

Spanish EU Presidency, spring 2010



Important dates: (tbc)

Director General meetings, in Madrid:

27/4: Preparatory meeting of Directors of Housing ministers. Theme: Housing

28/4: Preparatory meeting of Directors of Housing ministers. Theme: Urban Development

Informal Ministerial Meetings, in Toledo, Theme: Housing and Urban Rehabilitation

21/6: Housing ministers

22/6: Urban Development Ministers

High Level Conference, in Madrid:

26-27/4: Sustainable Building, Revitalisation and Rehabilitation of districts".

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Spanish priorities for the Presidency, 1st semester 2010.

Source: Spanish Presidency, Ministerio de Vivienda

Main issues:

URBAN DEVELOPMENT: Integrated Urban Regeneration.

1. The Environmental Dimension:

1 a. Using Urban Regeneration to fight against Climate Change.

- Improvement of the energy efficiency of the buildings: provision or improvement of insulation, heating systems, etc.
- Introduction of renewable energies.
- Reduction of mobility and promotion of non-motorised means of transport.
- General improvement of the environmental conditions (air, noise, etc).

1 b. Using Urban Regeneration to fight against Urban Sprawl.

Reduction of Land consumption by the regeneration of the existing city instead of consuming land for new developments ("brownfields" vs "greenfields", etc).

2. The Economic Dimension:

The potential of urban "green" renewal to create economic growth and employment.

3. The Social Dimension:

The potential of developing comprehensive social programmes in parallel with (physical) urban regeneration programmes on deprived neighbourhoods.

Connections with the European Year for Combating Poverty and Social Exclusion 2010.

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IUT involvement

The European Housing Forum (EHF) will present a common statement to the Housing Ministers' meeting in Madrid on June 21.

IUT together with RICS, as chairs of the EHF, will draft the statement.

