Abstract

In this master's thesis, the aim was to present a new model of community-based and solidarity housing using the example of the social cooperative První vlaštovka, which practices this housing model as the first in the Czech Republic. Data necessary for this purpose were obtained through qualitative research primarily based on semi-structured interviews. These interviews were conducted with individual members of the aforementioned cooperative. The interviews were supplemented by participant observation and data from sources independent of the research. The thesis focuses several aspects of the model. It introduces the basic principles on which the entire model is based. Furthermore, it examines how individual actors perceive the topic of housing, how they organize their work for the cooperative, and what rules they have established for this purpose. Subsequently, it presents how the cooperative interacts with its surroundings and explores the possibilities, limitations, and implementation of the model's (re)production. The theoretical framework of commons was chosen for interpreting the obtained data. It was perceived here as a certain perspective through which various things can be viewed as shared. In this work, it served to contextualize specific data within broader conceptual frameworks.

Keywords

Community housing, commons, housing as commons, housing crisis