

Project Title	
Knowledge Network (KN)	
Purpose of the project	
"Governance in Action" is about shifting from government to governance, from working for the people to working with the people. Our intention is to work closer to the people and to work in equal partnership with civil society, inhabitants and enterprises.	
Aims and Achievements	
The main goal is the creation of a solid network, looking for methods and instruments and sharing information and practices of local governance. Participation is the keyword and the quality of daily life of our inhabitants and visitors is our main concern.	
Duration	
01/2005 to 12/2007	
Total Budget	Budget Source:
1.559.100,00€/ Total budget	ERDF: 978.900€
Context	
Keywords for the Knowledge network are: local governance, social consultation and participation. In the European context many public authorities try to involve their inhabitants in policymaking and in long-term visions and plan for the social and urban environment. Partners in the Knowledge Network emphasise that local participation is just a theoretical aspect of policies if local actors are lacking tools and methodologies to involve residents in the decision making process.	
Description	
Partners in the program have learned how local inhabitants can be motivated to participate on daily life issues as public services, regeneration of derelicts areas and perception of insecurity, transport accessibility and cultural events. And secondly how can a better knowledge of the needs and opinions of inhabitants be transformed to coherent policies. The scientific analysis and conclusions are based upon a common questionnaire and the answers given by inhabitants in all partners cities. The creation of a common questionnaire was an important part of the project. All partners analysed the results in each city together and discussed several aspects of them. This work generated input for comparison and for learning practices. In this way KN creates possibilities for learning from best practices and an active exchange of ideas, shared information, tools and solutions.	
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