Parks and gardens in North Rhine-Westphalia
- current challenges in urban development -

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Current Challenges in Urban Development

- demographic change
- structural (economic) change
- climate change

Prognosis of population development 2008 - 2030
Problems of the Ruhr region

- Declining economy, shrinking cities
- Environmental problems
- Deprived neighbourhoods with a high share of immigrants
- Bad image

Other images between industry und „rural idyll“
New images of the Ruhr region: 
industrial-culture-landscape and cultural capital of europe 2010

- The industrial history leaves more than 3,500 examples for industrial heritage
- The IBA (international building exhibition Emscher Park, 1989-99) identified new perspectives for the future, ecological renewal with an economic perspective
- In the international view the industrial culture plays the main role:
  - UNESCO-Welterbe Zollverein
  - RuhrTriennale
  - Kulturhauptstadt 2010 u. a.

Reactions of Urban Policy

New procedures:
- integration of policies
- participation

New strategies:
- strengthening of city centres by funding of upgrading and redevelopment projects
- adaption to demographic change
- adaption to and mitigation of climate change
Integration of Policies by Local Action Plans

Integrated Local Action Plans
- define a comprehensive strategy for 5 to 10 years for a specific area and contain
  - an analysis of the situation,
  - priorities for the area,
  - measures to improve the situation and a financial plan.
- are regarded as a promising way to integrate different policies
- are an obligatory basis for funding.

Basic strategy: Funding of upgrading of cities and redevelopment of brownfields
Funding of integrated urban development in NRW „Leipzig Charta“ - future tasks -

- Inside-development
- Climatic and energy questions
- Knowledge-based economy of the cities
- City and integration

Funding of city development in NRW 2012

- 181 Mio. € for 177 measures in 141 towns and cities
- 88 Mio. € for 117 measures in the city - centres and historical centres
- 93 Mio. € for 60 projects of „Stadtumbau“ and „social city“
- Including 45 Mio. € for 36 „REGIONALE“ - Projects
Brownfield Redevelopment – Example Lake Phoenix (Dortmund)
Transformation of a steel factory to a high quality site

Brownfield Redevelopment – Example Dortmund Phoenix-West
Transformation of an industrial site (former steel factory)
Conservation of historic city centres (Detmold)

Old market place (Solingen)
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Adaptation to and mitigation of climate change

**Adaption to climate change**
- Provision for more frequent highwater
- Provision for more hot days

**Mitigation of climate change**
- Promotion of energy efficient building
- Energy efficient mobility (public transport, bicycles) and therefore
- Switching from suburbanisation to reurbanisation by
  - restrictions for new building areas outside the cities
  - making cities more attractive
Scenario liveable city

Ways of developing our cities and regions into liveable places and spaces in which intelligent answers must be found to pressing questions of social policy, transport, climate change and aesthetics.

- In this way, the EGHN has provided up-to-date information that underlines the potential of gardens for innovative and sustainable regional development: not just contributing to a region’s soft infrastructure but, as a part of the cultural landscape, as an economic generator. Specially in the Ruhrgebiet, the development and reconstruction of parks and gardens is one way of rehabilitation and revitalisation of post-industrial areas on their way on a structural transformation.
- The cultural and touristic promotion of the regions raises the quality of life in our cities and makes a substantial contribution to increased family friendliness.

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Example garden exhibitions

Rietberg 2008
Funding: 4,43 Mio. Euro
Programme: Historic Center

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Hemer 2010
Funding: 10.05 Mio. Euro
Programme: „Stadtumbau West“

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Zülpich 2014
Funding: 5.14 Mio. Euro
Programme „Stadtbäulicher Denkmalschutz“

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Thank you for your attention