

## EU Structural Funds 2007-2013

**Housing is eligible to the ERDF, European Regional Development Fund, in the EU 12 ("New" Member States), for renovation of housing in areas experiencing physical deterioration and social exclusion.**

Also expressed (in para 6 in the preamble) that the contribution from the EDRF should concern the provision of good quality accommodation for lower income groups, including recently privatised housing stock...etc

It means that the following activities can be co-financed by the EU:

(a) renovation of the common parts of multi-family residential buildings, as follows:

- (i) refurbishment of the following main structural parts of the building: roof, façade, windows and doors on the façade, staircase, inside and outside corridors, entrances and their exteriors, elevator;
- (ii) technical installations of the building;
- (iii) energy-efficiency actions.

(b) delivery of modern social housing of good quality through renovation and change of use of existing buildings owned by public authorities or non-profit operators.

(c) expenditures shall be limited to multi-family housing, or buildings owned by public authorities or non-profit operators.

(To get further and more detailed information go to the Regulation (EC) No 1080/2006 of the European Parliament and the Council of 5 July 2006. ERDF and repealing Regulation (EC) No 1783/1999.)

**For the EU-15** ("Old" Member State), housing remains not eligible per se to ERDF (not possible to renovate or build social housing), although it is so far possible to get EU money for soft measures (such as studies) in the field of energy and for integrated urban development plans covering aspects of housing estates such as common spaces.

For **all Member States**, it is possible to use European Social Funds (ESF) for training and capacity-building in the field of housing.

Specific attention should be given to the opportunities in the field of **territorial (mainly interregional) cooperation**, where housing is mentioned among the fields covered by the programmes (see below)

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