

Unloved heritage 'socialistic city'? Planning strategies for the sustainable development of large settlements from the 1960s and 1970s.

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After the dissolution of the Soviet Union, the determinants of urban development in the former Soviet-bloc countries changed profoundly. The political, economic, and societal transformation in the states of Eastern Europe is still ongoing, also in cities in Germany, Russia, and the Ukraine. Buildings of residential districts established in the 1960s and 1970s in particular have to be subjected to an adequate further development. Making these large settlements sustainable and viable for the future is a big and ambitious task. More than 60 years after the destructions of the Second World War and the dawn of the second modern period, it is time to unemotionally analyze the challenges faced by urban development in handling the buildings of post-war modernism without any prejudices and euphoria. The project consists of three parts: - Evaluation of best-practice examples in Germany (2016), - Urban planning workshop in Ukraine (2017) - Academic conference in Russia (2018). The key element is the urban planning workshop in Ukraine in 2017 in Cheryomushki in Odessa, which was -like other cities of Soviet Union- massively built up in the 1960-70s years. The outcomes of the workshop will be developed into planning concepts and strategies that could be used as a basis for the further development of cities. They will form a kind of operational framework for cities, along with recommendations for further action on an academic and political level.

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