European Urban Knowledge Network

From social exclusion to inclusion

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...connecting urban professionals across Europe

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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.
Core activities EUKN

European urban e-library
- Practices
- Research
- Policies
- Network information
- Virtual files / thematic dossiers
- News & Meetings

National Focal Points
- Belgium
- Cyprus
- Denmark
- Finland
- France
- Germany
- Greece
- Hungary
- Italy
- Luxembourg
- The Netherlands
- Poland
- Portugal
- Spain
- UK
- ...

Connecting knowledge networks
- URBACT
- ESPON
- INTERACT
- EUROCITIES
- URBAN MATRIX
- Susta.info
- URBAN-NET
- ENHCR
- European Migration Network
- European Urban Research Association
- IMISCOE
- Feantsa
- ...

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E-library as per 1 September 2006

Number of available documents and number of visitors per theme

- **Security and crime prevention**: 334 documents, 1932 visitors
- **Transport and Infrastructure**: 453 documents, 1601 visitors
- **Economy Knowledge**: 1203 documents, 1203 visitors
- **Housing**: 607 documents, 1601 visitors
- **Social inclusion and integration**: 205 documents, 1932 visitors
- **Urban environment**: 43 documents, 2951 visitors

Total documents: 1500 2000 2500 3000 3500
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
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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