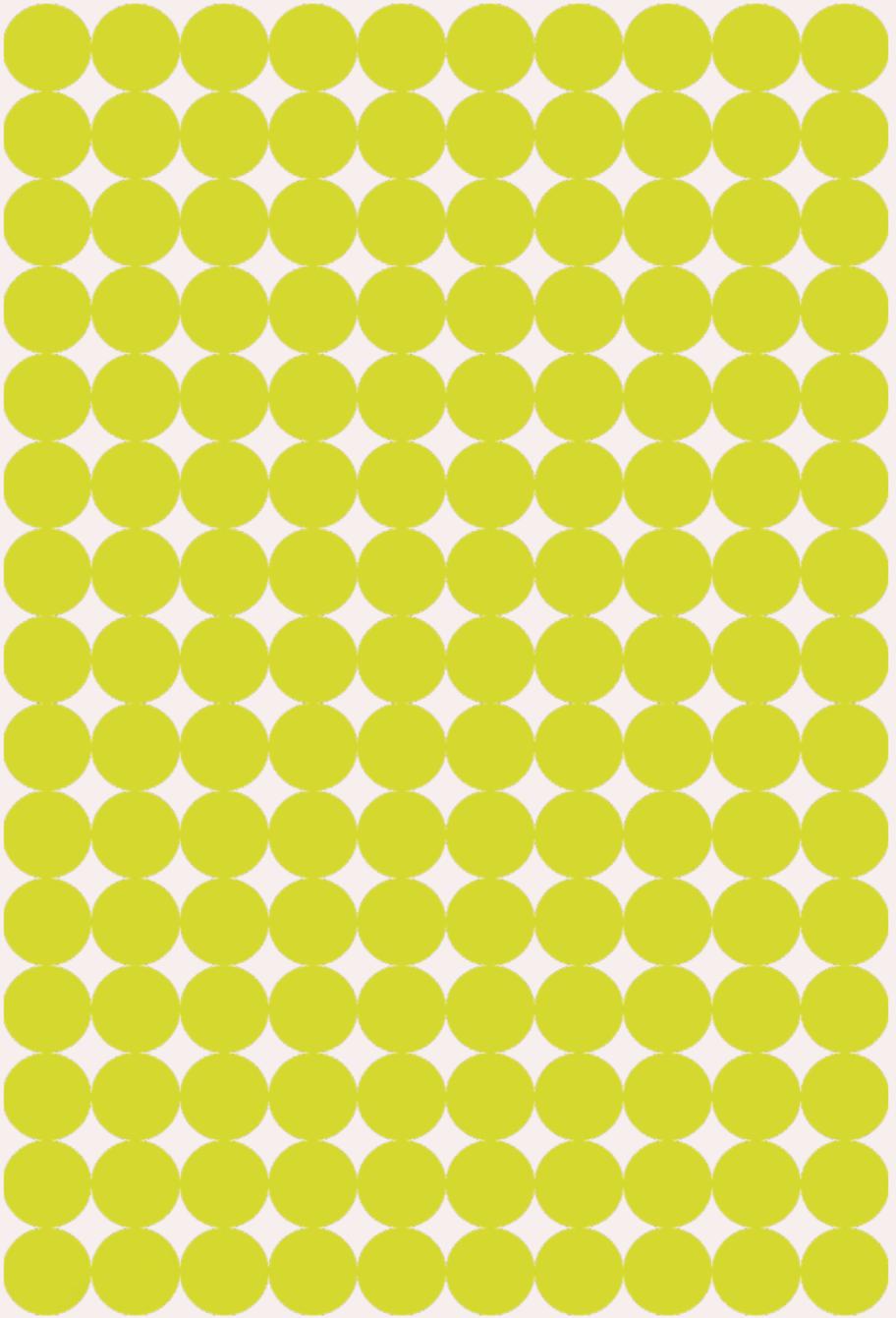


650 PLACES FOR ACCOMMODATION

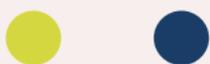
310 places have already been created

340 in the process





PART NERS



INSTITUTIONAL PARTNERS AND SUPPORT FOR THE NEW ECONOMY
OF IVANO-FRANKIVSK (NEF) PROJECT

INSTITUTIONAL PARTNERS AND SUPPORT FOR THE CO-HATY PROJECT

We are grateful to everyone who has supported CO-HATY at various stages with their expertise, partnership, materials, time, volunteering, projects, and humanitarian aid.

CO-FOUNDING PARTNER

Urban Curators — an independent agency and an interdisciplinary team from Kyiv that creates Space, Community, Identity and Dialog between them.

BUILDINGS PROVIDERS

- Ivano-Frankivsk National Technical University of Oil and Gas
- “Agropostach” LLC
- Department of Education and Science of Ivano-Frankivsk City Council
- State Educational Institution “Podilskyi Center of Professional Technical Education”

LOCAL AUTHORITIES PARTNERS

- Ivano-Frankivsk City Council
- Kamianets-Podilskyi City Council
- Ivano-Frankivsk Regional State Administration
- Khmelnytskyi Regional State Administration
- Department of Education and Science of Ivano-Frankivsk City Council

- Department of Education, Science, Youth, and Sports of Khmelnytskyi Regional State administration
- Department of Social Policy of the executive committee of Ivano-Frankivsk City Council

KEY DONORS OF THE PROJECT

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International Organization for Migration (IOM) — leading intergovernmental organization dedicated to promoting humane and orderly migration for the benefit of all.

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- Danish Refugee Council
- Raumpioniere
- Charitable Foundation “Rokada”
- Charitable Foundation “Peace of Mine”
- “Polish Aid” Support Program
- “People in Need” Humanitarian Organization
- One of the banks of the United Kingdom
- MitOst

SUPPORT IN PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION

- Volunteer initiative “Second Home IF”
- New Housing Policy
- Peremebli
- Everlegal
- TOLOCAR
- Cadus
- Insha Osvita
- Building Ukraine Together (BUR)
- NGO “Critical Thinking”
- State Educational Institution “Podilskyi Center of Professional Technical Education”
- Ivano-Frankivsk Professional Construction Lyceum
- Parasolka Makerspace
- Anna Kuzyshyn, DUG and Hearts for Ukraine
- Ukrainische Engel
- Ro3kvit
- Izolyatsia Platform and New Democracy Fund
- Fundacja BRDA
- Association of Real Estate Specialists of Ivano-Frankivsk
- Ukrainian Emergency Art Fund
- Re-Win.ch Project

This year, METALAB experienced the power of crowdfunding for the first time, as the pilot of project CO-HATY was implemented solely on charitable donations, support with materials and interior items.

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