

Communal Costs User Guide

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Communal Costs developed for



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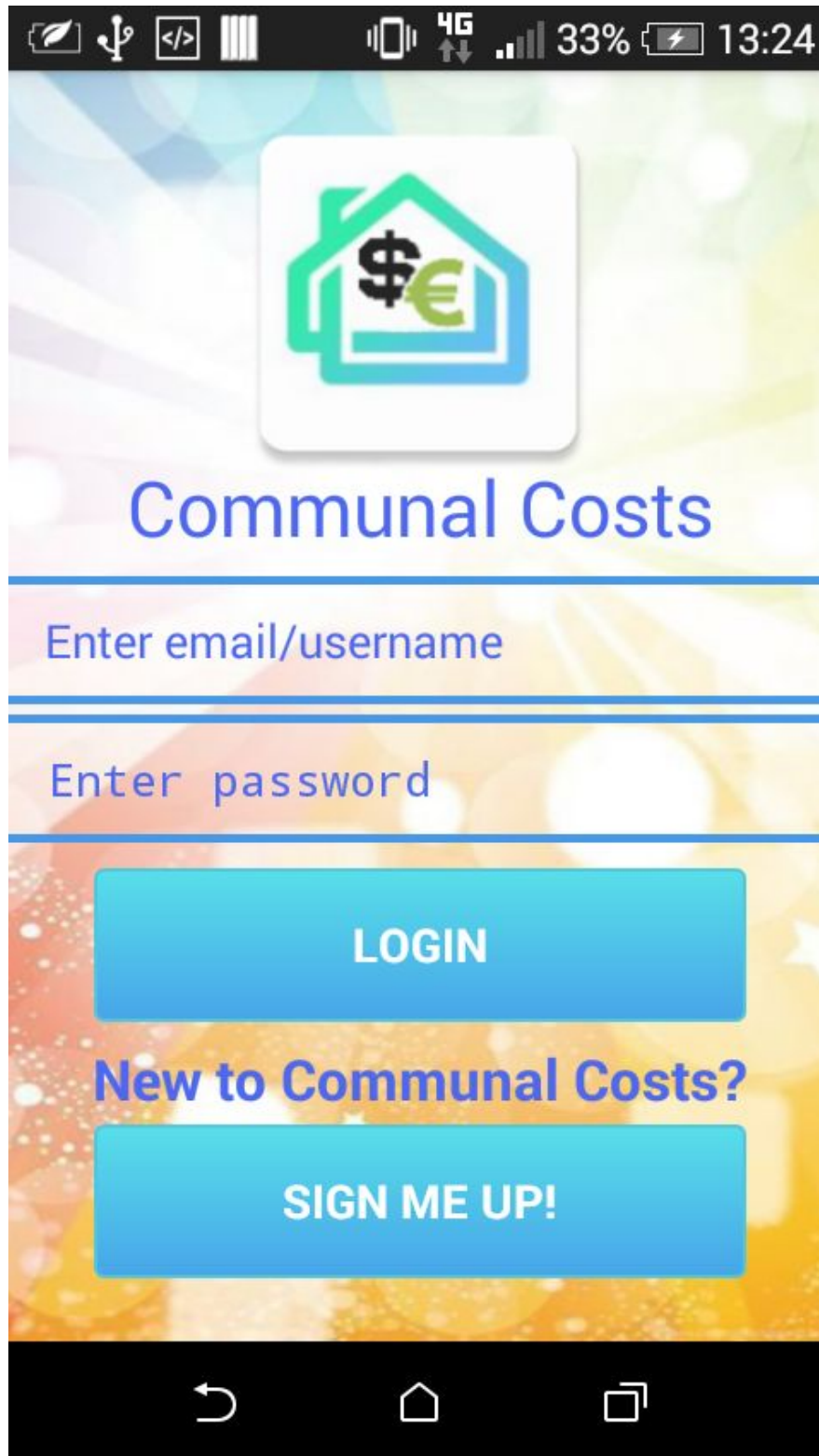
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Installation Guide

The app can be downloaded [here](#). After downloading ensure that in settings under security, allow installation of apps from unknown sources is checked and click on the apk to install the application.

Starting the App

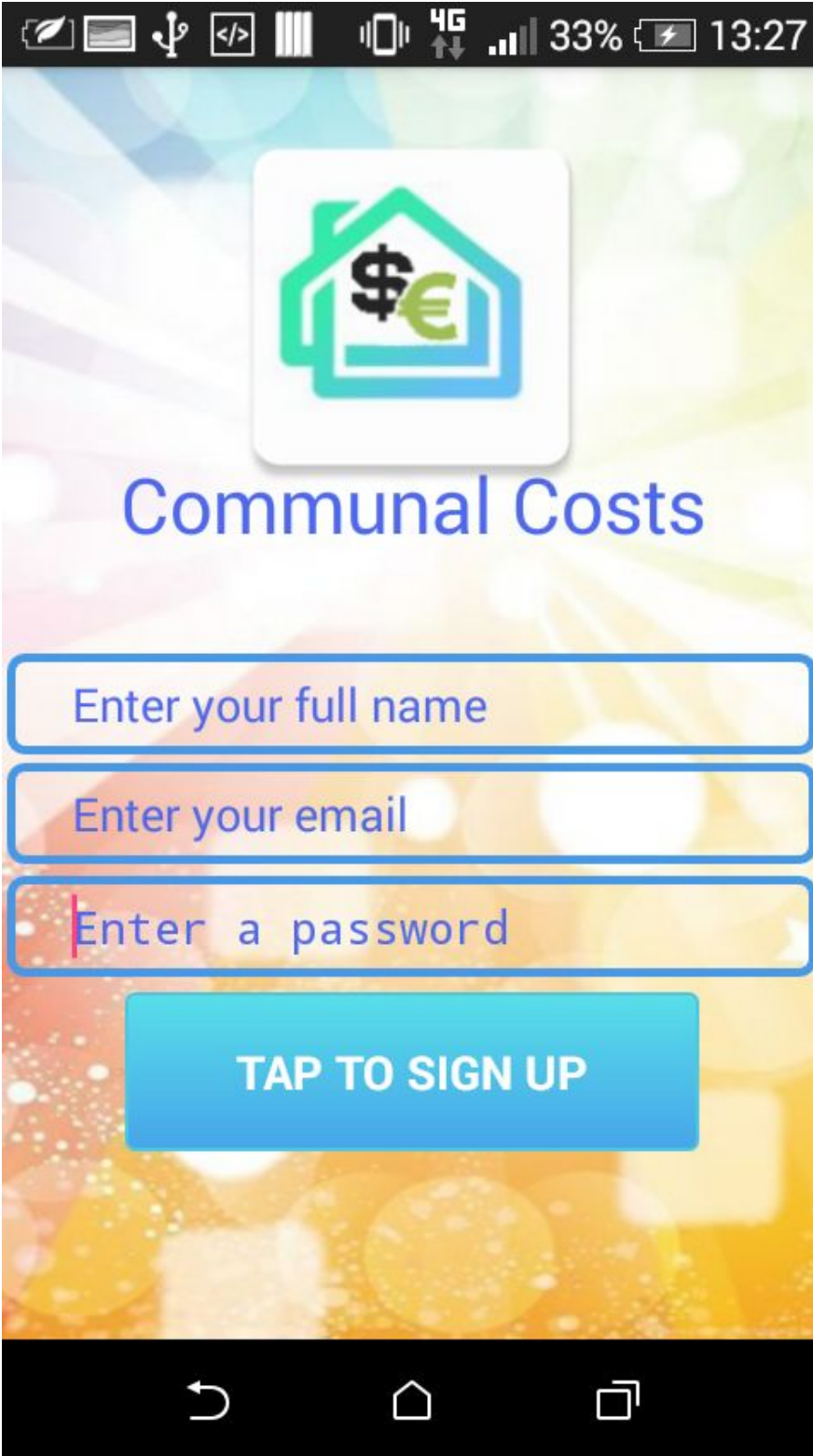
Locate the app on your home screen and tap on the Communal Costs App icon. This will start the app, beginning with the welcome screen (see Fig. 1 below). If this is your first time using the application, click on the sign up button at the bottom of the screen. Otherwise enter your log in credentials in the fields provided and tap the login button.



(Figure 1)

Signing Up

After clicking on the sign up button you will be redirected to the sign up screen. Upon reaching the sign up screen you will be prompted to enter your name, a valid email and a password. After which tap on the sign up button. (see Fig. 2 below)

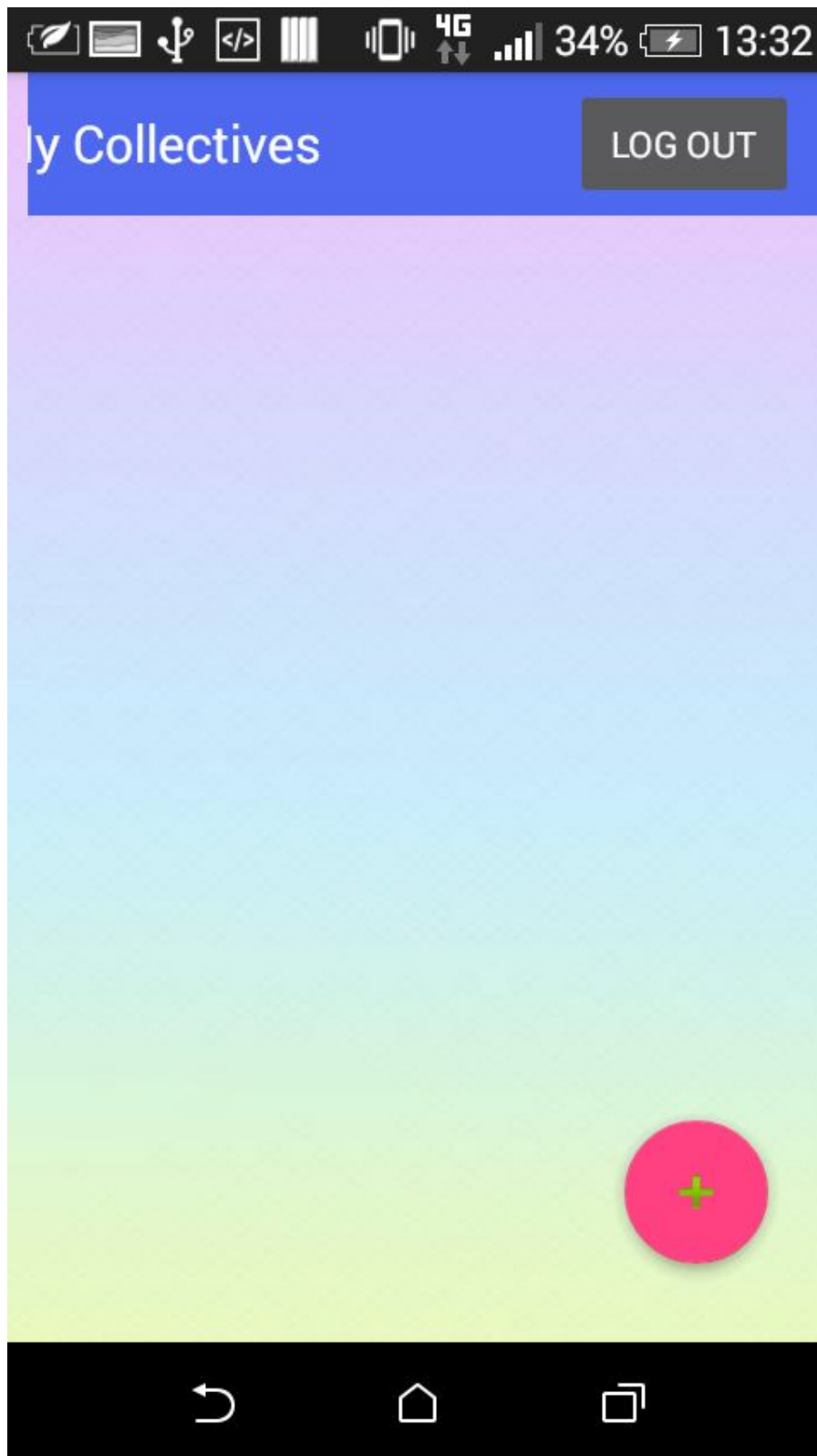


The image shows a mobile application interface for 'Communal Costs'. At the top, there is a status bar with various icons and the time 13:27. Below the status bar is a large icon of a house with a dollar sign and a euro sign inside. The title 'Communal Costs' is displayed in a large, blue, sans-serif font. Below the title are three input fields with blue borders and placeholder text: 'Enter your full name', 'Enter your email', and 'Enter a password'. A blue button with white text 'TAP TO SIGN UP' is positioned below the input fields. At the bottom of the screen is a black navigation bar with three white icons: a back arrow, a home icon, and a square icon.

(Figure 2)

Home Collective Screen

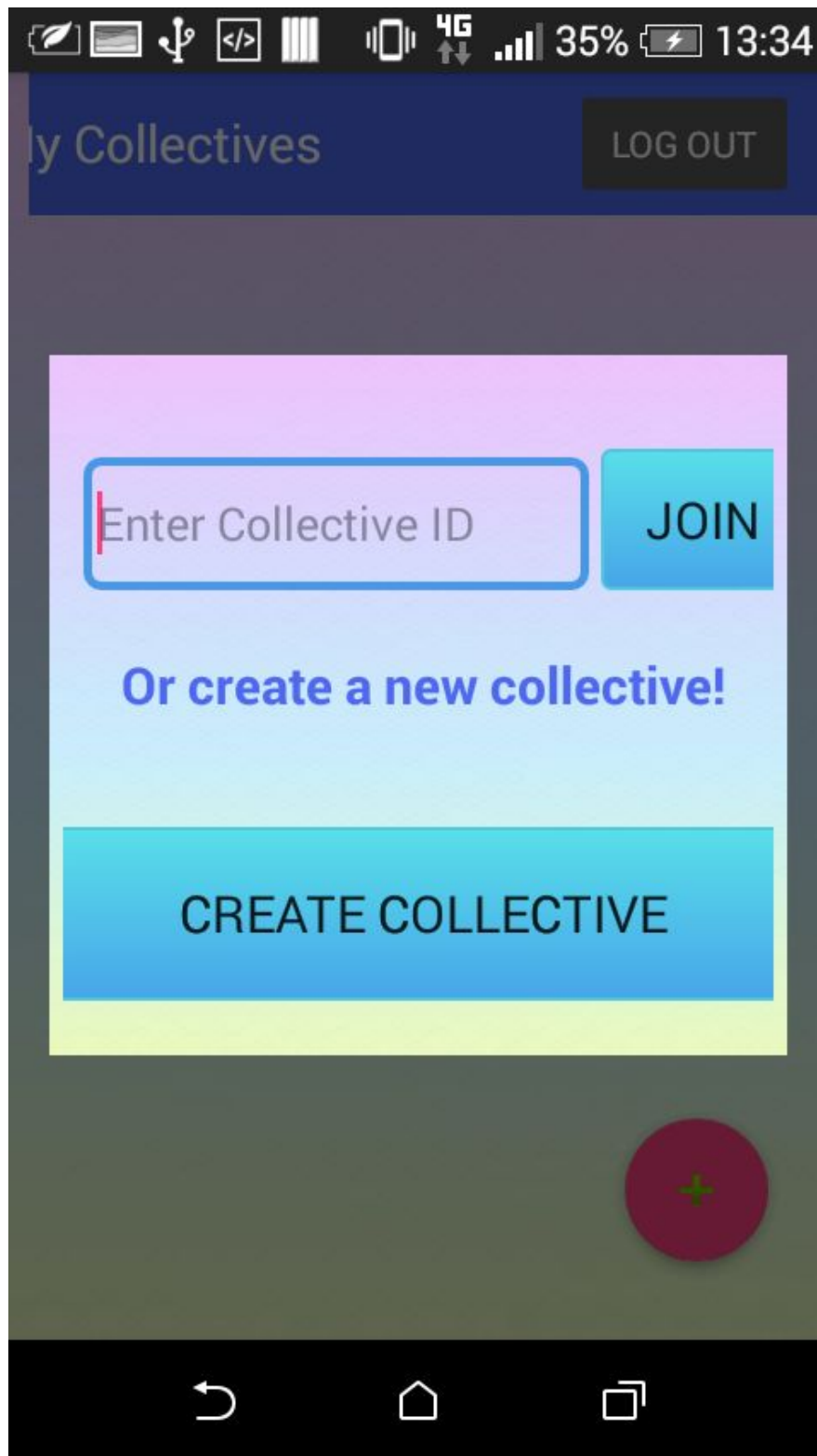
After signing in you will be greeted with the home collective view screen. This screen shows a list of your joined collectives, since you've just created a new account this will be blank. Tap on the + in the bottom right hand corner to create a new collective. (see Fig. 3 below)



(Figure 3)

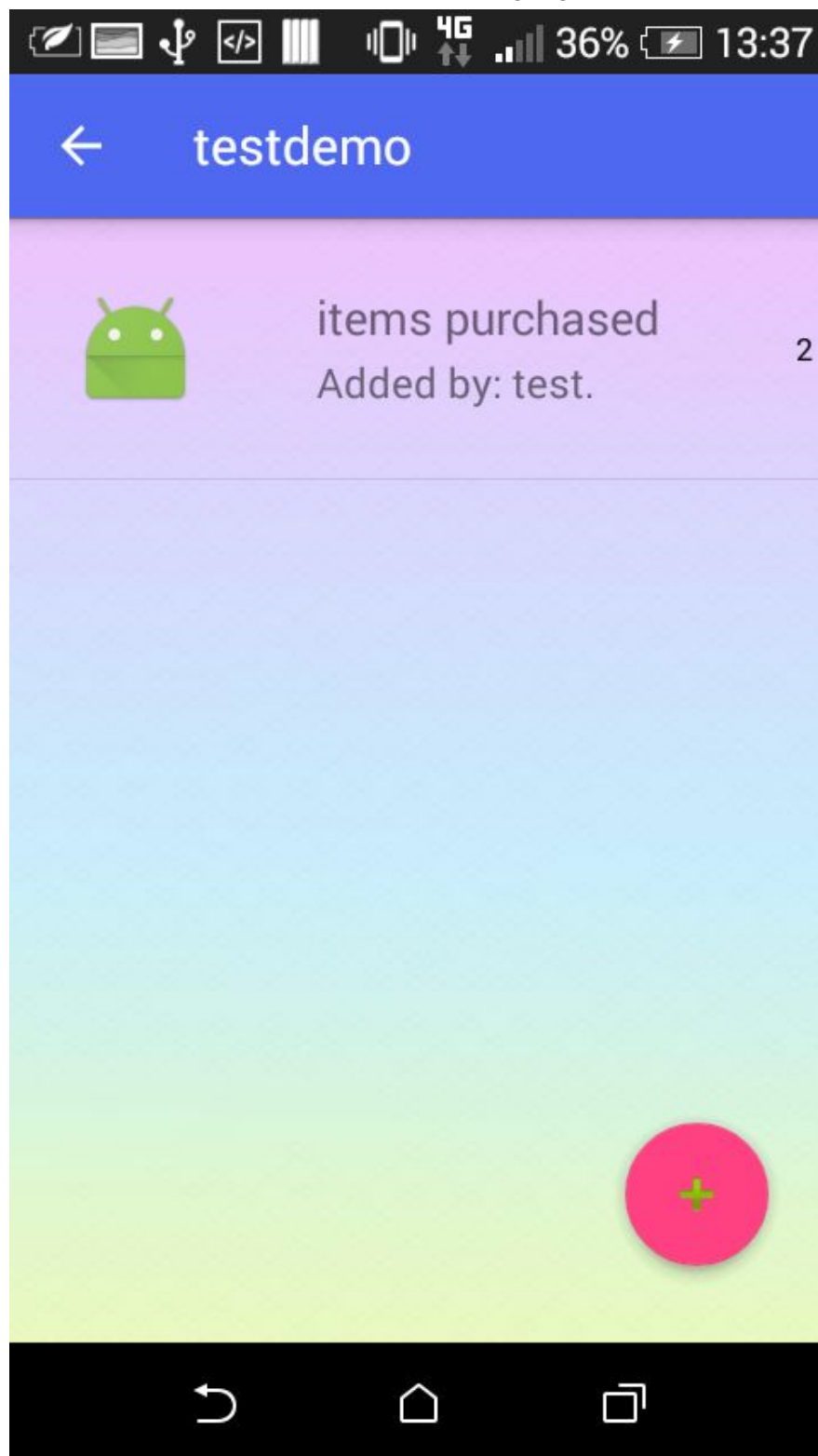
Making a collective

After clicking on the add icon in the bottom right hand corner of the home screen you will be prompted to either join an existing collective by entering a collective id or creating your own collective. (See Fig. 4 below)



(Figure 4)

If you enter a collective id and click join, you will be entered into the collective and sent to the collective's transaction list. (eg Fig 5 below)



(Figure 5)

If instead you decide to create a new collective you will be instead redirected to the collective creation page. Upon which you will be prompted to enter your collective's name, type, id and it's members along with their permission levels. If no permission level's are provided they will be automatically assigned ordinary member access. When finished click on create to make the collective and be redirected to the collective's transaction page. (See Fig. 6 below)

Enter Collective Details

Enter Communal Name

Enter Communal Type

Enter Communal ID

Add member emails

Member Permission

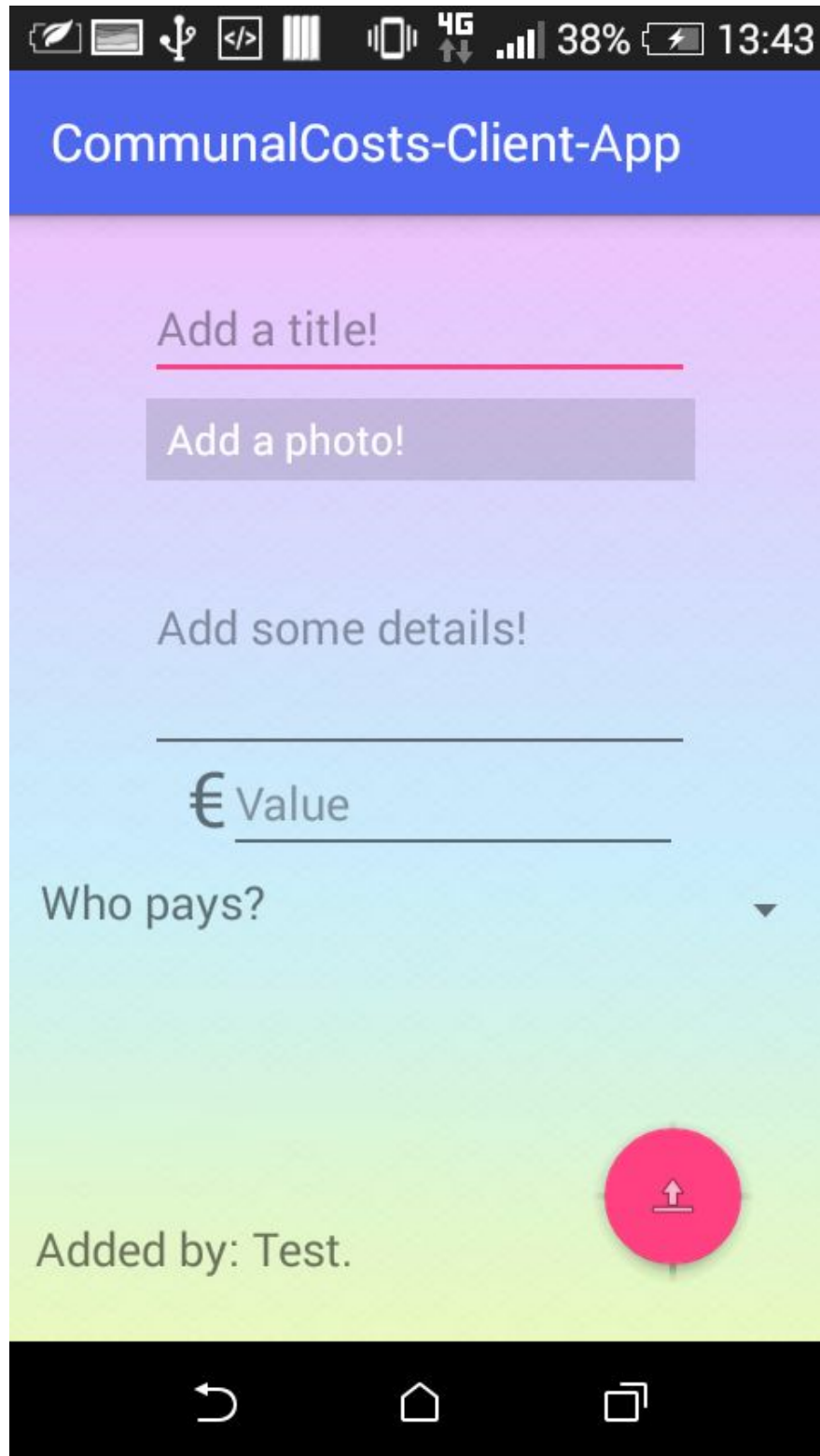
ADD

RETURN REMOVE MEMBER CREATE

(Figure 6)

Adding a transaction

After creating a collective, transactions can be added by clicking on the + in the bottom right corner of the transaction view page. (see Fig. 5) After which you will be redirected to the transaction entry page and prompted to enter the transactions details. (see Fig. 7 below)



The screenshot shows the 'CommunalCosts-Client-App' interface. At the top is a blue header with the app name. Below it is a light purple/pink gradient area with the text 'Add a title!' followed by a red underline. Underneath is a grey button labeled 'Add a photo!'. The next section has a light blue gradient with the text 'Add some details!' followed by a horizontal line. Below this is a label '€ Value' next to another horizontal line. Further down is the text 'Who pays?' followed by a downward-pointing triangle. At the bottom of the main content area is a pink circular button with a white upward-pointing arrow. The text 'Added by: Test.' is visible at the bottom left of the main area. The very bottom of the screen is a black navigation bar with three white icons: a back arrow, a home house icon, and a square icon.

(Figure 7)

Upon entering all the details click the button in the bottom right hand corner to save the transaction and return to the transaction view screen.