Restructuring large housing estates in Europe
Policies, practices and perspectives

Conference for researchers and policymakers
19-21 May 2005 in Ljubljana, Slovenia

Old dwellings and elderly people in Simancas - photo: Montserrat Pareja Eastaway, 2003
A new impulse for housing estates specialists

As a policymaker or researcher, you are dealing in your city or in your country with post-war housing estates. Once it was the dream of every hard-pressed city family to move into one of these neighbourhoods. But many of them are now in serious physical and social decline, or are likely to be in the near future. Wouldn't it be useful to learn:

- Which are the policies that have been successful in revitalising these estates?
- What good practices do other cities have?
- How can the local government, private partners, and commercial partners be involved in redeveloping the post-war estates?
- What future visions on post-war estates are feasible?

The European Fifth Framework RESTATE project focuses on the circumstances on these large post-war estates, on policies to counteract negative trends, and on activities that stimulate positive developments. As a policymaker or researcher concerned with post-war housing estates you will find a warm welcome at our conference on:

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This unique event brings together policymakers and researchers from all over Europe and offers ample opportunity for the exchange of views and experiences in dealing with large post-war housing estates.

There are many good reasons for coming to the conference. It will ...

... inspire the exchange of experiences

On the basis of the results of the RESTATE project, the participants will actively exchange experiences in the workshops on these topics:

- Physical policies for social problems
- Social and economic policies
- Management, maintenance, and renewal issues in Eastern Europe
- Public and private partnerships
- Governance and community participation
- Area-based approaches
- Using local knowledge in sustainable estate development
- Public spaces in large-scale housing estates
- Policies for whom? Gender and ethnicity in local planning and restructuring
... feature interesting speakers
Four keynote speakers from the field of urban housing issues in both East and West Europe will present research findings on the current situation of post-war housing estates and policy solutions. All this information will be put in an historical and an East-West perspective. The speakers are:

- Prof. Ronald van Kempen, the coordinator of the project (Urban and Regional research centre Utrecht, Utrecht)
- Dr. Iván Tosics (Metropolitan Research Institute, Budapest)
- Prof. Hugo Priemus (OTB Research Institute for Housing, Urban and Mobility Studies, Delft)
- Prof. Alan Murie (School of Public Policy, Birmingham)

... provide lots of information
Poster presentations on practices in large housing estates all over Europe will feed the discussions and stimulate the exchange of experiences. As an extra, several movies will be shown about the early years when the estates were built, as well as today's situation.

... take place in an attractive location
The conference will be held in Ljubljana in Slovenia: one of the oldest European cities, but one of its youngest capitals. The conference venue will be the Mons Hotel and the Congress Centre, Ljubljana.
More information?
Below you will find a brief outline of the programme. For more information, please visit our website: www.restate.geog.uu.nl. Here you will find all you need to know about the programme: accommodation, travel, and conference fees. And, of course, you can register online; but please note that we can only host 150 participants, so don’t wait too long! You can also email us: restate@geog.uu.nl

We look forward to meeting you at this unique RESTATE Conference in Ljubljana! With kind regards from the organising team:
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Please note: register before 1 April 2005 and we will guarantee you a place in your first choice of workshop!

The programme
Thursday 19 May
Tourist guided walking tour
Evening reception and opening
of the conference
Highlights of RESTATE
Inner city of Ljubljana
Prof. Ronald van Kempen

Friday 20 May
Large housing estates in Europe:
policies, practices, and perspectives
East and West: different issues?
Workshops
Session 1
Session 2
Study tour
to Nove Fužine estate
Prof. Ronald van Kempen
Dr. Iván Tosics

Saturday 21 May
Post-war housing estates in a
long term perspective
Workshops
Lessons for development
Prof. Hugo Priemus
Session 3
Prof. Alan Murie

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