



Have the pleasure of inviting for the international conference:

Beauty and Energy Contemporary ideas for sustainable new residential areas in Europe

City of Gdynia Museum 16-17th April 2009

Within the framework of the URBACT II Housing Praxis for Urban Sustainability HOPUS



Project partners: CITERA, "Sapienza" Università di Roma, OTB University of Technology Delft, Sheffield City Council, Gdańsk University of Technology, University of Minho, City of Reggio Calabria, "Mediterranea" University Reggio Calabria

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Conference aim

Housing development in the context of climate change has recently become one of the main issues of the European town planning policy. Cities are the biggest consumers of energy produced in Europe. Carbon dioxide emission reduction policy in the European Union is forcing revision to local approaches towards the increase in energy efficiency of urban structures. Succeeding directives are an announcement for further regulations. EU members are being obliged to increase technical demands of individual building. The general trend towards Energy Use Reduction calls for rise of European standards in holistic and far-reaching approach, balancing energy consumed during construction, utilization and removal of a building. How and where should we build residential areas in order to create energy efficient housing resistant to social and technical degradation?

The problem raised above sets urban planning and planning policy in a primary position. The complex functional circumstances of European cities followed by deep cultural, demographical and economical changes are raising yet another question: what is the contemporaneous model of living in the city and what are the up-to-date design methods of urban housing development?

URBACT II HOPUS project (Housing Praxis for Urban Sustainability) is addressed to local governments and academic institutions – project partners and members of Local Support Groups. The co-operation between them concentrates on searching urban design methods for the new suburban development. The aim of the conference is to present selected, interdisciplinary examples of the best practice in planning of new housing development. Tendencies introduced during the conference should open a discussion about the implementation of foreign experiences in the reality of Polish suburban areas.

Conference organizers

Main organizers:

- Faculty of Architecture, Gdansk University of Technology
- City of Gdynia
- Marshal of Pomeranian Voivodship
- SOCIETY OF POLISH TOWN PLANNERS division Gdansk

The conference is organised as part of a Local Action Plan within URBACT II HOPUS project – “Housing Praxis for Urban Sustainability”. The faculty of Architecture at Gdansk University of Technology is the project’s partner. The Project Local Support Group gathers the following institutions: the Marshal of Pomeranian Voivodship, the Society of Polish Town Planners - Gdansk division, the City of Gdynia, the Town of Kartuzy, Pruszcz Gdanski Commune, The Pomeranian Regional Chamber of Architects, Investment Group HOSSA and Panorama Development sp zoo.

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Keynote speakers

The following experts have accepted the invitation to be keynote speakers:

Matthew Carmona, Bartlett School of Planning, London/UK
Henk Visscher OTB TU Delft, Delft/Holland
Federico De Matteis, CITERA "Sapienza" Università di Roma, Rome/ Italy
James Arnold City Council of Sheffield/UK
Wulf Daseking City Council of Freiburg/ Germany
Cord Soehlke, City Council of Tuebingen/Germany
Wolf Opitsch, City Council of Munich/ Germany
Per G. Berg, Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences Uppsala/Sweden
Michal Leszczynski Grupa 5 sp zoo, Warszawa/Poland
Jacek Friedrich, University of Gdansk, Gdansk/Poland
Feliks Pankau, Office of the Marshal of Pomorskie Voivodeship, Gdansk/Poland
Jacek Droszcz Kwadrat Studio Architektoniczne sp zoo Gdynia/ Poland
Lukasz Pancewicz, RPS Planning & Environment, Dublin / Ireland

Conference scheme

The conference consists of three main sessions, starting at 2 p.m. on 16 April 2009 and ending at 5:30 p.m. on 17 April 2009. The first session will be preceded by a bus tour around chosen residential areas in Gdynia.

All lectures will be held in English, with general Polish translation.

There will be an exhibition related to URBACT II HOPUS project, coinciding with the Conference Days. On Wednesday, 15th April 2009, within the framework of Local Action Plan URBACT II HOPUS Project two trainings are scheduled, first in the morning – a training for local government agents in Kartuzy, and the second one in the afternoon - trainings for designers in The Pomeranian Regional Chamber of Architects.

Conference secretarial office

Gabriela Rembarz - Faculty of Architecture at Gdansk University of Technology
Magdalena Rembeza – Faculty of Architecture at Gdansk University of Technology
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Conference location

City of Gdynia Muzeum (Muzeum Miasta Gdyni) ul. Zawiszy Czarnego 1, 81 - 374 Gdynia

Important dates

- 1 April 2009 – registration deadline
 - 16-17 April 2009 – conference days
 - autumn 2009 – post-conference publication
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