

SACRED GEOMETRY AND ARCHITECTURE



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COMMUNITY MANDALAS: INTERNATIONAL FRACTAL ECOVILLAS

7.2- Schemes of legal constitution and social order

As Ricalde (2008) explains, in terms of the possibilities of the legal constitution of the settlement can be considered: civil association, cooperative society, trust, condominium, social enterprise, ejidal association, to cite some examples. Concerning the sources of pre-financing, there are some options: seed capital, share capital, loans, debts, gifts, subsidies, and donations. For the sources of financing of capital to maintain and grow the settlement, we have the contribution in time and money of the members, sympathizers, institutions, organizations, government, foreign organisms. About social organization one can think of three options: the source tree that consists of a landowner who associates with other people who give him abundance; the subsidy that implies government support, corporate donations, or community donation; and the community where all members put the same amount of resources. In this option, human resources can be divided from financial resources.

The spirit that drives an ecovillage is generally that it is composed of people who seek to consume less than they produce; tend to conserve much of their land for wild areas, agriculture and natural; are pedestrian space, ask to walk more than move in cars; support work and trade in the community; promote daily living and conflict resolution and are passionate about improving the world through example and other peaceful means.

On the way of organization and social cohesion of the community, the movement has several focuses or axes of turn. In the community focus, we find the ecovillages, intentional communities, the shared house, the indigenous peoples. In the urban center, we can observe initiatives in transition, ecobarrios, and eco-towns. Regarding the focus of