

ITN Project RE-CITY

Reviving shrinking cities – innovative paths and perspectives towards livability for shrinking cities in Europe

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Also involved are: TU Dortmund, the Universities of Amsterdam, Porto, and Guadalajara in Mexico, the Adam Mickiewicz University in Poznan, Poland, the École Normale Supérieure Paris and the two consulting and research institutions "Cambridge Architectural Research" from England and "Spatial Foresight" from Luxembourg. The project also involves: The Bertelsmann Foundation, the Rhineland-Palatinate Energy Agency, the Helmholtz Centre for Environmental Research, the "Fresh" marine fish farm in Völklingen, Saarland, Kent State University from the USA, the Japanese Nomura Research Institute and the Netherlands Expert Center on Demographic Change.

Research objectives of RE-CITY:

- to combine international comparative research across disciplines (spatial planning, architecture, geography, economics, social sciences) to outline the concept, methods and strategic approaches towards revitalization of shrinking cities.
- to analyze case studies and paths of dealing with shrinking cities in search of solutions which are innovative, integrated and sustainably sound,
- to develop novel methods, training skills and applications for RE-CITY: a tangible frame of tools and methods.

Training objectives of RE-CITY:

- Provide training to create a new generation of planners capable of utilizing the synergies between different disciplines to advance the development of RE-CITY.
- Equip RE-CITY experts with multi- and interdisciplinary key scientific and research skills targeted to the requirements of shrinking cities.
- Qualify multidisciplinary RE-CITY experts by means of transferable skills.