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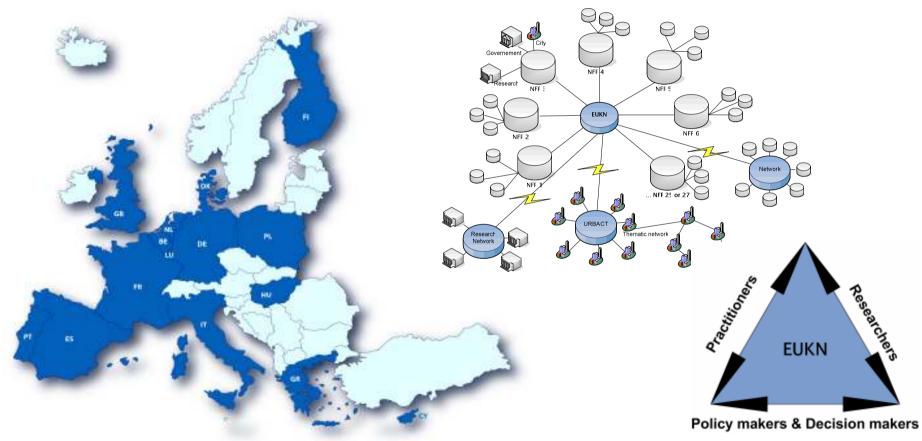
From social exclusion to inclusion



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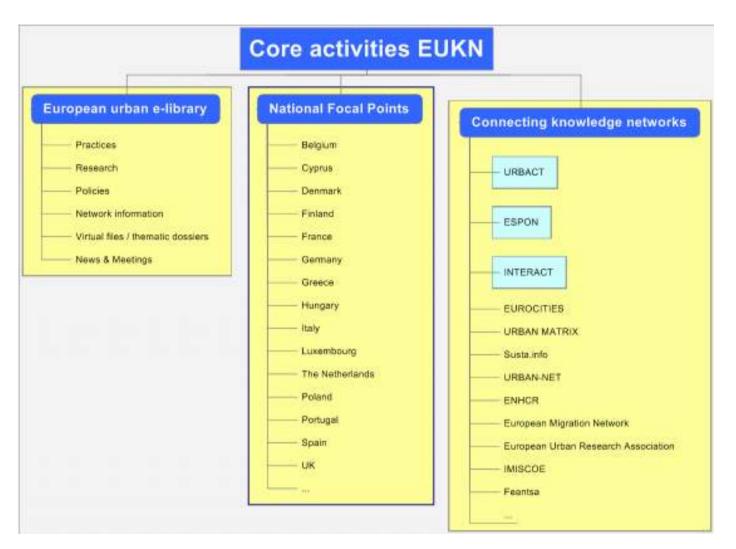


...connecting urban professionals across Europe



Summary EUKN 2007–2013

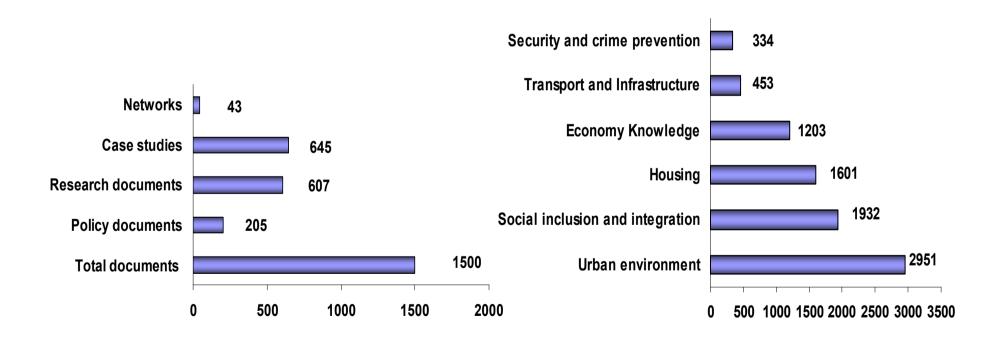
- I. EUKN's main objective is to create a wider and stronger evidence base across Europe for strengthening urban policy and monitoring and evaluating their effectiveness.
- II. EUKN identifies and responds to the present and future needs of urban professionals for validated knowledge helping cities to become competitive drivers of growth, employment, social cohesion and ecological urban environment.
- III. EUKN contributes to the mainstreaming of the urban dimension in the field of European urban policies, both at the European and at the national level, in close collaboration with European programmes and knowledge networks, particularly URBACT II.





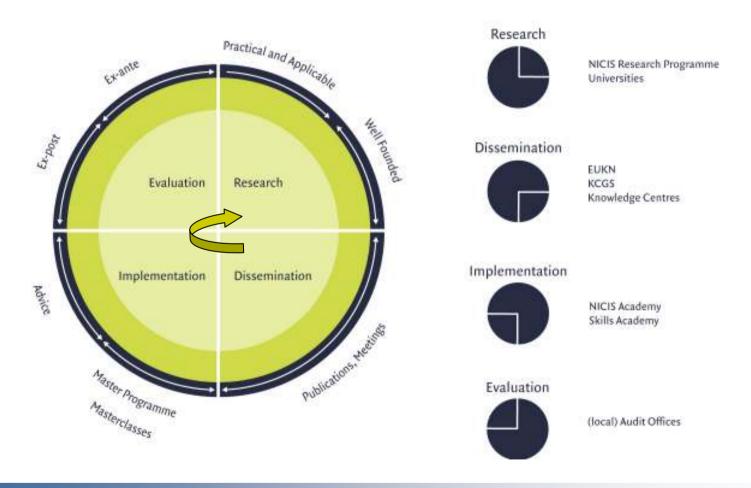
E-library as per 1 September 2006

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Connecting research and implementation of knowledge





Trends in the EUKN e-library

- > Trend towards mandatory integration programmes for immigrants.
 - Language and civic courses, familiarisation with the receiving state's history, values and cultural traditions, labour market orientation.
- > Possible future trend: Integration to start in country of origin





Trends II

- ➤ Policy of mixing ethnic minorities is no guarantee for better integration / participation of immigrants.
- Mixed neighbourhoods: culturally heterogeneous places.
- > Concluded by Dutch, German and British researches.





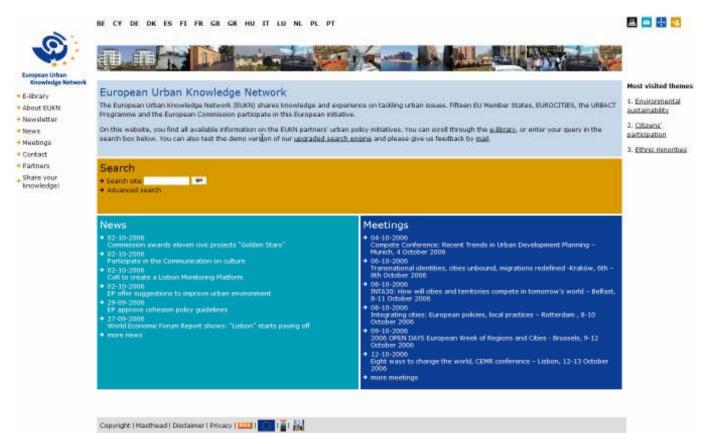
Trends III

- Mixed neighbourhoods are often communities without community.
 - > Habitual contact in itself, is no guarantee of cultural exchange.
- > Segregation is not necessarily a contradiction to integration.
 - Might open up opportunities to improve ethnic economy, ethnic networks etcetera.
- > Shown in the UK and Germany.





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