



SUITE

URBACT SUITE crisis report

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AN URBACT II PROJECT



European Union
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Connecting cities
Building successes



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crisis report

The background

'URBACT cities responding to the economic crisis'

URBACT questionnaire in autumn



■ 1. **Impacts** of the economic crisis on the cities in our project

on businesses
on employment
on social conditions
on city projects and services

■ 2. General **response** developed by the cities in our project

formal recovery plans
new measures against credit crunch and the recession

■ 3. **Impact and response** in our **HOUSING** policy area

impact on our network activities
city responses to the effects on HOUSING

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› The URBACT outputs and calendar



Overall goal: support practitioners in cities

■ Phase 1 – the scoping survey

syntheses from LEAs
synthetic overview by URBACT
(basis for choice of case studies)

■ Phase 2 – In-depth case studies and policy recommendations (including an interactive web platform, a final seminar)

■ Final report at the URBACT Annual Conference 2010 (September?)

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> The SUITE answers and synthesis

■ 1. *Impact*

in general - all cities are touched
 on businesses – big: NMS, in some fields: OMS
 on employment – stronger! In the majority (construction sector!)
 on social (**housing**) conditions – less investment, affordability,
 more need of social services
 on city projects and services – (expected) budget shortages,
 no general slowdown

■ 2. *General response*

formal recovery plans – 6 out of 8, target employment, social inclusion,
HOUSING sector!
 new measures - job creation, social services, 'affordable homes'

■ 3. *Impact and response in our HOUSING policy area*

impact on network – increase of interest?
 responses on HOUSING – **all include housing** in relief programmes,
 one includes ERDF funds



Short tour of the table



› From the perspective of affordable housing

- Status of situation
- Responses to the crisis

› Discussion

