A Sustainable Future for the Historic Urban Core

CULTURAL HERITAGE
A CHALLENGE FOR EUROPE

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The historic urban core is the original settlement which was shaped by a non industrial economy.

Related Concepts
- Inner city
- City centre
- Downtown
- Centre ville
- Urban centre
- Central city
- Central Business District
- Innenstadt
The Historic Urban Core

Specific characteristics:

- Small scale
- Maximum of multi functionality
- Territorial fixed area
- Relatively shrinking area
- Life cycle of tenth of generations
- Organic grown urban structure
- Visual complexity and varied urban form
- Urban cultural heritage
- One of a kind
The Historic Urban Core
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Sustainable?

Historic Urban Core always been there

Life cycle measured in ages
Value and meaning

The citizens collective memory

The authentic scenery where urban history can be experienced

A cozy place of rest, a meeting place

Major cultural asset

It satisfies the desire for a place with roots in bygone times of which it derives identity.

A marketing tool, used to put the city on the stand, for the sake of competition
Changes & threats

Shift in roles to play public/private

Privatisation and deregulation

Shrinking public budgets

Thrinking value of real estate

Inefficiency in space and energy

Public sector staffing reduced

Funding schemes suspended

Heritage seen as under-utilised resource
Questions and objectives

How to respond to the challenges of the after crisis situation?

How to safeguard the identity of the core with shrinking budgets?

Exchange knowledge and experience

Learn quick and apply in practice
Approach

Three cities in three countries

Common framework
Approach

Selection Factors

1. Geographic Spread
2. Middle size cities
3. Demarcated historic cores
4. Urban growth over the last 150 years
5. Heritage vision and objectives in local policy plans
6. Information and cooperation
7. Heritage as a means of stimulating recovery
Case studies
Netherlands
Case studies
Great Britain

York
Norwich
Newcastle
Case studies
Ireland
Framework

What should HUC become? What Future-brand for HUC?

Specification of the Future-brand into more concrete objectives. What meaning for concepts like ‘history embedded identity, authenticity, sense of place, genius loci etc? When to meet which objectives?

The means and measures to be applied in order to meet the objectives. (fe sell part of the real estate, reshuffle the management organisation, upgrade public space, apply incentives for private initiatives etc)
Framework

Local government, one player in the team and referee of the game to play

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Planning & progress

Work Package

- briefing papers
- networking workshop
- working papers and articles
- Final Report

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1. Conceptual Framework
2. Challenging Change
3. Future Implications
4. Findings & Perspectives

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Perspective

Lessons to learn:

- Different management approaches
- Division of roles public/private
- Financing structures
- Public policies
- Types of regulation
- Use and function

The impact of urban planning and governance reform on the historic built environment and intangible cultural heritage
Conceptual framework, fundamental concepts, principles and theories
(Derived from preliminary research, based on scientific theory about strategic planning and management)

Netherlands
United Kingdom
Ireland

Kick off meeting
Networking workshops about academic as well as practical concepts, principles, theories and the analytical framework
Agreements on project time table distribution of work etc

Adjusted conceptual framework, laid down in a working paper and scientific articles

Work package 1
Conceptual Framework (CoF)

Before

Crisis 2008

After

Networking Workshop based on briefing papers about change. How are cities adjusting their strategies taking into account recent fundamental social/economic changes?

Change adjusted strategies to sustain the Historic Urban Core
Working paper and scientific articles

Work package 2
Challenging Change (ChaC)

Work package 3
Future Implications (Fimp)

Implications for the future, readjusted set of rules for public and private stakeholders
Urban planning and management theories and principles integrated, to fit in a local political arena taking into account fundamental changed social/economic conditions
Working paper and scientific articles

The final report
The final project report will bring together the contents of the three working papers, together with reflection on the project overall.

Work package 4
Findings & perspectives (FiPer)
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