The main event of the 3rd Co-Elderly Transnational Meeting was for sure the Conference “Attitudes toward different ways of living in the second part of life” – organized and coordinated by Chiara Casotti, on behalf of Consorzio ASIS and Casematte on December 3rd.

The Conference has been attended by more than 100 people in a beautiful Building kindly offered by the Municipality of Turin. The Agenda foreseen several interventions about new forms of living for seniors, mainly addressed toward their emancipation.

Speakers have been selected among EU countries where policies for seniors housing are developed much. Thanks to the Co-Elderly project UK CO-housing Network and Kollektivhus NU from Sweden could bring high level contribution to discussion.

The programme included the following interventions:
- Carla Costanzi, Housing solutions for the third age: comparing demand and offer;
- Teresa Ferrari, Perspectives toward a new aging: Tiedoli's Houses;
- Ingela Blomberg, Inga Alander, Collaborative housing in the second part of life in Sweden;
- Maria Brenton, Senior cohousing: why the UK needs it and progress so far;
- Jacopo Gresleri, Houses for seniors: now or again?
- Vanna Spolti, Behaviours and aptitudes towards new housing solutions;
- Magnano, Towards innovative solutions for housing. Orientation
of public policies.

Some of the commented experiences presented public support options, some other proofed to be entirely private-funded. The main conclusion from the Conference was that seniors are still understated category and services are not actually customized on their real needs.

Another issue raised was that emancipation is everyday possible but stereotypes and culture block it. According to that, speakers agreed that medium-high dependency seniors must need support from the State even though their emancipation degree can be still improved. All hypothesis of collaborative housing presented at Conference could represent one of the main step to do this.

The day is not ended. In fact, all Co-Edlerly partners has the lunch offered by the Association Casematte, located in a gathering space for the local community run by Fuori di Palazzo, an association active on the Porta Palazzo’s area which is trying to mix and make live together different cultures and populations present in that area.

At about 15 ‘o clock the Co-Elderly group was hosted at Numero Zero Co-housing, a recent intergenerational co-housing created by 8 families in Porta Palazzo Square. Many questions answered, relations done, future project planned.

At 16 ‘o clock Luoghi Comuni Porta palazzo hosted the group. This is a residential experiment for those people who need a temporary accommodation due to social, study, tourist reasons – co-funded by a Bank Foundation and the Municipality of Torino.

Multicultural lunch at Porta Palazzo