

DiverCITY4 Initiative

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Title of the thematic area

HOUSING

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DAY 1 of the workshops

Participants:

1. Expert 1 - Jan Paweł Cieśla, Project manager, designer, responsible for innovation: first model apartment At home despite the age (PL)
2. Expert 2 - Anders Bohlin Borgersen, Welfare Department, Oslo Municipality (NO)
3. Expert 3 - Tryggiv Thorhallson, lawyer, Icelandic Association of Local Authorities (IS)
4. The Observer – Piotr Górka, Association of Polish Cities (PL)
5. The Observer – Joanna Held, Counsellor to the Minister, Ministry of Funds and Regional Policy, Department for Assistance Programmes, Unit for Municipalities Support (PL)*
6. Team Leader

The proceedings of the 1st day (3rd of March)

1. 9-10 a.m.: preliminary presentation of the overall concept of the workshop and introduction to the 2nd part of the meeting, presented by: Mariola Apanel
2. 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.: work and discussion in group of Housing (part 1, detailed below)
3. 1– 2 p.m.: lunch time
4. 2 – 4 p.m.: work and discussion in group of Housing (part 2, detailed below)

Part 1 of the discussion

The meeting began with reminding the main goals of the workshop group and presenting a detailed schedule of the conversation. Piotr Górka, as a new group observer, was able to present himself in this time as well. Then the team leader opened the discussion focused on summarizing the first part of the workshop. The floor was taken by the J. Cieśla at first. He indicated the need for intervention in problematic urban areas (where private developers would not invest or fail to solve problems in neighbourhoods). He was also moved on marketing tools of attracting new citizens and health care especially for people with disabilities and seniors. There were set out also good and bad examples of solutions in the newest residential areas.



A. B. Borgersen presents to others short presentation about interesting examples of local society active actions. Participants exchanged experiences with local housing politics and law. Another part of Borgersen speech was concentrated on the importance and possibilities given by bottom-up actions. T. Thorhallson showed the draft bill for legislation improving the rights of tenants, created by the Iceland Ministry of Social Affairs. This part opened a discussion about the rental costs in each country (Poland, Iceland, Norway). The most stimulative part of the discussion was emphasized on local examples with solving the problem of lack of the houses accessibilities. The second part of the workshop was focused on the problems of the newest residential housing estates, as follow. There was underline the general problem, laying in the uneven development of comfortable housing areas and infrastructure. There we found the common problems of contemporary urban structure: new housing estates located beyond the central parts of the city, which in Poland especially mean also low accessibility of public transportation and services, including public ones. However, during the discussion all conclude, that problems we are mostly talking about, are common for both problematic areas: socialist blocks of flats and the contemporary residential areas. Therefore the issue of the newest residential areas was explained parallel to the emerging proposal of solutions. Experts concentrated on the problems which are solving now in Iceland and Norway and which results can we already noticed.

DAY 2 of the workshops

Participants of the Day 2:

1. Expert 1 - Jan Paweł Cieśla, Project manager, designer, responsible for innovation: first model apartament At home despite the age (PL)
2. Expert 2 - Anders Bohlin Borgersen, Welfare Department, Oslo Municipality (NO)
3. Expert 3 - Tryggiv Thorhallson, lawyer, Icelandic Association of Local Authorities (IS)
4. The Observer – Piotr Górka, Association of Polish Cities (PL)
5. Team Leader
6. Fellows of Accesibility Group: on a WUWA the 2nd trip

The proceedings of the 1st day (3rd of March)

1. 9-10 a.m.: presentation as a trip introduction: history of the WUWA concept, presented by: Magdalena Mayer-Wydra
2. 10– 12 a.m.: trip to WUWA II (part 1, detailed below)
3. 12 – 1 p.m.: summary of the 2nd workshop, distribution of tasks (part 2, detailed below)
4. 1 – 2 p.m.: Summary of the workshop in to the all participants, discussion with the representatives of the Association of Polish Cities and Ministry of Funds and Regional Policy.



Thematic Leader introduction (30 min.):

1. general scheme of this day meeting, presentation about WUWA I: the idea and history (presentation in attachment)
2. trip program + map

5. Trip (2 hours):

During the trip, the participants had an occasion to see the whole already built residential area of the WUWA II, named as Nowe Żerniki. The crucial points of the trip were followed:

- Veranda housing
- central avenue functioned as a local service centre
- senior citizens house with nursery school
- apartment for rent
- housing cooperatives
- environmental solutions as a reservoir for rainwater
- solutions to the car parks
- inner local public places.

After trip discussion and summary (45 min):

The whole meeting generated 3 fundamental problems, the group will solve and show in the final presentation. As the main needs, the group pointed improvements for housing cooperatives: legal, social and architectural aspects for organising and existing; important: mortgage or other financial help availability for cooperatives. Other important aspects for experts were to propose good examples to rise accessibility to the local services, especially in the public sector. Finally, we conclude, that finding examples of how to deal with a deficiency of a sense of a community and identity will be the added content of a supplement.

General summary

The group generate 3 fundamental problems to solve:

- 1) improvements for housing cooperatives: legal, social and architectural aspects for organising and existing; important: mortgage or other financial help availability for cooperatives,
- 2) good examples to rise accessibility to the local services, especially in the public sector,
- 3) examples of how to deal with a deficiency of a sense of a community and identity.

We also divide our problematic in a 3 sectors:

- economic and social (responsible person: Anders Bohlin Borgersen),
- legal (responsible person: Tryggiv Thorhallson),
- architectural (responsible person: Jan Paweł Cieśla).



Now it is a time to finish our work by realise the presentation and the article, possible also extended by other interesting solutions.

