

Neighbourhood Development Corporations: A tool to combat metropolitan problems - Do cities have a future?

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ABSTRACT

One of the topics in the working-programme of commission 8, Spatial Planning and Development, is to continue the work of the in 1992 formed Working-group Urban Regeneration and Solutions to Inner City Problems. Aim of the working-group was/is to follow several urban-regeneration-projects for a period of at least 12 years. Some projects of the Netherlands are about the Neighbourhood-Development Corporations. The first one, started in 1992 in the city of Rotterdam: WOM-Vastgoed Ltd, several were founded in the following years. All were new instruments for upgrading declined neighbourhoods.

In 2001 the author started with the Neighbourhood-Corporation Enschede Ltd. The article is about the experiences, successes, failures and differences with both the founded Ltd's.

Germany, as good member of the working-group, has the Emscher-project, a project that is nearly completed now.

By the work of the working group, commission 8 will stress that we, as surveyors, share the responsibility for well-functioning cities, for instance: big-cities. We should contribute to the prevention of the arising of urban areas. In fact, the goal the working-group has set to itself, is to develop new, effective executive instruments that help to counter urban deterioration.

In one of the upcoming years both the results as well as the effects of the Emscher-project and the Neighbourhood-Corporations in the Netherlands will be evaluated. The working-group will write a report on both projects; even maybe together with one of the projects that has been studied in England.

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