

cooperation

'The Mill Island: revitalisation with cooperation of various stakeholders' - Bydgoszcz

Bydgoszcz has transformed a run-down industrial area into a centre of culture, leisure and entrepreneurship. The Mill Island development, carried out with EU support, now hosts a revitalised municipal museum, open-air festivals, marina and even support services for budding entrepreneurs. Working with a range of partners allowed the city to tap into the needs of its citizens, gather expertise and ultimately achieve further social cohesion.

'Phoenix Dortmund: integrated urban redevelopment with an intense cooperative quality' - Dortmund

Dortmund's steelworks collapsed in the 90s leaving derelict industrial land and with knock-on effects for the neighbouring areas. Recognising the potential of the location, the city is transforming the area into a thriving community. The site, to be completed in the next five to ten years, already features a technology park and environmentally-friendly housing development. Dortmund was meticulous about cooperating with partners from nature conservation organisations, local businesses and government, ensuring that the result fulfils citizens' needs.

'The invest in Järva programme' - Stockholm

Stockholm began to develop the city's post-war suburbs in 2007, starting the largest public planning process in its history. The development, with a total budget of €1 billion, relied on the cooperation of some 300 stakeholders, including government institutions and private businesses. The development continues to attract interest – recently the establishment of a common institute by Stockholm's arts colleges – which contribute to the objectives of improved housing, employment and education.

innovation

'Grasping Berlin – shaping Berlin' - Berlin

'Grasping Berlin' ensures the needs of disabled people are considered in urban planning. The programme's centrepiece is an interactive exhibition of tactile, scale models of Berlin. In addition, the city produced manuals for city planners, with guidelines on accommodating the needs of disabled people. Each tool was developed in close collaboration with disabled people. The manuals have since been used by both German and international planners, e.g. in Moscow.

'One ticket, one tariff, one territory' - Nice Cote d'Azur Urban Community

Challenged with solving mobility issues in an area covering 27 urban and rural municipalities, Nice Cote d'Azur created a unified public transport network. Residents can now travel within the region on a single €1 ticket. The merged network accounts for 100 lines, 600 vehicles and 15 million kilometres per year. Shared lines and stops, real time information and unified pricing, make travelling in the region simpler. Surveys indicate a 95% satisfaction rate and show a 35% increase in public transport use since 2007.

'Do-it-yourself houses' - Rotterdam

Between 2003 and 2010, Rotterdam purchased badly maintained houses in run down areas. As it was difficult to sell renovated houses in disadvantaged areas, the city launched a scheme whereby houses are sold at bargain prices to people who refurbish them. Regulations ensure that houses are developed to a high standard, and the scheme produces a gradual improvement of neighbourhoods and a sense of active citizenship. To support buyers, the city partnered with banks willing to provide mortgages, and a private organisation advising potential buyers.

participation

'Sustainable and energetic reconstruction of the publicly-funded residential area, Heinrich-Lübke-Siedlung' - Frankfurt

Frankfurt is regenerating the 1970s Heinrich-Lübke-Siedlung, a residential area for 2000 people. The process began in 2010 with surveys and residents meetings. Measures include creating communal areas, exchanging apartments to ensure a dynamic social mix, a new shopping centre and building refurbishment to achieve strict energy-saving targets. Refurbishment is undertaken with residents living in the houses. Regular consultations ensure plans are adapted to residents' needs.

'TODOS – caminhada de culturas' - Lisbon

TODOS is a cultural festival in Lisbon promoting the integration of the immigrant community. In 2010, it attracted 20,000 people with cookery demonstrations, language lessons and cultural performances given by local residents. The event allows visitors to experience how the community lives, promoting better understanding and social cohesion. The neighbourhood suffered from a bad reputation due to drug and prostitution-related crime, but TODOS has helped change this around.

'Esto no es un solar' - Zaragoza

'Esto no es un solar' was launched in July 2009 to make use of disused plots of land. Working with local organisations, schools and cultural centres, the city brought local residents into the planning process. The programme helped bring local residents back into the labour market; last year 61 people were employed locally. A resounding success, the budget has grown and in 2011 the project will target new areas. The involvement of citizens has fostered a sense of ownership and pride within the community.

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The Awards 2011 will reward entries that put citizens at the centre of urban planning and change, promoting environmental sustainability and social cohesion. They should be strongly linked to the idea of 'smart' cities and making cities become more liveable, accessible to everybody ■

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