



#### **EU Eastern Partnership Culture Programme II**

# Community – led Urban Strategies in Historic Towns THE COMUS PROJECT

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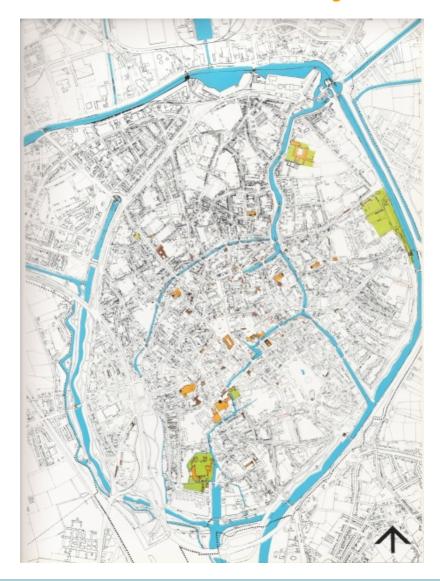
## <u>Housing Rehabilitation and Funding</u> <u>Possibilities – Day 1</u>

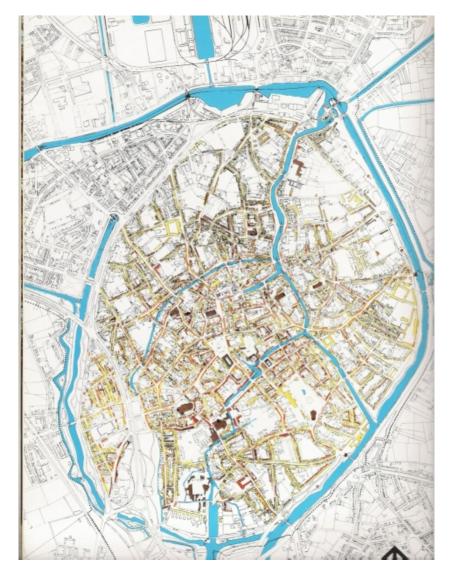
#### WHY THIS TOPIC?

- Heritage in the COMUS context (Community – Heritage Led Urban Strategy)
- Historic towns and cities in transition
- Not simply historic monuments and sites

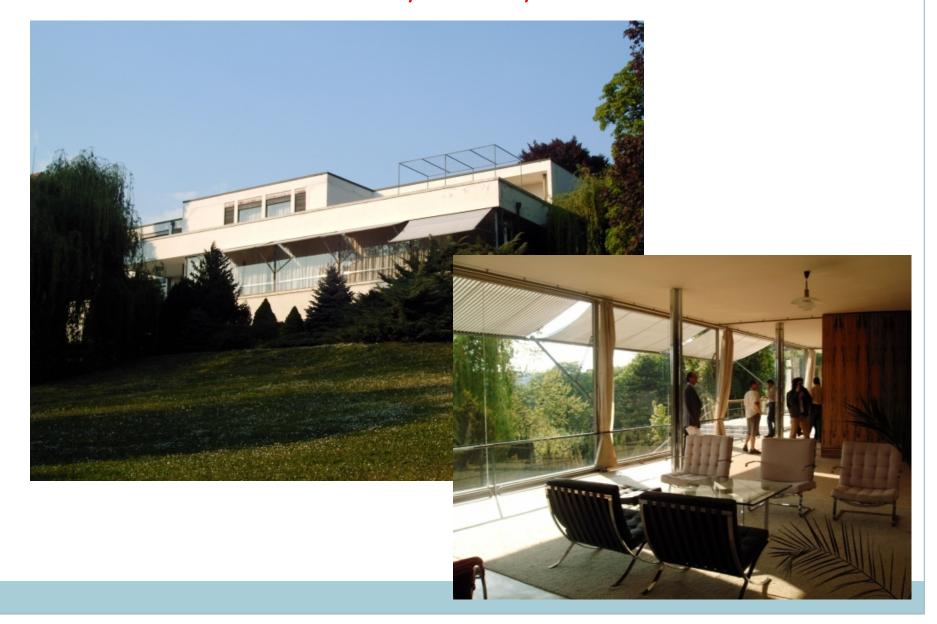
#### **BRUGES**

Listed Sites and Monuments: Bruges 1970 Architectural (heritage) Evaluation: 1972





#### VILLA TUGENDHAT, BRNO, CZECH REPUBLIC



#### **BRUSSELS**



Fig.7: Distribution spatiale des fonctions/affectations urbaines

#### PLANNING PHASE GUIDELINE S: URBAN THEMES

Level of Influence of Pilot Town

Administrative status, force of attraction, growth perspective, connectivity

Relationship between project area and F.U.A.

Perimeter of project area, physical / economic development perspectives

 Position of local heritage in urban development context

Heritage and urban renewal, ownership, change of use

Urban Functions

Essential urban activities and services, urban and public space, mobility

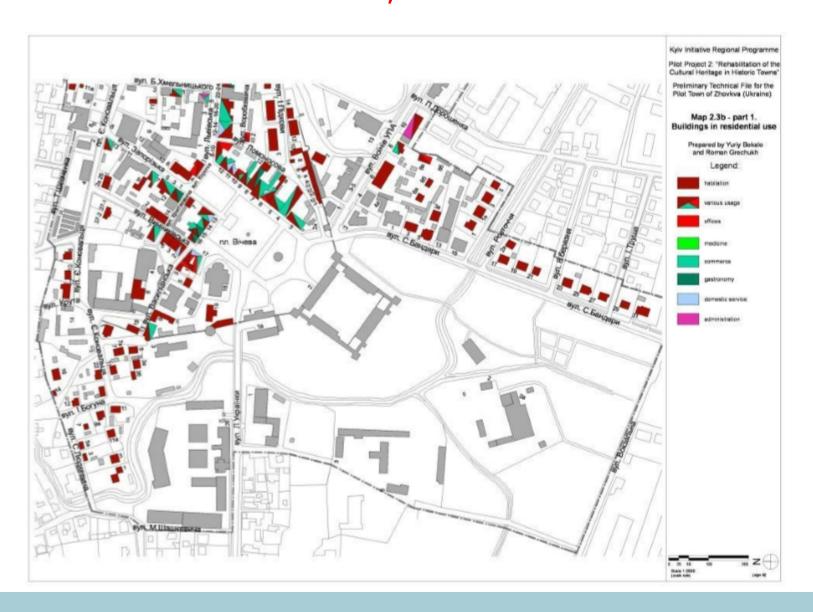
Housing

Socio-economic conditions / physical conditions, heritage values

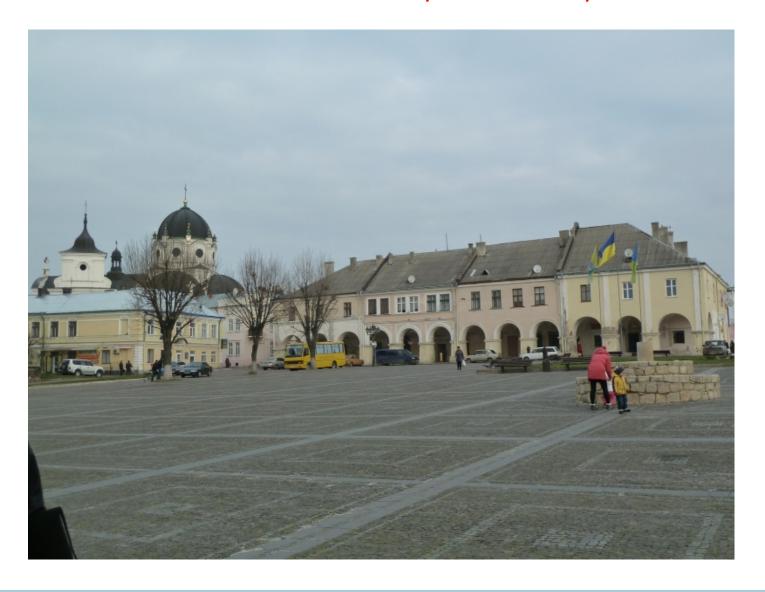
Capacity for intervention

Assets and resources, organisational / financial / human capacities

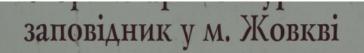
#### ZHOVKA, UKRAINE



#### ARCHITECTURAL PRESERVE, ZHOVKA, UKRAINE



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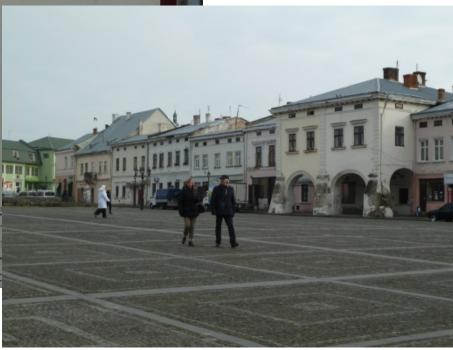


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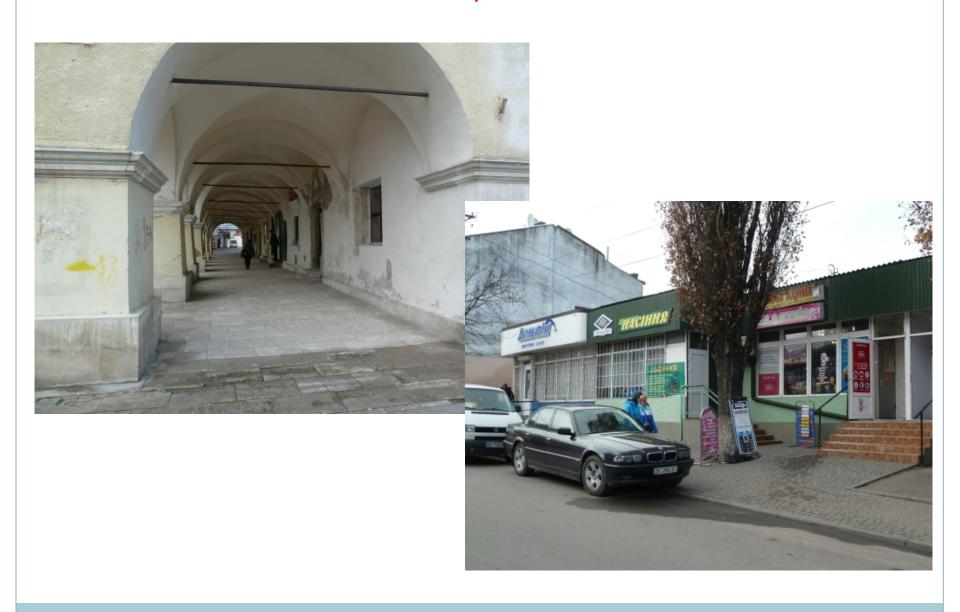


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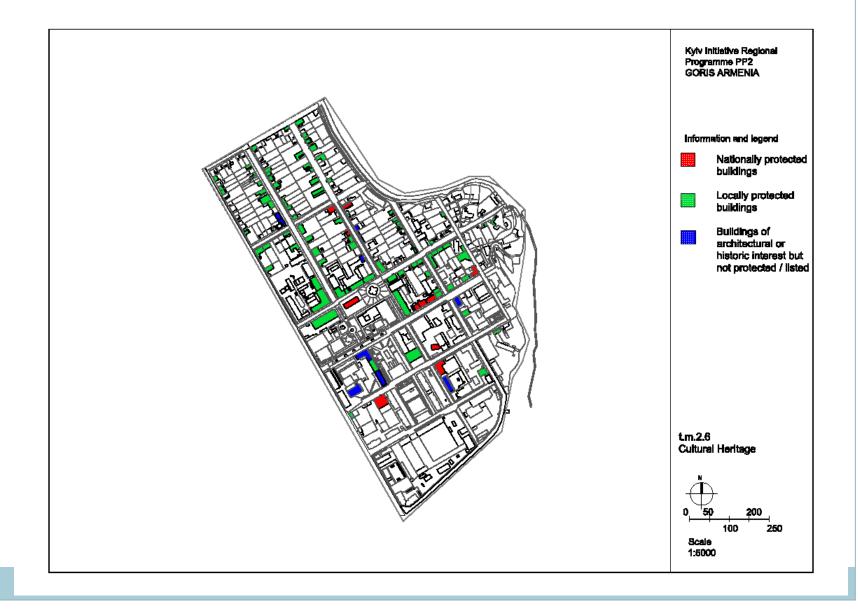
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Across Europe as problems associated with (affordable) housing and neighbourhoods have increased, resources available for repair and improvement have often proved correspondingly inadequate.

In the search for new forms of owner-resident responsibility the incapacity of many owner-occupiers, co-ownership structures or private landlords to contribute to maintaining their homes is a specific and real concern – especially deterioration of ageing (historic) properties

**COMUS** Realisation

#### STREETSCAPE, SOROCA, MOLDOVA



# DWELLING? SOROCA, MOLDOVA



## MSTISLAV, BELARUS



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## PRYLUKI, UKRAINE



## LUTSK, UKRAINE



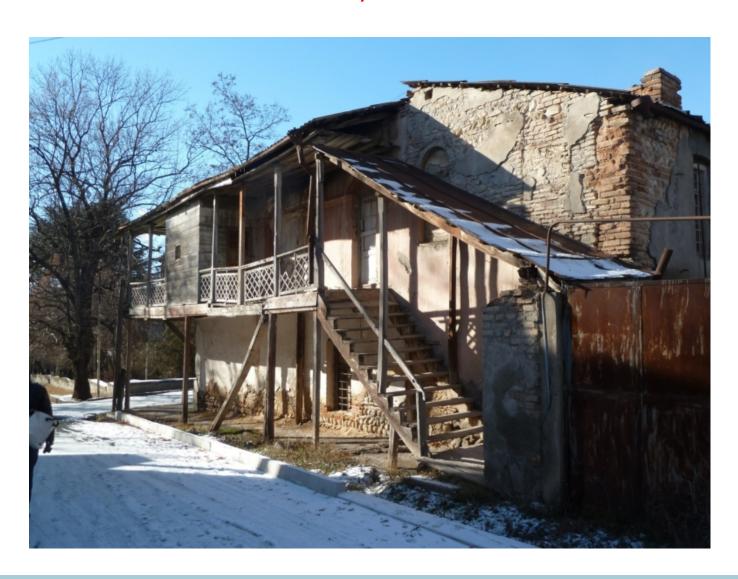
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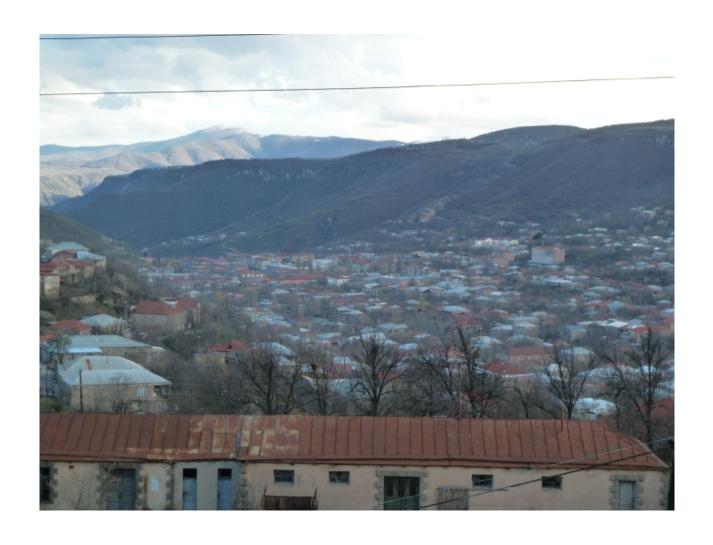
#### CHIATURA, GEORGIA



# GORIS, ARMENIA



#### ROOFSCAPE, GORIS, ARMENIA



#### BLACK STONE HOUSES, GYUMRI, ARMENIA



#### GYUMRI, ARMENIA



L'AQUILA, ITALY 2009



#### CAUSAL FACTORS - MORE THAN JUST INCOME LEVEL?

- Local economic activity (employment)
- Housing fit (size and design)
- Poor quality of construction or materials
- Demographic change (ageing society)
- Migration patterns
- Concentration of populations with low political, social or cultural capital
- Inadequate urban management
- Property speculation
- Blight
- Tax burden

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# TRADITIONAL SUPPORT MEASURES – FIT FOR PURPOSE ?

- Pre-purchase initiatives (safeguards, guarantees)
- Grant assistance for owner-occupiers (Housing improvement grants, Historic building repair grants)
- Loans (interest free), Micro-credits
- Grant assistance for private landlords
- Fiscal incentives (tax benefits, reduced VAT)
- Personalised housing allowance
- Provision of technical support and working with inhabitants

#### SUCEAVA Bucovina village museum

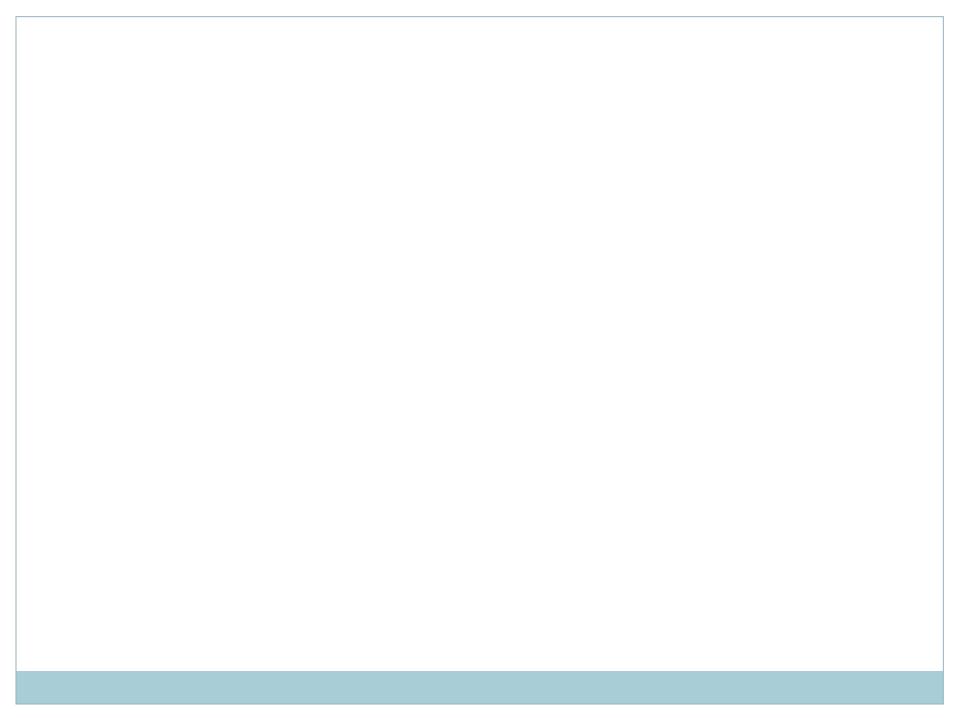


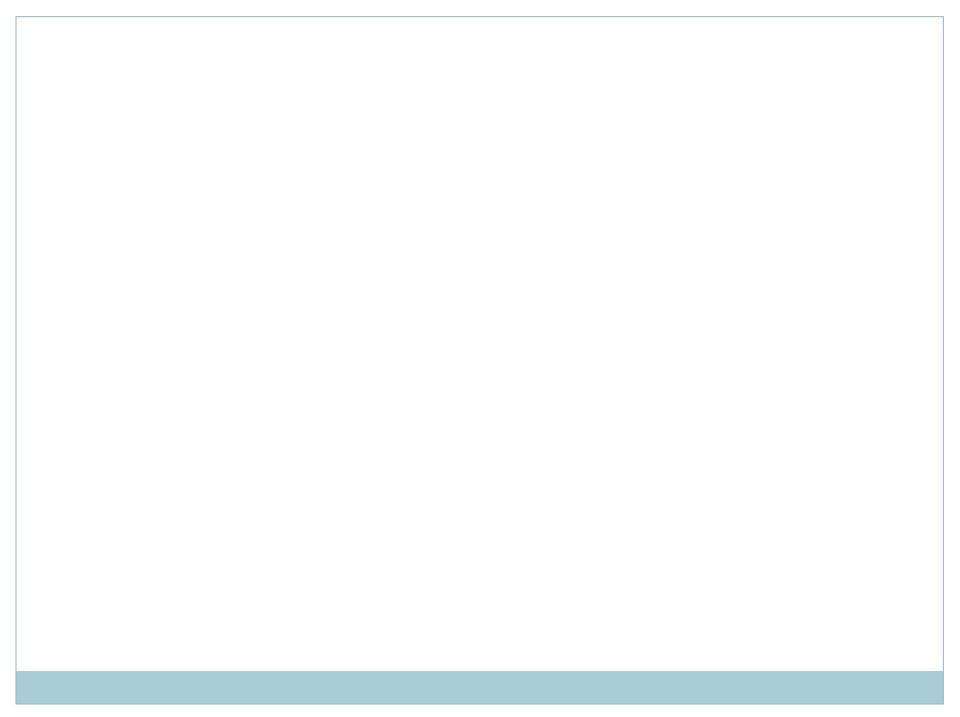
#### **WRAP-UP**

Are there important lessons to take away from our workshop?

Can you identify any potentially effective measures that you could transfer to your local situation?

Who can drive change?





# **ANY THOUGHTS - QUESTIONS?**







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