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- Troubled housing estates
 - Large housing estates
 - Improvement schemes
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- Housing policy
 - Examples

Utopia lost! - The situation in the 1980s

- Urban renewal in the private sector
- Troubled SH estates
- Building programmes in place after WW2
- The universal model - CIAM, 1933; Congrès Internationaux d'Architecture Moderne

Troubled housing estates in Denmark

Comprehensive schemes since 1985

- Physical improvements
- Social activities
- Residents involvement
- Communication, a better image
- Residents with more resources!
 - new assignment rules

National Building Fund established 1966

Troubled estates in other countries

- An Europe wide issue
- The transition countries

Sweden, UK, Ireland, The Netherlands, Germany, France, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Hungary etc.

The present situation in DK

- From focusing on stigmatisation and political image making to a renewed stage of investments in renovations and social efforts
- The social housing sector has become a lever for the government's plan for growth in order to boost employment

Examples



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Vejleåparken in Ishøj

- Beginning of 1970's
- 2200 flats, two orgs.
- Stigma, poverty and social unrest
- Often not in employment
- No social worker
- Active day to day housing management
- Municipal involvement



Vejleparken before and after



Vejleåparken from the outside



Vejleåparken from the inside



Findings in Vejleåparken

- A very long runway
- Bureaucratic management
- Unclear internal communication lines
- Not at the forefront of situations
- Incompetent PR
- The municipality takes responsibility

TRANSITIONAL HELL



Declining “kolkhoz village” 200 m
from the small town border

Arnd Hult Jensen 2006

Elektronai, Lithuania 2013

- Housing built in 1961
- After the shutdown of the Ignalina nuclear power plant in 2009, the Elektronai power plant became the primary source of Lithuania's electrical power



Paris November 2005; Suburbs in Denmark week seven 2007;
Husby outside Stockholm June 2013; violent youth riots in
housing neighbourhoods typified by unemployment, large
immigrant population, youth culture in conflict with society.



Questions

- Why do we have troubled housing estates?
- What is the definition of troubled housing estates?
- Who lives on troubled housing estates?
- Who owns and manages the troubled housing estates?

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- What have been the reasons behind improvement programmes for troubled housing estates?
- What kind of improvement programmes have been implemented and with what kind of outcome?
- Have improvement programmes changed the position of the estates on the local housing market?
- What are the changes in policies and results?

Final question

- What are the perspectives for policy initiatives in the field of troubled housing estates?