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Energy efficiency as a tool for urban renewal

Strategic goals

- ❑ By growth of Latvia's development level to reach the development level of EU countries;
- ❑ Provide equal living, working and environment conditions to people in Latvia to promote balanced development of the state territory;
- ❑ Create equal entrepreneurship preconditions to promote balanced development;



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Political approach

□ Decisions about:

- the future of existing residential neighbourhoods;
- the creation of new neighbourhoods (to get an overview of the development of the entire municipality and choose the most advantageous development option in a rational way);
- development of a diverse supply of housing and enhance the development of functionally diverse and socially integrated residential neighbourhood with the aim to reduce such negative trends as stratification of towns' residential areas by the income level of their population.

□ Strategies and policy papers for support on the basis of decisions:

- existing residential building stock (better quality of living conditions) ;
- prevention of segregation;
- environment restoration (incl. facilitation of area);



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EU regulation

- ❑ EU describes the circumstances for using EU fund in the following :
(expenditure shall be programmed within the framework of an integrated urban development operation or priority axis for areas experiencing or threatened by physical deterioration and social exclusion.)

- ❑ The areas for housing operations must describe by least three of the criteria. The criteria are *(Commission regulation No 1828/2006 of 8. December 2006)* :
 - a. a high level of poverty and exclusion;
 - b. a high level of long-term unemployment;
 - c. precarious demographic trends;
 - d. a low level of education, significant skills deficiencies and high dropout rates from school;
 - e. a high level of criminality and delinquency;
 - f. a particularly rundown environment;
 - g. a low level of economic activity;
 - h. a high number of immigrants, ethnic an minority groups, or refugees;
 - i. a comparatively low level of housing value;
 - j. a low level of energy performance in buildings.



Legal approach

Spatial planning

(development of territory, infrastructure (access to public transport, utilities e.c.)

Requirements in legislation

(construction, renovation, technical, environmental conditions, responsibilities)

Binding regulations of Local Governments

(specific requirements for territory, buildings)



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Human factor

- Willingness, culture and habitats of people;
- Public benefit
- The mainstream views
- Previous experience

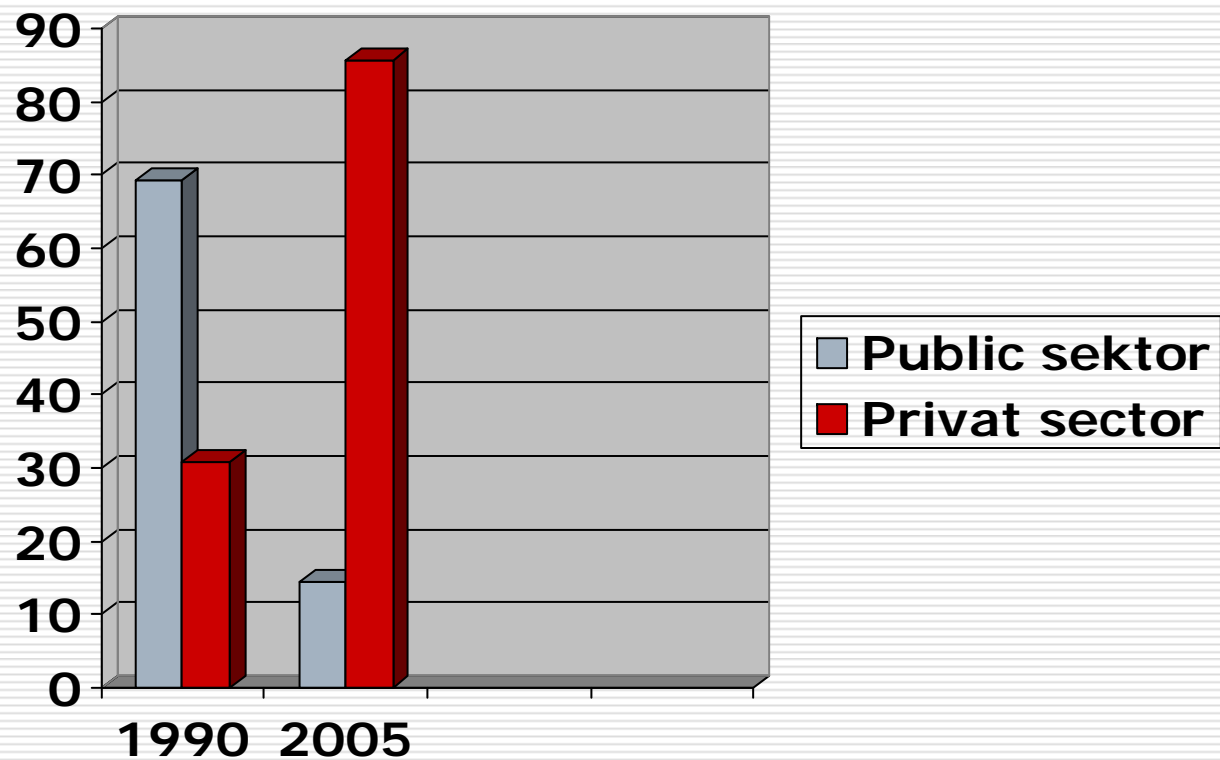


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Existing situation



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Planned activities

State support program for promotion of apartment houses renovation (approved on 15 of May 2007)

Program purposes:

- To stimulate renovation of privatized apartment houses;
- Promote energy efficiency;
- To create preconditions for further social integration of society (dwelling owners will take decisions on apartment house managing commonly).



Receivers - dwelling owners association or other authorised person.

Planned financing:

Year 2007. – 0.52 milj. LVL (~0.74 million Euro)

Year 2008. – 2.39 milj. LVL (~3.40 million Euro)

Year 2009. – 2.75 milj. LVL (~3.92 million Euro)

Year 2010. – 1.26 milj. LVL (~1.79 million Euro)



European Union financing for Energy Efficiency of Housing

- ❑ **Activity** - Measures of Improvement of Heat Insulation of Multi-apartment Residential Buildings.
- ❑ **Objective** -Implementation of Measures concerning energy efficiency of housing in the rental housing resources in order to ensure sustainability of the resources and effective use of energy resources.
- ❑ **Target Groups** – Dwelling owners association or other authorised person .



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- energy-efficiency actions
 - - refurbishment of the main structural parts of the building: (roof, facade, windows and doors on the facade, staircase, inside and outside corridors, entrances and their exteriors, elevator);
 - - technical installations of the building;

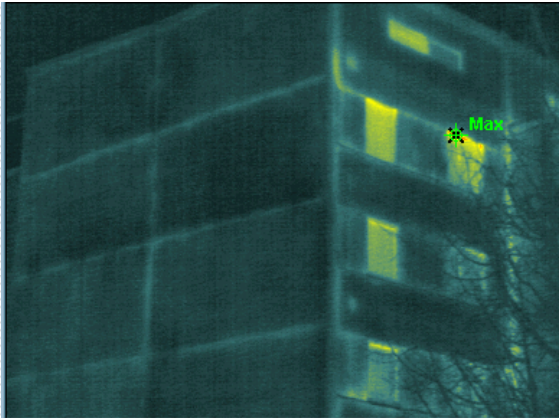


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