

## WORKSHOP 7 - ANTI-EVICTION STRUGGLES



The workshop started with a round table discussion on the current situation in the participants' respective countries and the state of their struggle. Then, the question was raised as to where we could focus our energies as EAC. How can we also raise awareness about the issue of evictions. How can we organise mutual support not only at local level but at European level?

In the course of the discussion, various ideas emerged. For example, it was proposed that an EAC position paper be drafted against evictions. Also, a data collection could be used to make the problem more visible. The map as an awareness-raising tool could also be considered. Beware, evictions are sometimes realities that the people who suffer them want to hide, it will be necessary to reflect on how to make them visible.

We also talked about how each group can organise itself on the ground: being present in the neighbourhoods, organising permanencies (which makes it possible to move from an individual dynamic to a collective dynamic in the fight against evictions), getting information from the courts in order to anticipate a scheduled eviction, identifying the neighbourhoods most affected and finally trying to limit evictions as much as possible (blockade actions). Some groups carry out actions in front of the offices of large landlords to denounce their activities, while others try to publish articles in the press. The issue of rehousing of evicted people is also addressed in some way by the groups. These and other elements make up all the work done by the groups on the ground.

This discussion could lead to the drafting of an anti-eviction guide. The Bucharest group identified three types of anti-eviction guides: a legal guide for people threatened with eviction, a guide for people in solidarity (how to support people threatened with eviction) and finally a third guide addressed to the media, to make visible the extent of the problem of evictions.

