

Ecovillages are typically active in some or all of the following activities:

- local economic development
- cooperative social economies
- building community
- inclusive decision making process
- conflict resolution
- holistic 'whole person' education
- local organic food production
- permaculture design principles
- ecological building
- renewable energy systems
- waste management

For more information on the concept of ecovillages or where to find an ecovillage close to you please visit our website:

[www.gen-europe.org](http://www.gen-europe.org)



## WHAT YOU CAN DO

- Tell your friends about us.
- Join the national ecovillage network in your country.
- Join us and become a member!

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## ANOTHER WORLD IS POSSIBLE

## WE ARE CREATING IT!

“Ecovillages are the newest and most potent kind of intentional community. They unite two profound truths: Human life is at its best in small, supportive, healthy communities. The only sustainable path for humanity is in the recovery and refinement of traditional community life.

Ecovillages are the most promising and important movement in all of history.”

Dr. Robert J. Rosenthal  
 Professor of Philosophy  
 Hanover College

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# ECOVILLAGES

Ecovillages are models of low-impact, sustainable and satisfying human settlements. They seek to reduce their ecological footprint through voluntary simplicity and the implementation of ecological design principles.

Ecovillages seek to integrate ecological design principles and technologies with inclusive, participatory social structures. They are found in urban and rural locations, in the industrialised North as well as in the poorer countries of the South and in both existing settlements and new 'intentional' communities.

Ecovillages draw their inspiration in different measure from ecological, social and spiritual concerns. Each seeks to develop a model of sustainability appropriate to its own cultural, ecological and economic context.



# GEN-EUROPE

## OVERVIEW

GEN-Europe is a network of ecovillages in Europe, Africa and Middle East. It has 70 members in over 26 countries. It is a founder of the Global Ecovillage Network (GEN), which has consultative status with UN-ECOSOC (Economic and Social Council) and is a partner of the UNITAR-CIFAL initiative to provide training in sustainable development to local government officials worldwide.

## MISSION

GEN-Europe promotes the development of sustainable settlements. GEN-Europe works to strengthen the capacity of individual ecovillages as well as the national ecovillage networks. GEN-Europe communicates the benefits of the ecovillage experience to wider society, to professionals in government, the private sector, and other NGOs.



## ACTIVITIES

GEN-Europe promotes the development of the ecovillage movement through:

- generating and disseminating information on ecovillage initiatives: ecovillage stories are published through a network of partner publications that reach over 150,000 readers in nine languages
- providing financing and bursaries to support the networking and educational activities of its member ecovillages
- working with universities and other educational bodies in the design and delivery of accredited ecovillage-based courses and programmes
- participating in summits, conferences, exhibitions and other events to communicate the ecovillage concept and experience to policy-makers, planners, professionals and the general public.

