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### URBACT II “green” thematic networks (selection)

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Focus on energy-efficiency: networks and work streams

Thematic networks:
- HOPUS
- SUITE
- CASH
- Others…

Thematic work streams:
- Energy efficiency in buildings (2012-2013)
- Sustainable regeneration of urban areas (2014-2015)
Example of past thematic network:
SUITE The Housing Project

› **Objective:**
  “Developing higher levels of **sustainable housing provision**, in the respective local context, considering the **social, economic and environmental** perspectives.”

› **Network:**
  Santiago de Compostela (LP) + 9 city partners

› **Expert support:**
  1 Lead Expert, 1 Thematic expert

› **3 pillars:**
  - Social: Housing and social mix
  - Economic: Housing affordability
  - Environmental: Energy efficient housing

› **Local Action Plans**
Past thematic work stream:
Energy-efficiency in European cities

- Energy consumption in cities responsible for largest share of CO2 emissions.
- Fuel poverty: key social challenge
  - Cities have key role to play
- Huge economic, environmental and social benefits of comprehensive energy-efficient retrofitting of buildings
- But usually only energy-saving benefits considered
  - Need a wholesome approach
- Despite existence of technical solutions, barriers prevent necessary investment e.g. upfront capital required
Current work stream: Sustainable regeneration of urban areas

› Focus:
   Environmental dimension of sustainable urban regeneration

› How does it work?
   • Core group meetings (mix of “doers” and “thinkers”)
   • Invited “witnesses”
   • Site visits to in-depth case studies: Hamburg (DE) and Vilnius (LT)

› Outputs:
   URBACT Tribune article, State of the art, Case studies, Final report

› Key issues:
   • Understanding environmental aspects as part of wider economic, social and cultural frameworks
   • Role of governance and citizens’ participation
   • Innovative technical solutions
   • Context-specific
Case study visit to IBA Hamburg (Oct 2014)

Energy bunker

Weltquartier renovation
IBA Hamburg Wilhemsburg

Core group and “witnesses”

Experimental environmentally-friendly building methods
Hamburg, Gojensbergweg
Energy-efficient community housing
Case study visit to Vilnius, Lithuania (Nov 2014)

Zirmunai triangle – challenges... and opportunities
URBACT project “RE-BLOCK”

Complex regeneration of “Zirmunai Triangle” – Mission (im) possible?

- How to deal with the deteriorated public space in the area? Should the public space be divided into public, semi-public or private areas in order to create new traditions in space management?

- How to encourage alternative modes of transportation in the district? How to solve current car parking problems by balancing space used for greeneries and for parking

- How to encourage residents to take care of the common environment and community and how to improve sense of the ownership for the block or the district they live?

- How to build trust and motivate residents to take part in the housing renovation process
Final message

› What is in for you?
URBACT can help city practitioners learn from each others’ experiences:
- Exchange networks: face to face, focused learning
- Capitalisation activities: building on existing knowledge and best practice

› What is required from you?
- A willingness to openly discuss your problems, obstacles and opportunities with other cities
- An interest in listening, seeing and learning from others
- An open mind to understand different ways of doing things in other contexts
- A passion for improving our cities!
Links to other European programmes and networks

› Energy Cities
   www.energy-cities.eu

› Covenant of Mayors
   www.covenantofmayors.eu

› Power House Europe (CECODHAS Housing Europe)
   www.powerhouseeurope.eu

› BUILD UP
   www.buildup.eu

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