



Restructuring large housing estates in Europe

Policies, practices and perspectives

*Old dwellings and elderly people in Simancas
photo: Montserrat Pareja Eastaway, 2003*



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



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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:





Restructuring large housing estates in Europe: Policies, practices and perspectives - 19-21 May 2005 in Ljubljana, Slovenia

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:

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- 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

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| 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 Study tour | Prof. Ronald van Kempen Dr. Iván Tosics Session 1 Session 2 to Nove Fužine estate |
| 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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