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RENEWTOWN MODELS OF URBAN REVITALISATION: AN OVERVIEW

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ABSTRACT

Almost two thirds of over 300 million people in Central and Eastern Europe (CEE) live in urban settlements which were planned and established during the socialist period either in their entirety or partially (in form of fast-growing districts). Only a small minority managed to survive the transition from planned to market economy without much disturbance and have been prospering to this day. The majority has been fighting numerous economic and social problems; the revitalization challenge being among the more prominent ones.

The project with the title New Post-Socialist City: Competitive and Attractive (in short the ReNewTown project: <http://www.renewtown.eu>), which has been implemented through the Central Europe Programme co-financed by the European Regional Development Fund, deals with identification and classification of different model approaches to revitalisation of post-socialist urban environment. Each of them has already been successfully implemented in practice. They are systematically presented and discussed in the framework of this paper.