

Registration and authentication

To *register* means creating a new **user account**, that is a record in the database describing how you will prove your identity.

To *authenticate* you means providing evidence that your **identity** matches the one described in your user account.

Should I register?

You should register if - and only if - you intend to start collaborating within CommonSpaces by taking contacts with some of its members. Having said this, **CommonSpaces warmly invites you:** here (/why_register/) you will find **some motivations to join** us; it is the *call for action* that CommonSpaces presents to the anonymous user from the homepage and when s/he views a project description.

How to register

In the CommonS platform, it is possible to register in 2 ways:

- by creating directly an account in the platform itself, providing a valid and active email address and choosing a password
- by creating an account linked to a social network account; currently Facebook and LinkedIn are supported.

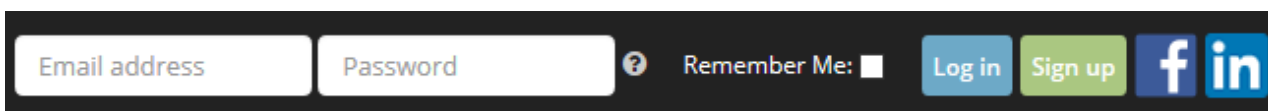
After registration, the first time that you log in, please **fill your user profile** (</help/profile/>).

Direct registration (Sign up)

Direct registration involves providing an email address and choosing a password; the email address must match an active email account on which you have control: you will receive an email allowing you to confirm the registration by "verifying" your email address.

Here are the registration steps:

- click on the Sign up link (</accounts/signup/>) in the black *user bar*, at the top-right corner of the page:

A screenshot of the registration form located in the top-right corner of the user bar. The form is set against a dark background. It features two white input fields: "Email address" and "Password". To the right of the "Password" field is a small question mark icon and a "Remember Me:" checkbox. Further right are two buttons: a blue "Log in" button and a green "Sign up" button. To the right of these buttons are the Facebook and LinkedIn social media icons.

- you will get the *Sign Up* page: fill in the form in it (email address + password twice) and click on the **Sign Up** button (suggestion for not losing your password: choose the password, write it in a text file and save it, copy and paste the password in the first password box, then key it directly in

Sign Up

Already have an account? Then please [sign in](#).

E-mail:

Password:

Password (again):

- you should get a confirmation page whose title is "Verify your E-mail address"

Verify Your E-mail Address

We have sent an e-mail to you for verification. Follow the link provided to finalize the signup process. Please contact us if you do not receive it within a few minutes.

- look in your mailbox for an email whose subject is "[CommonSpaces] Confirm E-mail Address"; if you don't find it, look again after some time; please, look also inside folders where your email application could have put it in the case that it was mistaken for spam

Da Me <postmaster@commonsplaces.eu>★

Oggetto **[CommonSpaces] Please Confirm Your E-mail Address**

A Me <toffoli@uni.net>★

Hello from CommonSpaces!

You're receiving this e-mail because user toffoli at www.commonspaces.eu has given yours as an e-mail address to connect their account.

To confirm this is correct, go to <http://localhost:8000/accounts/confirm-email/exyctzkls5bdvs8p8ddvmysrtcazk8aoyo9t0u00ooz7pmsgtddlazzusv9vxub/>

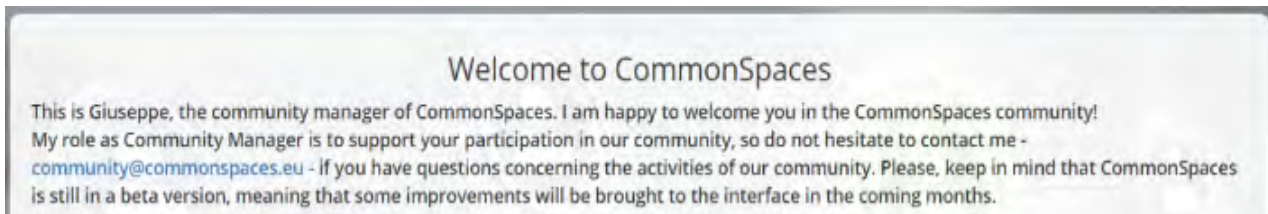
Thank you from CommonSpaces!
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- click on the link inside that email
- in the web page whose title is "Confirm E-mail address", click on the **Confirm** button

Confirm E-mail Address

Please confirm that toffoli@uni.net is an e-mail address for user toffoli.

registration cannot be considered complete until you fill all mandatory fields of said profile; for example, if you don't do that, you won't be able to *join a project*; more in general, compiling your user profile accurately allows you to better move in a platform designed for collaboration



- finally, **Log in** using the email and password of your freshly created account: enter them in the small boxes that you will find in the black *user bar* that you already know (see above), and click on the *Log in* button.

Registration with a LinkedIn account

To use the LinkedIn registration, you should own an active LinkedIn account and agree that LinkedIn shares some of your identification data with CommonSpaces.

Here are the registration steps:

- click on the LinkedIn button that you will find in the black *user bar*, at the top-right corner of the page
- if your browser already has stored some *cookies* concerning your LinkedIn identity, you will only be asked if you agree that LinkedIn shares with CommonSpaces your email address and some other data from your profile ...
- ... otherwise, LinkedIn will request that you identify yourself, before asking your agreement on sharing those data
- after both conditions above are met (LinkedIn has identified you and you have given your agreement), CommonSpaces creates for you an account that acts as a *proxy* for your LinkedIn account; then it lets you to enter the platform as an *authenticated user*.

The image displays two screenshots of the LinkedIn authorization process for CommonSpaces. The top screenshot is in English and shows a dialog for user Giovanni Toffoli. It lists the requested permissions: 'YOUR PROFILE OVERVIEW' (Name, photo, headline, and current positions) and 'YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS' (The primary email address you use for your LinkedIn account). Below this is a sign-in section with a text input for the email (toffoli@uni.net), a password input, and buttons for 'Join LinkedIn', 'Forgot your password?', 'Allow access', and 'Cancel'. The LinkedIn logo is visible in the bottom right.

The bottom screenshot is in Italian and shows the same dialog for user 'CommonSpaces'. It lists the requested permissions: 'PANORAMICA DEL TUO PROFILO' (Nome, foto, sommario e posizione attuale) and 'IL TUO INDIRIZZO EMAIL' (L'indirizzo email principale utilizzato per il tuo account LinkedIn). Below this is a sign-in section with a text input for the email, a password input, and buttons for 'Iscriviti a LinkedIn', 'Hai dimenticato la password?', 'Consenti l'accesso', and 'Annulla'. The LinkedIn logo is visible in the bottom right.

Registration with a Facebook account

The Facebook registration is very similar to the LinkedIn registration. To use the Facebook registration, you should own an active Facebook account and agree that Facebook shares some of your profile data with CommonSpaces.

Here are the registration steps:

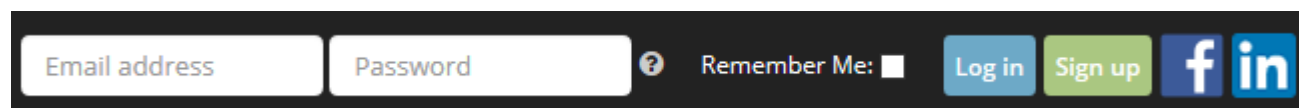
- click on the Facebook button that you will find in the black *user bar*, at the top-right corner of the page

- if your browser already has stored some *cookies* concerning your Facebook identity, you will only be asked if you agree that Facebook shares with CommonS some of your data ...
- ... otherways, Facebook will request that you identify yourself, before asking your agreement
- after both conditions above are met (Facebook has identified you and you have given your agreement), CommonSpaces creates for you an account that acts as a *proxy* for your Facebook account; then it lets you to enter the platform as an *authenticated user*.

Authentication (log in)

Direct authentication

You already know that you can Log in by entering the email and password of your account in the small boxes to be found in the black *user bar* at the top of the page, and by clicking on the *Log in* button:



The image shows a dark-themed login bar. On the left, there are two white input fields: 'Email address' and 'Password'. To the right of the 'Password' field is a small question mark icon and a 'Remember Me: ' checkbox. Further right are two buttons: a blue 'Log in' button and a green 'Sign up' button. On the far right are the Facebook 'f' and LinkedIn 'in' social media icons.

Facebook or LinkedIn authentication

If you registered using your Facebook or LinkedIn account, to Log in you can click on the Facebook or the LinkedIn button: if your Facebook or LinkedIn authentication is still active (if the browser still stores their authentication *cookies*), you will be recognized also by CommonSpaces; otherways, you should redo your Facebook or LinkedIn authentication.

A few remarks:

- when you *log out* from the CommonSpaces, this doesn't cause a Facebook log out
- on the contrary, when you *log out* from a Facebook page, also your authentication with the CommonSpaces is lost
- depending on some configuration choices of the Facebook account and/or your browser, the Facebook authentication could be lost when you close and reopen your browser
- similar behaviour could be exhibited by LinkedIn.

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