WORKSHOP 12:

Partnerships in Changing Communities: Cooperation between local authorities, citizens and service providers as a response to demographic change

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Who are you?

1. Do you know any examples of multigenerational housing or caring communities in your country?

2. Do you have any experiences with co-operations between non-formal and formal helpers?
Partnerships in Changing Communities

Cooperation between local authorities, citizens and service providers
Starting point

Demographic change ➔ who cares?

Percentage aged 60 or over in %

Demographic change

What do we need?

Solutions at the local level:

- Decrease of the workforce
- Changed family structures
- Increased people in need of care

- Supply orientated to the local community
- Multigenerational housing
- Small-spatial support
- Strengthening the individual responsibility and the solidarity between citizens
Welfare mix at the local level

supportive network:
• Relatives
• Neighbours
• Volunteers
• Professionals
• …

essential:
Political support and integration of all elements

Local authority in charge

Pro-fessional work-force

Pre-vention & family support

Welfare elderly management

Jointly responsible civil society

Living / technical assistance

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Practical example:

A home for the elderly, for families, single parents, children, singles and...

• multigenerational housing and living, outside the family
  → new networks

• Prices customary in a place
• Normal housing with social infrastructure
• 26 locations, mostly in rural areas
• Professional community work
  → Being proactive
  → Common activities
  → Welfare mix
Co-operation 1: Institutional level

- Municipality donates to Local social fund.
- Local social fund finances Service provider.
- Service provider operates Community worker and Service centre.
- Community worker and Service centre serve municipality.
Co-operation 2: civil society

The neighbourhood helps:

- Family & youth club
- Senior citizens club
- Child care
- Provider of adult education
- Co-operation partner
- Church
- Schools
- Network: nursing home welfare centre
Co-operation 3: Individual level

Network Example

- Nursing service
- Community work
- Advisory & resident
- Neighbourly help
- Relatives
- Guided self-help
- Assistant
- Assistent’s husband/wife
- Assistant & resident
Social Return On Invest
Results of the SROI analysis

- strong relationships
- high quality of life
- better health conditions
- less need of help
- increased offer & use of neighbourly help
- Lively social interaction & communication
- Individual support networks
- Economic savings

Positive effects for further individuals

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Social Return On Invest
Results of the SROI analysis

A successful welfare mix

Investing in community work

supports the creation of networks

effects for individuals, service provider & the local authority

benefits for the whole welfare system
Thank you very much for your attention

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Group discussion

1. your experiences
What are your experiences with multigenerational housing or caring communities?

2. your experiences:
What are your experiences with co-operations between non-formal and formal helpers?

3. be creative:
What are your ideas for co-operations between local authorities and social care providers? What are your plans? How can you realise them?