



# SUITE, an ambitious project on housing – the framework

AN URBACT II PROJECT



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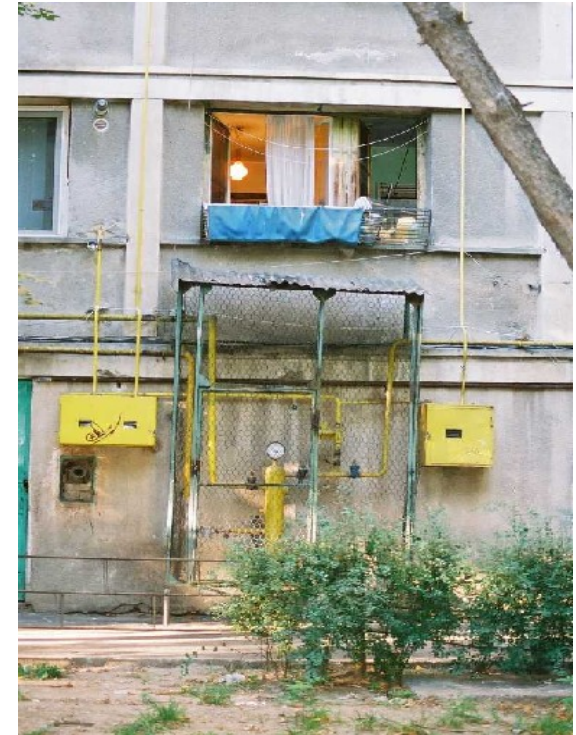
### Challenges for cities in the housing field:

- Strong role of housing for stabilising the life of citizens
- Impact on markets – crisis
- Management, maintenance, renewal
- Municipal budgets under pressure
- Inter-relations with other fields
  
- Does a European exchange contribute an added value?

### *Leipzig Charter 2007*

### Questions to address:

- How to meet all needs ?
- Include whom?
- Concentrate on what?
- How to tackle the complexity?



>>>> Housing Programmes



## Criteria / 3 pillars of sustainability

### Social Sustainability

- Social mix
- Needs of target groups
- Housing and Services .....

### Economic Sustainability

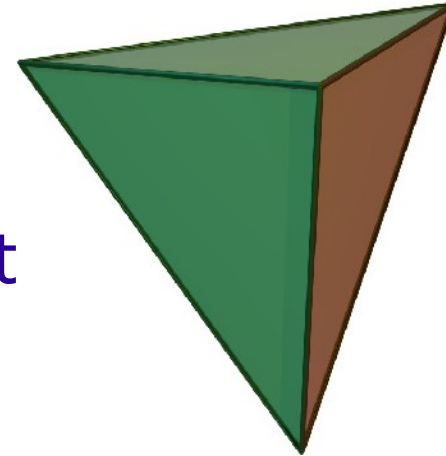
- Access to housing
- Avoiding indebtedness and eviction
- Affordability of good quality housing
- But also: City budgets ...

### Environmental Sustainability

- Preserving resources
- Low-emission
- Running costs ...

## Integrated sustainability – the synthesis

- Triangle –  
in the centre: the resident
- TRIANGULAR PYRAMID !
- 'Integrated Sustainability'



## The process – A network

- A 'bow' across Europe:  
Network of partners joining nine cities  
(from convergence / competitive regions)
- Hamburg/Iasi/Kraków/Newcastle upon Tyne/Medway/  
Nantes Métropole/Rennes Métropole/
- Santiago de Compostela (Lead partner)/Tallinn
- Cities and agglomerations  
Ranging from about 94.000 to 1,8 mio inhabitants  
most: 250.000 to 750.000

## The process – Thematic focus groups and thematic workshops

- Around the '3 pillars of sustainability':  
Three thematic groups and workshops  
Nantes M./Rennes M., Newcastle u.T., Hamburg
- Culmination – the synthesis workshop  
Santiago de Compostela



## The process – Means for feedback inside / outside

Several surveys using 'Thematic fact sheets'

Baseline Study, reports on focuses

'Board of Counsellors'

EUROCITIES Working Group Housing

FEANTSA European Federation of National Organisations  
working with the Homeless

IUT International Union of Tenants

External expertise  
and co-coordinator Final Conference:  
CECODHAS / Housing Europe

## The process – Means for feedback inside / outside (2)

case study :

### **Support and Care Services: Pathways to Independence for young People**

Newcastle upon Tyne



**Two articles** on housing issues in **The Urbact Tribune**

**'URBACT cities facing the crisis – Impact and Responses'**  
report / contribution Newcastle, Tallinn

**URBACT** Thematic cluster **'Quality sustainable living'**

Contribution to three **URBACT Annual Conferences**

# The process – Local Action Plans and Local Support Groups / ULSG

## Local Action Plans

- Part of the commitment of each partner
- Provide a concrete roadmap and a range of solutions
- No rigid definition
- Differing composition, territorial level addressed, and format  
according to the type of partner  
AND the type of the issues addressed.

## The process – Local Action Plans and Local Support Groups / ULSG (2)



**Co-produced by the  
URBACT II partner  
and the  
Local Support Group (ULSG)**

### **ULSG made up of relevant local stakeholders**

In our cases:

Municipal departments

Associated foundations, institutions

**Housing field:** social / private landlords, housing economy, architects,  
construction industries, representatives of tenants/homeowners,...

Social NGOs etc. etc.

## The 'Marketplace' – short insight in the LAPs

- Four groups, clustered around similar objectives
- Two rounds
- Two moderators – the Lead Expert, the Thematic Expert
- First conclusion

### *Marketplace of Local Action Plans - overview*

09.50 - 12.30 – Presentation of 9 Local Action Plans in the partner cities  
(2 rounds, 4 groups, conclusions)

#### **FIRST ROUND (60 minutes)**

**More than mixing: balanced neighbourhoods and building communities.**

*- Interview with 3 partners presenting their LAPs.*

**'Improving access to housing: beyond 'business as usual'.**

*- Interview with 2 partners presenting their LAPs.*

*(Plenary QandA and discussion)*

*11.00 – 11.30 – Coffee break*

#### **SECOND ROUND (60 minutes)**

**Sustainable housing: thinking 'outside the box'.**

*- Interview with 2 partners presenting their LAPs.*

**'Beyond ecology': holistic effects, with people for people.**

*- Interview with 2 partners presenting their LAPs.*

***Transversally seen – Conclusions from a LAP process - Lead Expert's statement.***

*(Plenary QandA and discussion)*

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