Comparing Social Cohesion in European Cities

with Urban Audit, European Perception Survey and Dashboard

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German Institute of Urban Affairs (Difu)

- Founded in 1973 by over 100 cities and municipal associations
- Biggest urban research centre in the german-speaking world
- Doing interdisciplinary research on municipal problems
- Orientate research activities towards the needs of towns and cities
- Provide policymakers and civil servants with an up-to-date and reliable basis for decision making and action
- Involved in Urban Audit process since 1998 and Member of Urban Audit Group Germany
Structure of Presentation

1. Background
2. “Social Cohesion”- Indices and Indicators in Urban Audit Database
3. Comparing “Social Cohesion” in Europeans Cities with Dashboard
4. Preview
1. Background

- Conceptual thinking of Urban Audit Group Germany about the use of Urban Audit Database

- Conceptual thinking to explain diversity of cities with both - “Competitiveness” and “Social Cohesion” since 2004

- Spring 2007 Urban Audit Germany Paper “Use of Urban Audit Database – an Instruction for German Cities”
2. “Social Cohesion”-Indices and Indicators in Urban Audit Database

- Poverty
  - Unemployment rate
  - Proportion of long-term unemployed (>6month) 15-24yrs.
  - Percentage of households with < half national average income
  - Prop. of households that are lone-parent households

- Health
  - Life expectancy at birth
  - Mortality rate <65 for heart and respir. diseases
  - Number of hospital beds per 100 inhab.
  - Number of doctors per 1000 residents

- Unemployment
  - Unemployment rate (all, male, female)
  - Prop. of unemployed 15-24yrs.
  - Prop. of unemployed 55-65yrs.
  - Prop. of long-term unemployed (>6month) 15-24yrs.
  - Prop. of unemployed who are under 25
2. “Social Cohesion”-Indices and Indicators in Urban Audit Database

- Poverty
- Health
- Unemployment
- Education
- Security
- Integration
- Housing
3. Comparing “Social Cohesion” in European Cities with Dashboard

- What is Dashboard?
  - In combination with Urban Audit Data first presented by EUROSTAT by T. Brandmüller
  - Free, non-commercial software package
  - Visual format is suitable for decision-makers and others interested in urban development
  - Developed by “Consultative Group on Sustainable Development Indices” (CGSDI)
  - Based on Excel-template
View of Dashboard Screen: Index Poverty
View of Dashboard Screen: Index Health

Darmstadt

Health

- Ärzte je 1000 Einwohner
- Lebenserwartung bei Geburt
- Krankenhausbetten je 1000 Einwohner
- Sterberate unter 85-Jähriger an Herz-Kreislaufl- und Atemwegserkrankungen
View of Dashboard Screen: Index Unemployment
„Social Cohesion“ - Indices

Poverty

Health

Unemployment
Opportunities for Comparison: Index Unemployment

Position of Darmstadt compared only with cities in Germany (exclusive)
Opportunities for Comparison: Index Unemployment

Position of Malta compared only with other European countries
4. Preview – Next steps

- Complete “Social Cohesion”- Dashboard with Indicators from “Urban Audit Perception Survey”
  - Do you feel safe in your city?
  - Is it easy to find a job in your city?
  - Are Foreigners well integrated in your city?

- Combine Typology of Urban Audit Analysis (ECOTEC, 2007) with Data from “Urban Audit Perception Survey”
2. “Social Cohesion”-Indices and Indicators in Urban Audit Database

- Poverty
- Health
- Unemployment
- Education?
- Security?
- Integration?
- Housing?
Thank you for your attention

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