



“Dealing with the burgeoning number of citizens’ collectives properly is crucial for the future of our society.”

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Professor Tine de Moor and her team organised the largest international commons meeting ever: the XVI Biennial IASC-Conference: *Practising the Commons*, last July. The conference offered a platform for solutions to these questions by bringing together practitioners, academics and other stakeholders from all over the world.

The number of citizens’ collectives in Europe is rising exponentially. This trend is visible in other parts of the world too. Citizens are making themselves heard through what is often referred to as *commons*. They are taking matters into their own hands and organising themselves in sectors such as health care, infrastructure and energy. A growing number of collectives means a growing demand for knowledge and know-how, but also an exchange between theory and practice. How do you organise the governance of a collective in a sustainable way? What are the rules of the game that can best be agreed between parties? And how should governments respond and participate?

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