

## Collection Summary

**ID Number:** CS 604

**Title:** Utopiaggia

**Extent:** 1 Folder(s)

**Span Dates:** 1993

**Language:** English

**Geographic Location:** Umbria, Italy

**Abstract:** This collection consists of a newsletter and a letter from a community member.

**Historical Notes:** In a pristine valley of Umbria, one of the oldest community experiences in Italy. Utopiaggia was founded in 1982 with the purchase of about one hundred hectares of land and three houses to renovate. Promoters are a large group of young Germans, which are associated, later, a couple of Italian. The interior of Villa Piaggia (the "parent") are particularly luxurious and cozy, rustic for wood stoves in cast iron or clay, wood shelves full of books, the sheep skins on the benches of the dining room, but at the same time, tend refined. Deep wells redress the lack of running water. The first two have been joined by external ecological bathrooms more comfortable toilets in homes. Solar panels mounted on roofs, hot showers and guarantee sustainable and wood boilers, connected to the heating system, make cozy homes in winter. In direct continuity with the original ideal motivations, the municipality has maintained balance the choice of food self: each house has its own garden and, in the farm, there are olive trees enough for domestic consumption of oil and olives; especially the sheep give milk and cheese (often the meat) and hens eggs. Each is master of his income, despite having to pay a monthly sum into a common fund for expenses and joint investments. It was founded a cooperative agricultural and artisan that allows some people to work in the sphere of common. Most of the other members instead do their work outside the community. Community meetings are held four times a year. Unanimity. Some rules, strictly "unwritten": do not smoke in the presence of children; all engage periodically in joint work (renovation, pruning, etc.); distributed, equally, the shifts in the kitchen and for the "private" spaces within homes. **Sources:** [Utopiaggia Community](#)

## Selected Search Terms

**Subjects:** Communal living; Collective settlements; Housing, Cooperative; Collective farms; Commune; Umbria (Italy)

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<b>"Fair of Practical Utopias" Citta di Castello, October 7-10, 1993</b>	1993	Filing Cabinet	Folder 1	Filing Cabinet 17-A