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## **THE STRATEGY CHALLENGE FOR POST-SOCIALIST CITIES OF CENTRAL EUROPE, CONCEPTS AND THEORY *VERSUS* PRACTICE**

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### **ABSTRACT**

*This presentation is based on findings from four years of work on the ReNewTown international project and on other research conducted by the Institute of Geography and Spatial Organization of PAS on the mechanisms of transformation of the cities and urban areas of Poland, Slovakia, Slovenia and the Czech Republic in the post-socialist era.*

*In the first part, proposals for new urban policies, which seem to be necessary for the post-socialist cities of the countries concerned and which are put forward in publications on possible transnational development strategies for these cities (see: [www.renewtown.eu/](http://www.renewtown.eu/)) are further discussed.*

*In the second part, I examine differences between perspectives based on actual practice (i.e. 'praxis') and more conceptual perspectives, while theorizing about the post-socialist city and the tendency for it to be transformed into a form of post-modern city dominated by neo-liberal ideology.*