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Delivering sustainable and affordable housing in Europe

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- “Defining, together with local and regional authorities, strategies to increase the availability of **affordable, well connected, decent, energy-efficient, decarbonised, sustainably designed, accessible and resilient housing, situated in socially mixed neighbourhoods**.

A transdisciplinary research framework on affordable and sustainable housing

Affordable and sustainable housing needs to be approached from a transdisciplinary perspective, involving multiples domains and disciplines, experts and non-experts.

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However, affordability and sustainability of housing have been addressed separately, and from various disciplinary perspectives (e.g. architecture and planning, economics, sociology) and realms (e.g. policy-making, sustainable development, urban planning, green building).

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RE-DWELL will develop an integrated research framework for affordable and sustainable housing **to train a new generation of professionals with the skills which are needed to address the urgent need of affordable and sustainable housing,** from a transdisciplinary perspective.

Training a new generation of professionals to face the challenges of affordable and sustainable housing

"The Egan Review: Skills for Sustainable Communities" (2004):

The "generic skills, behaviour and knowledge" needed by all of those (local authority staff, staff from regional and central government, developers, and built environment professionals), who play a role in delivering sustainable communities in these terms:

- "ability to create a vision, leadership to achieve buy-in to the vision, communication, teamworking, project management, process reengineering"
- "understanding sustainable development, effective financial management"
- " understanding the economics of development and the processes of local democracy"

Consortium

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- 10 academic beneficiaries
- 12 partner organisations

representing 9 countries : Belgium, Croatia, Cyprus, France, Hungary, Netherlands, Portugal, Spain and United Kingdom.

Architecture
Economics
Urban Planning
Sociology
Social Policy

Beneficiaries:

B1	La Salle – Ramon Llull University, Barcelona SPAIN (Coordinator)
B2	Université Grenoble Alpes, Grenoble FRANCE
B3	University of Sheffield UK
B4	University of Zagreb CROATIA
B5	Hungarian Academy of Sciences Budapest HUNGARY
B6	University of Cyprus, Nicosia CYPRUS
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Housing associations
Public/private housing developers
Construction companies
Local administrations

Partner Organisations:

PO1
Lisbon City Council, PORTUGAL

PO2
Sustainable Towns, SPAIN

PO3
Budapesti Módszertani Szociális Központ HUNGARY

PO4
Ceraneo, CROATIA

PO5
Institut Català del Sol, SPAIN

PO6
Clarion Housing Group, UK

PO7
Casais, PORTUGAL

PO8
Cyprus Land Development Corporation, CYPRUS

PO9
South Yorkshire Housing Association Ltd, UK

PO10
European Federation for Living, BUDAPEST

PO11
Housing Europe, BELGIUM

PO12
Városkutatás Kft, HUNGARY

Early-Stage Researchers

15 ESRs from 10 countries: Colombia, Croatia, Cyprus, Egypt, Greece, Hungary, Netherlands, Spain, Syria, and United Kingdom

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La Salle-URL

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Saskia Furman
La Salle-URL

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Christopher Verrier
Université Grenoble Alpes

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Aya Elghandour
University of Sheffield

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Mahmoud Alsaeed
University of Sheffield

ESR6
Marko Horvat
University of Zagreb

ESR7
Anna Martin
Hungarian Academy of Sciences

ESR8
Andreas Panagidis
University of Cyprus

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Effrosyni Roussou
University of Cyprus

ESR10
Zoe Tzika
Polytechnic University of Valencia

ESR11
Tijn Croon
TU Delft

ESR12
Alex Fernández
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Androniki Pappa
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Carolina Martín
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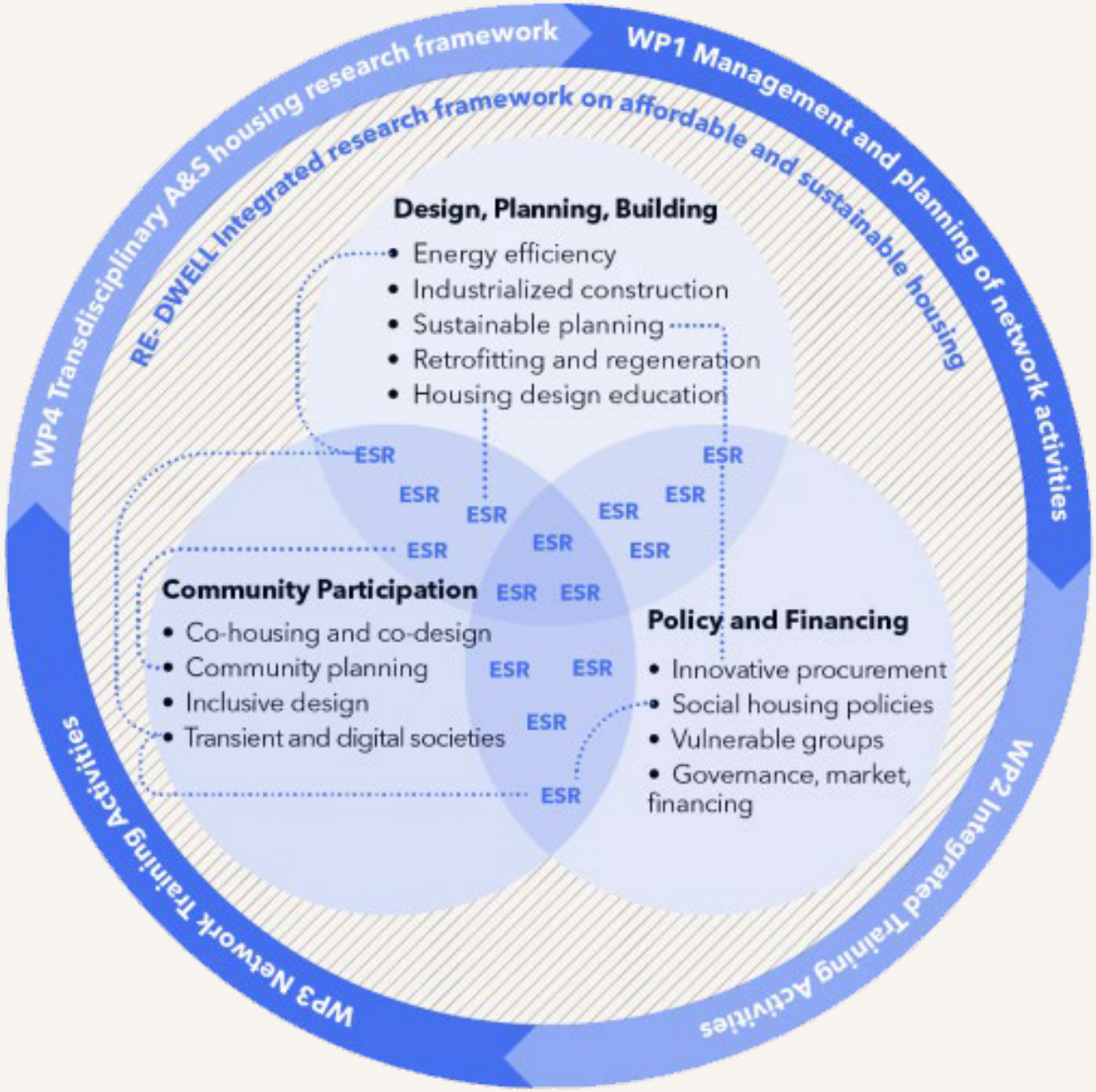

A holistic, transdisciplinary framework will reveal the links between social, economic and environmental factors in the provision of affordable and sustainable housing.

ESR 1

DESIGN, PLANNING AND BUILDING

Design and construction of energy efficient housing using industrialized methods

School of Architecture La Salle, Ramon Llull University, Barcelona, Spain

Read more →

ESR 2

DESIGN, PLANNING AND BUILDING

Adapting existing social housing to the needs of today's dwellers

School of Architecture La Salle, Ramon Llull University, Barcelona, Spain

Read more →

ESR 3

POLICY AND FINANCING

Housing governance beyond city boundaries

Université Grenoble Alpes, Pacte - Laboratoire de sciences sociales, Grenoble, France

Read more →

ESR 4

DESIGN, PLANNING AND BUILDING

Lifecycle cost analysis and socioeconomic impact of existing social housing construction methods

School of Architecture, University of Sheffield, Sheffield, United Kingdom

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ESR 5

DESIGN, PLANNING AND BUILDING

Environmental sustainability of future social housing

School of Architecture, University of Sheffield, Sheffield, United Kingdom

Read more →

ESR 6

POLICY AND FINANCING

Comparative analysis of social housing policies' modernization impacts in selected post-socialist countries

Institute for Social Policy, Faculty of Law, University of Zagreb, Croatia

Read more →

ESR 7

POLICY AND FINANCING

Housing crisis and its impact on adequate housing

Institute for Sociology, Centre for Social Sciences, Hungarian Academy of Sciences Centre of Excellence, Budapest and Faculty of Social Sciences, Eötvös Loránd University, Budapest, Hungary

Read more →

ESR 8

COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION

Urban living labs and the role of users in the co-creation of sustainable housing

Department of Architecture, University of Cyprus, Nicosia, Cyprus

Read more →

ESR 9

DESIGN, PLANNING AND BUILDING

The challenge of change in living environments: implications and opportunities for architectural education

Department of Architecture, University of Cyprus, Nicosia, Cyprus

Read more →

ESR 10

COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION

Sustainable neighbourhoods and co-creation

School of Architecture, Universitat Politècnica de València, Spain

Read more →

ESR 11

POLICY AND FINANCING

Tensions between affordability and sustainability and the implications for vulnerable groups

Faculty of Architecture and the Built Environment, Delft University of Technology, Netherlands

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ESR 12

POLICY AND FINANCING

Comparative analysis of policies for affordable and sustainable housing

Faculty of Architecture and the Built Environment, Delft University of Technology, Netherlands

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ESR 13

COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION

Local development strategy and good practices of citizen participation in areas of priority intervention (BIPZIP) in Lisbon

School of Technology and Architecture, ISCTE - University Institute of Lisbon, Lisbon, Portugal

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ESR 14

DESIGN, PLANNING AND BUILDING

Mass-customization of affordable and sustainable housing

School of Technology and Architecture, ISCTE - University Institute of Lisbon, Lisbon, Portugal

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ESR 15

POLICY AND FINANCING

Social Evaluation of Regeneration

School of Architecture, University of Reading, United Kingdom

Read more →

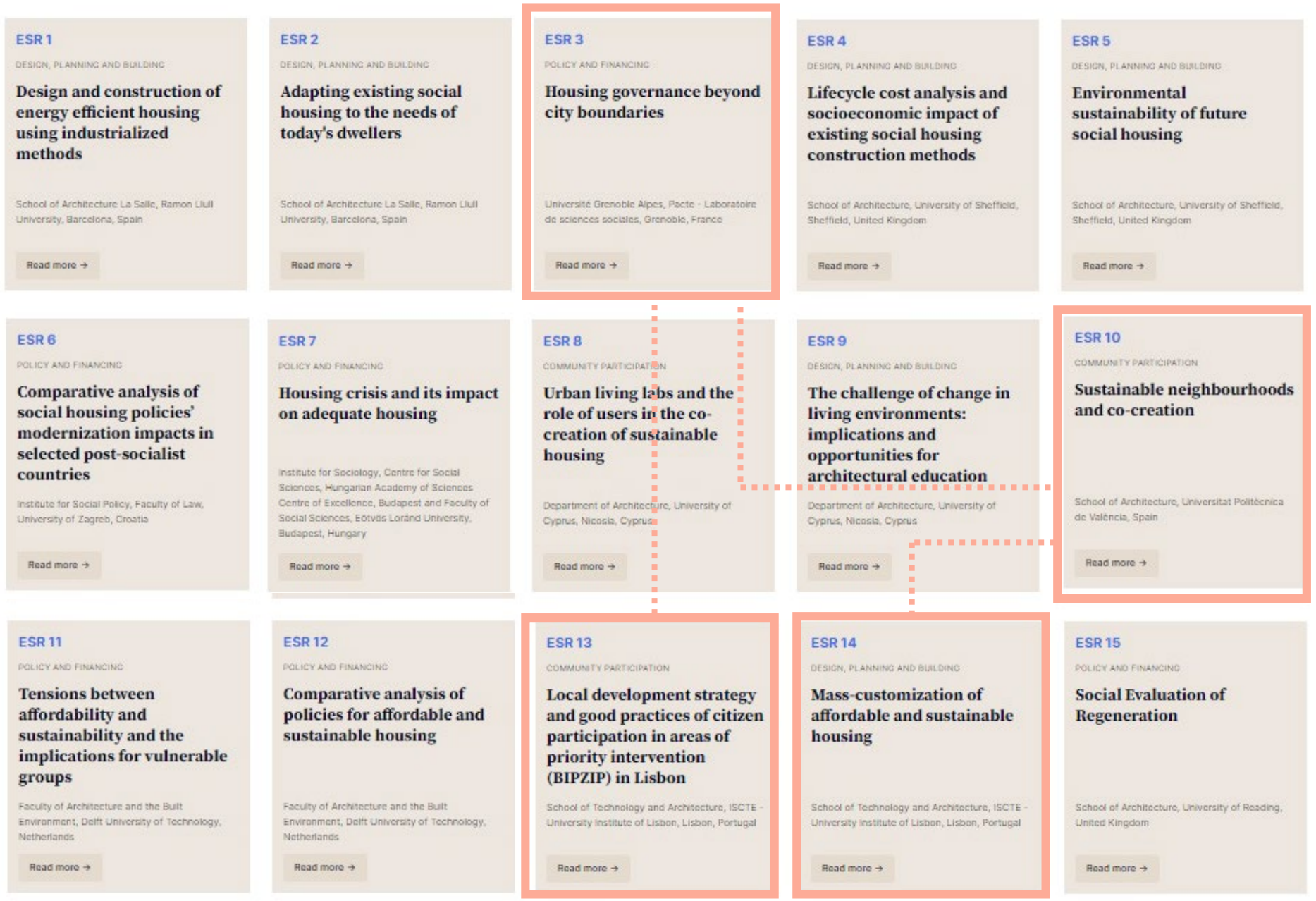
15 research projects addressing the complexity of issues encompassed by affordable and sustainable housing

- Urban regeneration and building renovation
- Housing policies to support innovatoin
- Co-creation and co-design of neigbhourhoods and living
- Industrialized construction
- Post-occupancy evaluation and housing quality
- Sustainable housing design and construction

Cross-cutting research issues

The last decades have seen a general dismantling of post-war (social) housing policies in Europe. Financialisation and gentrification as symptoms of the commodification of the housing sector. Nationally framed housing regimes may not be the best tool to face current challenges.

— To what extent can local regimes guide private urban development to provide affordable housing?



Cross-cutting research issues

The participation of community members is key to achieving sustainable living environments, as well as affordable housing: How do community-driven local governance influences land ownership and housing production?

— How can the challenges of affordable and sustainable housing be addressed through co-creation practices?

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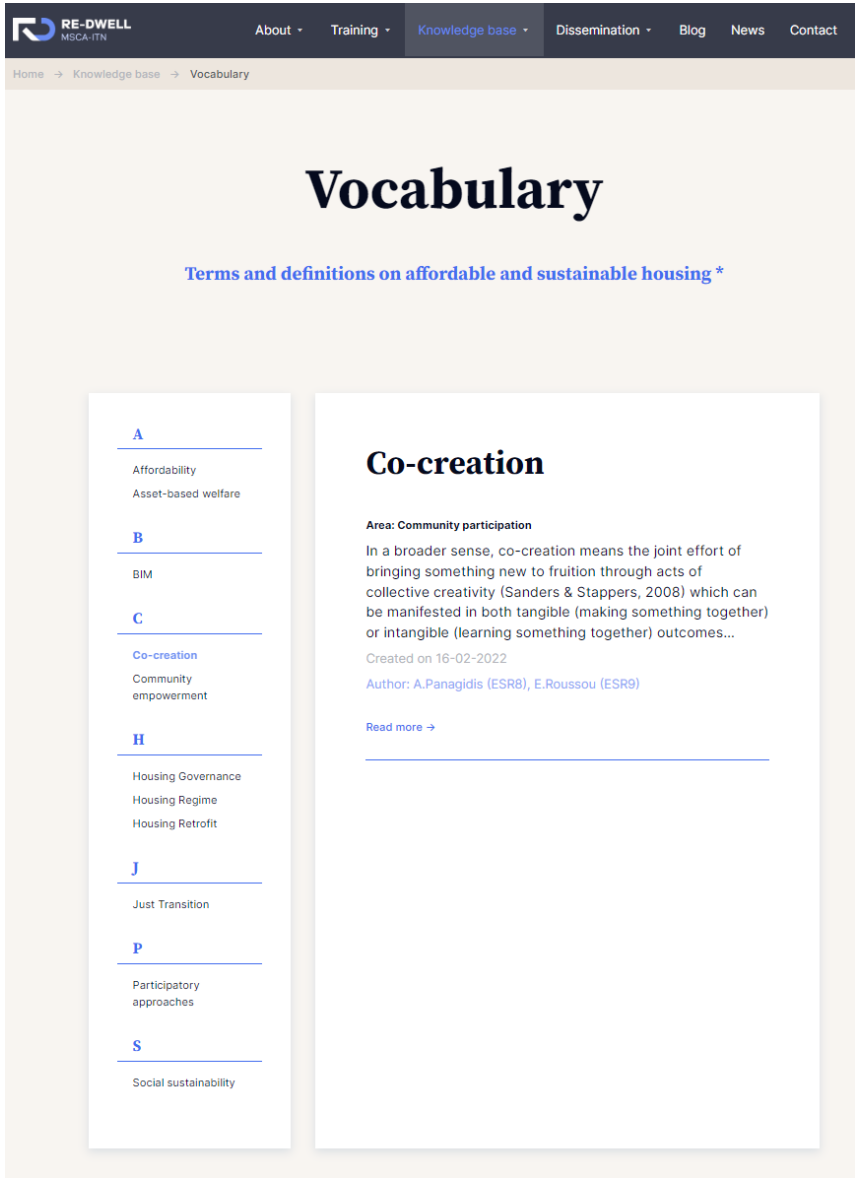

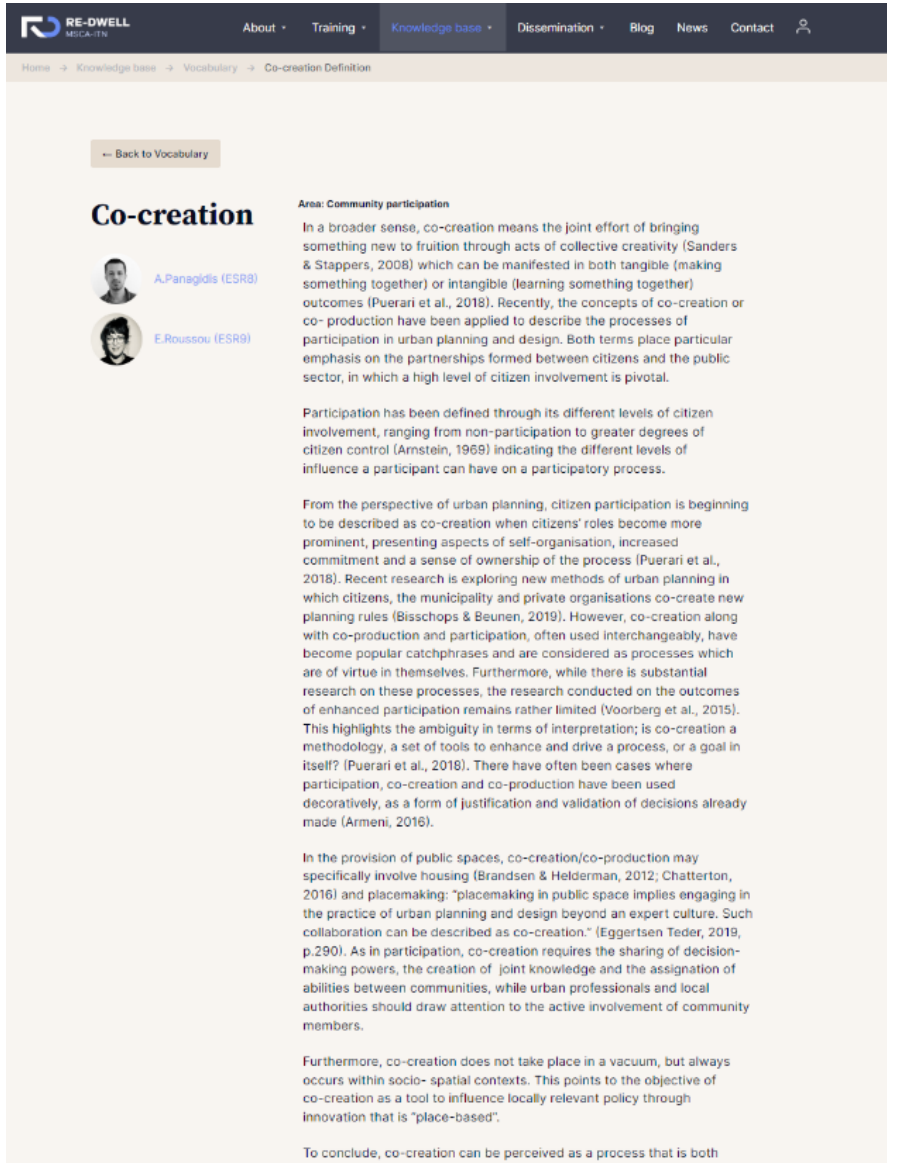

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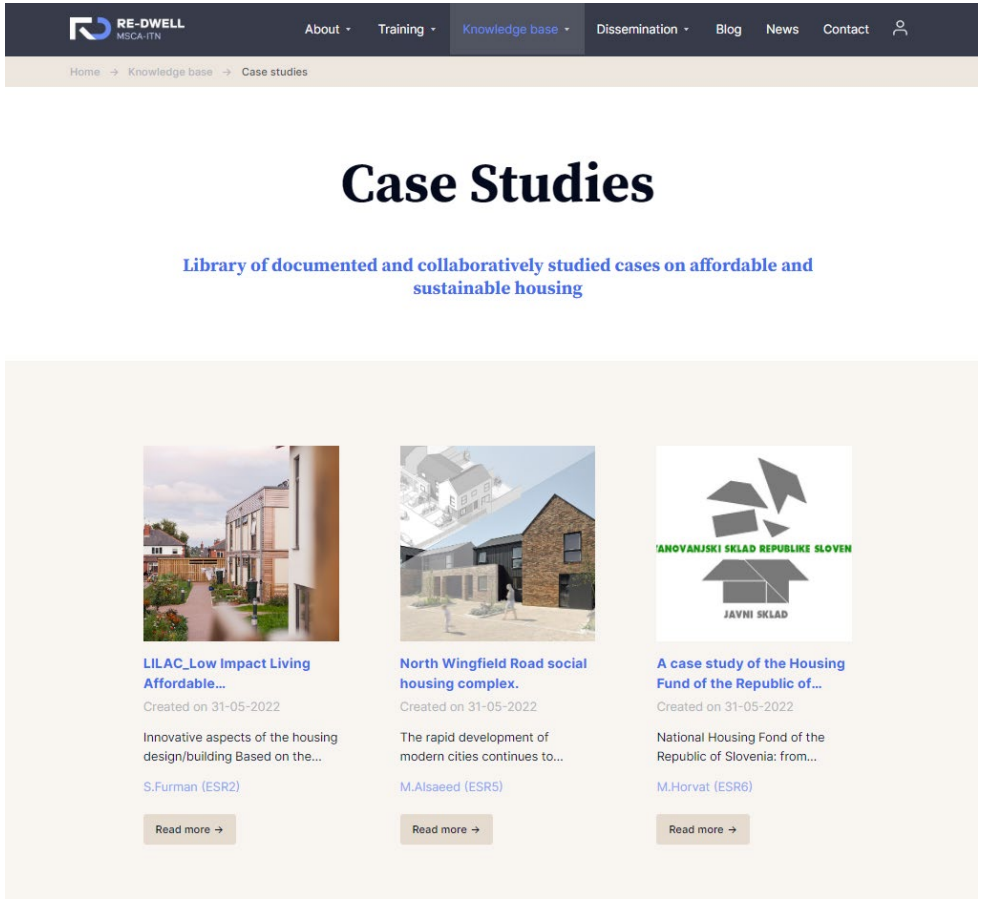

ESR projects

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LILAC_Low Impact Living Affordable Community_Leeds

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LILAC is an ecological and affordable co-housing project built on a site previously occupied by a school and purchased from the local Council in the Bramley neighbourhood of Leeds, England (Jenny Pickerill, 2015). LILAC's agenda towards social, economic, and environmental sustainability emphasises a change in lifestyle beyond a reduction in carbon emissions and improved energy performance, incorporating "economic justice, behaviour change, wellbeing, mutualism, land ownership, the role of capital and the state, and self-management" (Chatterton, 2013). LILAC is a bottom-up grassroots initiative based around co-operative governance and cohousing design (LILAC, 2021).

The community-led housing project holistically integrates three major principles: low impact living, affordability, and community. Low impact living is achieved by a combination of environmentally conscious attitudes, sharing of resources, and

Owner

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North Wingfield Road social housing complex.

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The case presented is one of 11 similar affordable family houses with 100 per cent social housing tenure and a mix of two and three-bedroom units. It was developed on a rural exemption site within the Derbyshire Green Belt at the eastern edge of the village of Grassmoor, Derbyshire, England. The design of the houses drew inspiration from the surrounding rural environment, especially farmstead and crew yard configurations – clusters of buildings around large farm buildings – which are an essential element of the local identity.
The central common space arranges the homes, amenities and landscaping to create a user-friendly environment that provides a sense of containment, safety and immersion in the surrounding natural landscape. Through its energy efficiency rating (EPC rating B, with a potential to be A), responsible use of material and reduced impact on the surrounding natural environment, a maximum score of 12 green points was given to the development in its Building for Life 12 assessment. This led to an award in the 2021 Housing Design Awards (a UK based competition), marking the project as an example of 'good practice' in social housing development that aligns with the UK sustainability agenda.

Owner

M.Alsaeed (ESR5)

Architect(s)

Housing type

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A case study of the Housing Fund of the Republic of Slovenia

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STANOVANJSKI SKLAD REPUBLIKE SLOVENIJE
JAVNI SKLAD

The Republic of Slovenia proclaimed independence in 1991, constituting the obligation of the state to create conditions for proper housing for individuals. The National Housing Fund of the Republic of Slovenia was founded in October 1991 under the National Housing Act with the main role to oversee the implementation of the National Housing Programme in collaboration with other governmental bodies and agencies at national and municipal level. The National Housing Fund is now existing for over 30 years and it has sold almost 3,000 housing units at favourable prices to families struggling to find homes, and it currently manages over 3,800 public rental apartments across the country. In the current National Housing Programme, the National Housing Fund is aiming to acquire 500 public rental apartments, 150 serviced rental apartments, and 50 places in homes for seniors and acquire up to 3.280 public rental apartments for young families.

Owner

M.Horvat (ESR6)

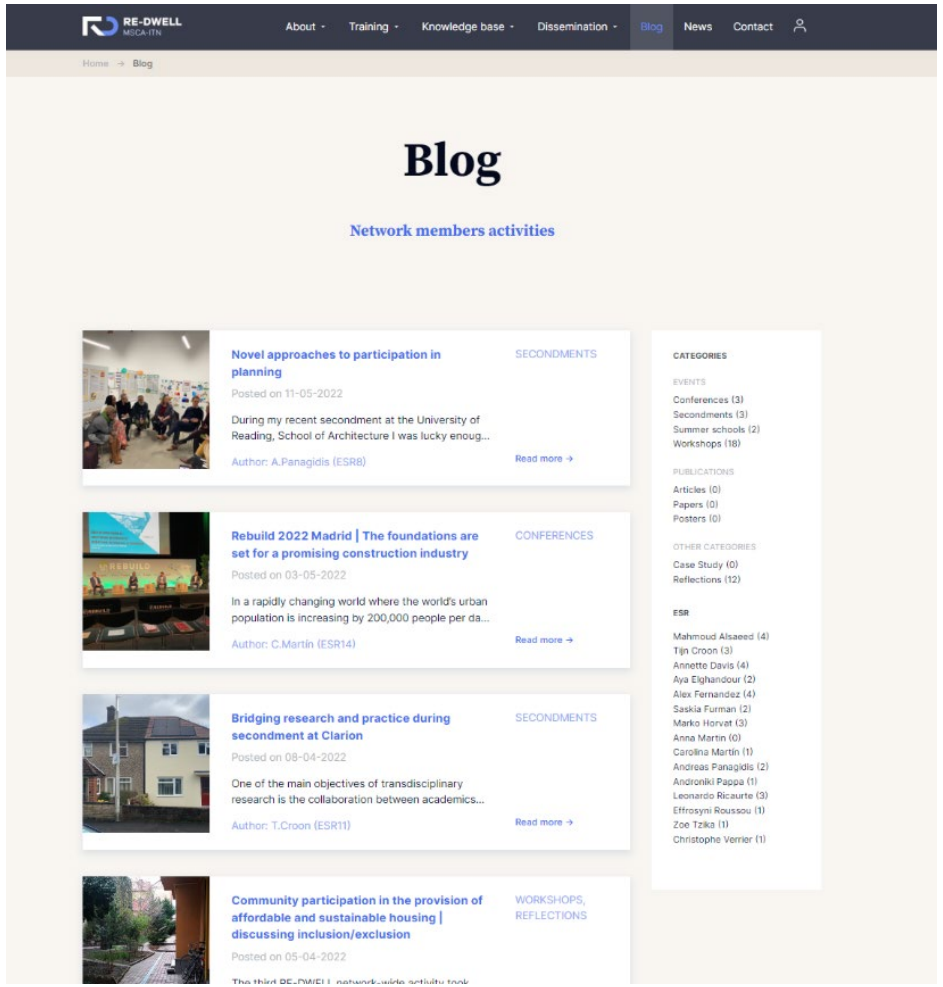
Instrument
Regulation. subsidy. incentive.

low income group, other vulnerable groups

Blog

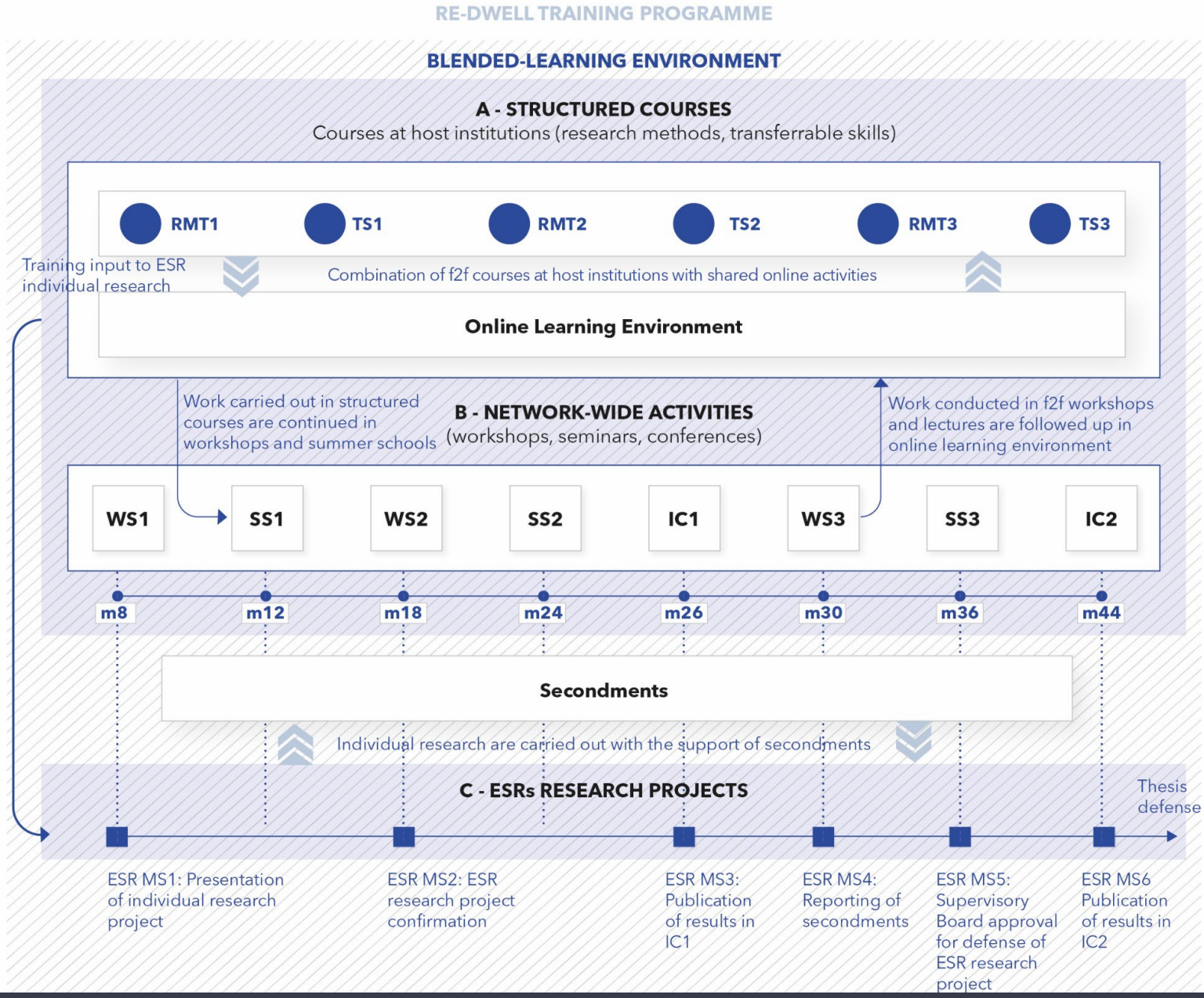
Reflections of the network members with regard to:

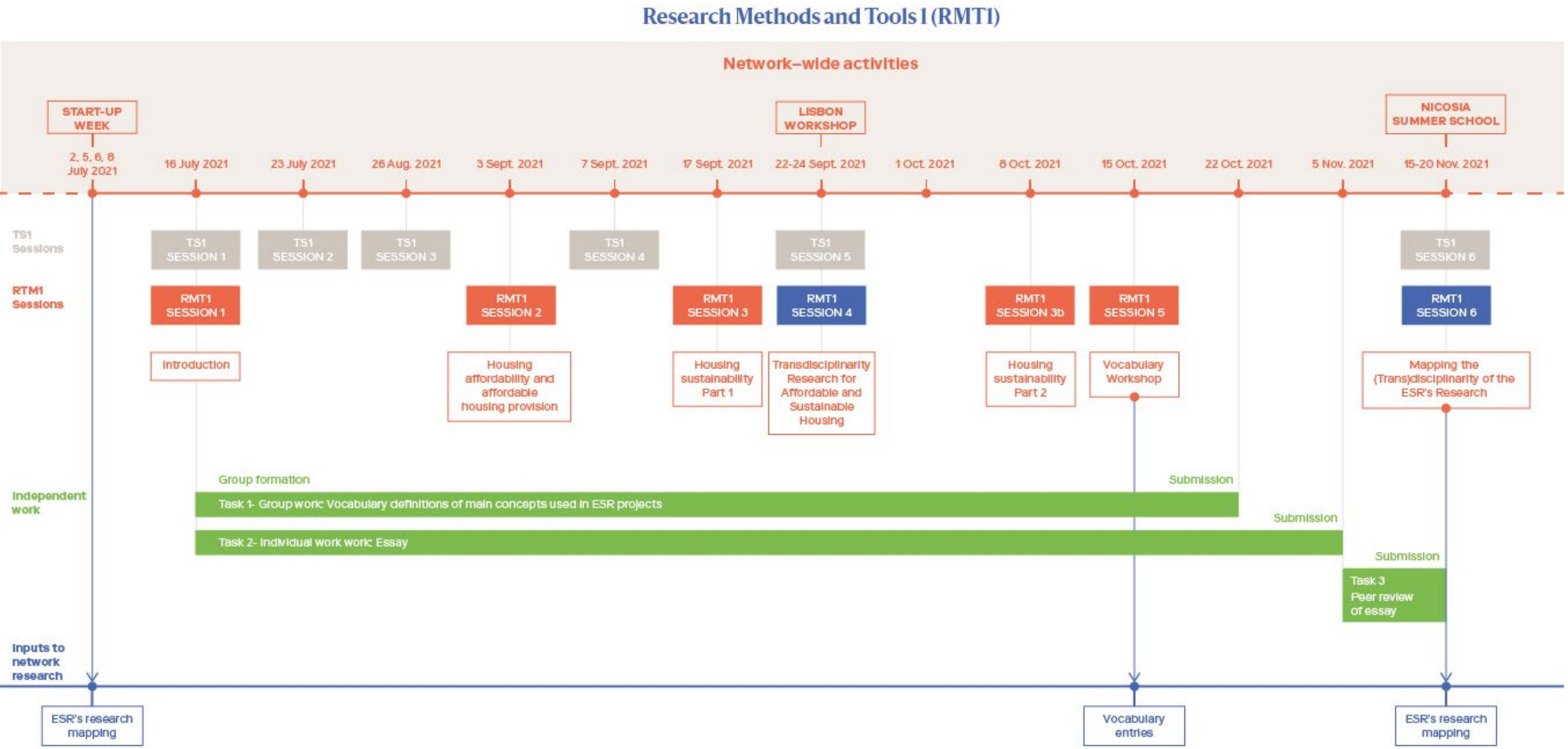
- Network activities
- Secondments
- Conferences



Intertwining research and training activities

- Courses
- Workshops
- Summers Schools
- Conferences
- Secondments



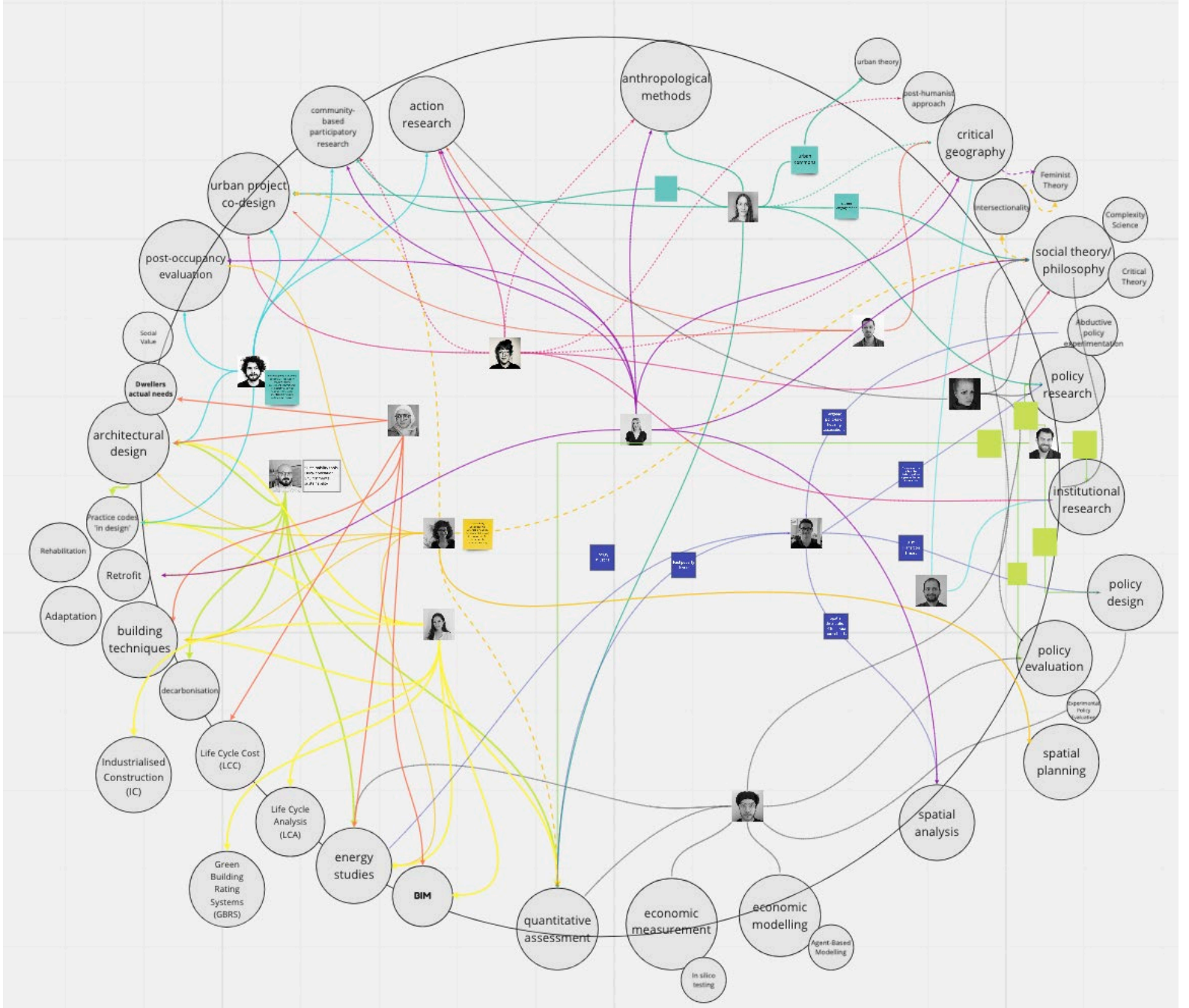


Integrating onsite and online teaching and learning activities

Blended learning

Map of ESRs' transdisciplinarity research (RMT1 course)

- ESRs did a peer review of an essay before meeting in the summer school in Nicosia
- The links between their research approaches were mapped during the presentation in Nicosia



Newtork activities

Workshops
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Conferences

Collaborative activities
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Site visits
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Workshop #1 Lisbon – 22-24 September 2021
“Design, planning and construction of affordable and sustainable housing”

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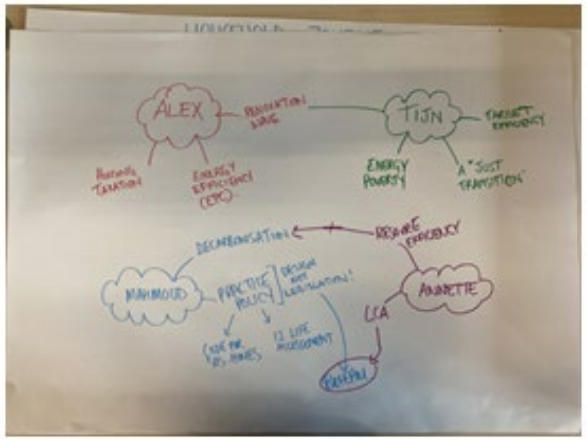
Workshop #2 Budapest – 28-30 March 2022 : “Community participation in affordable and sustainable housing”



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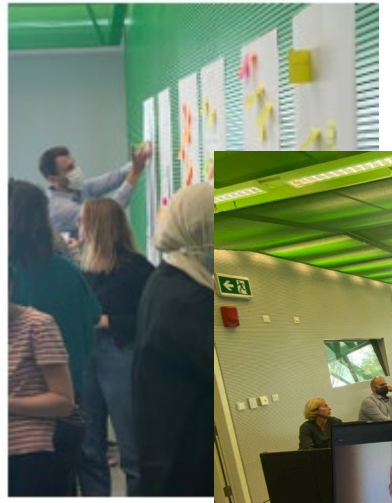

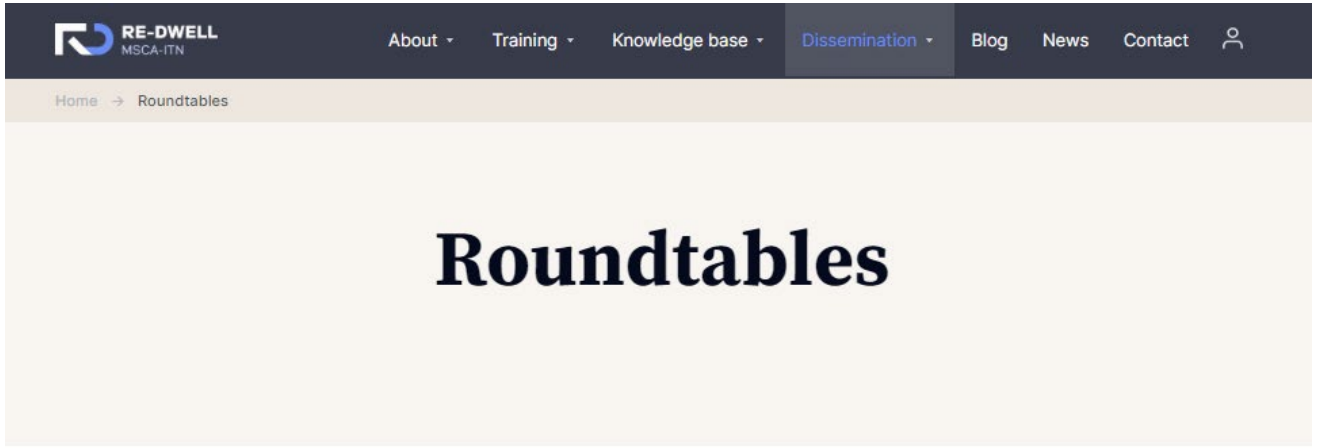

RE-DWELL Roundtable #3: "Community participation i...

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This discussion took place in a blended format on March 26, as...

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RE-DWELL Roundtable #2: Design of Affordable and...

Published on 22-12-2021

This roundtable took place in a blended format, in the Universit...

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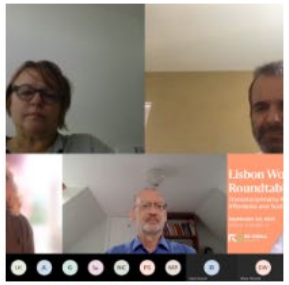

RE-DWELL Roundtable #1: Transdisclipinary Research...

Published on 23-09-2021

A roundtable on "Transdisclipinary Research for...

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Roundtables

Online discussions with experts in the field of affordable and sustainble housing

3 roundtables were included in the last two workshops and summer school

- Darinka Czischke, TU Delft
- David Clapham, University of Glasgow
- Gilles Debizet, University Grenoble Alpes
- Lisa D. Iulo, Pennsylvania State University
- Richard Lang, Suttner Private University in St. Pölten
- Montserrat Pareja-Eastaway, University of Barcelona
- Doina Petrescu, University of Sheffield
- Jenny Pickerill, University of Sheffield
- Ashraf Salama, University of Strathclyde

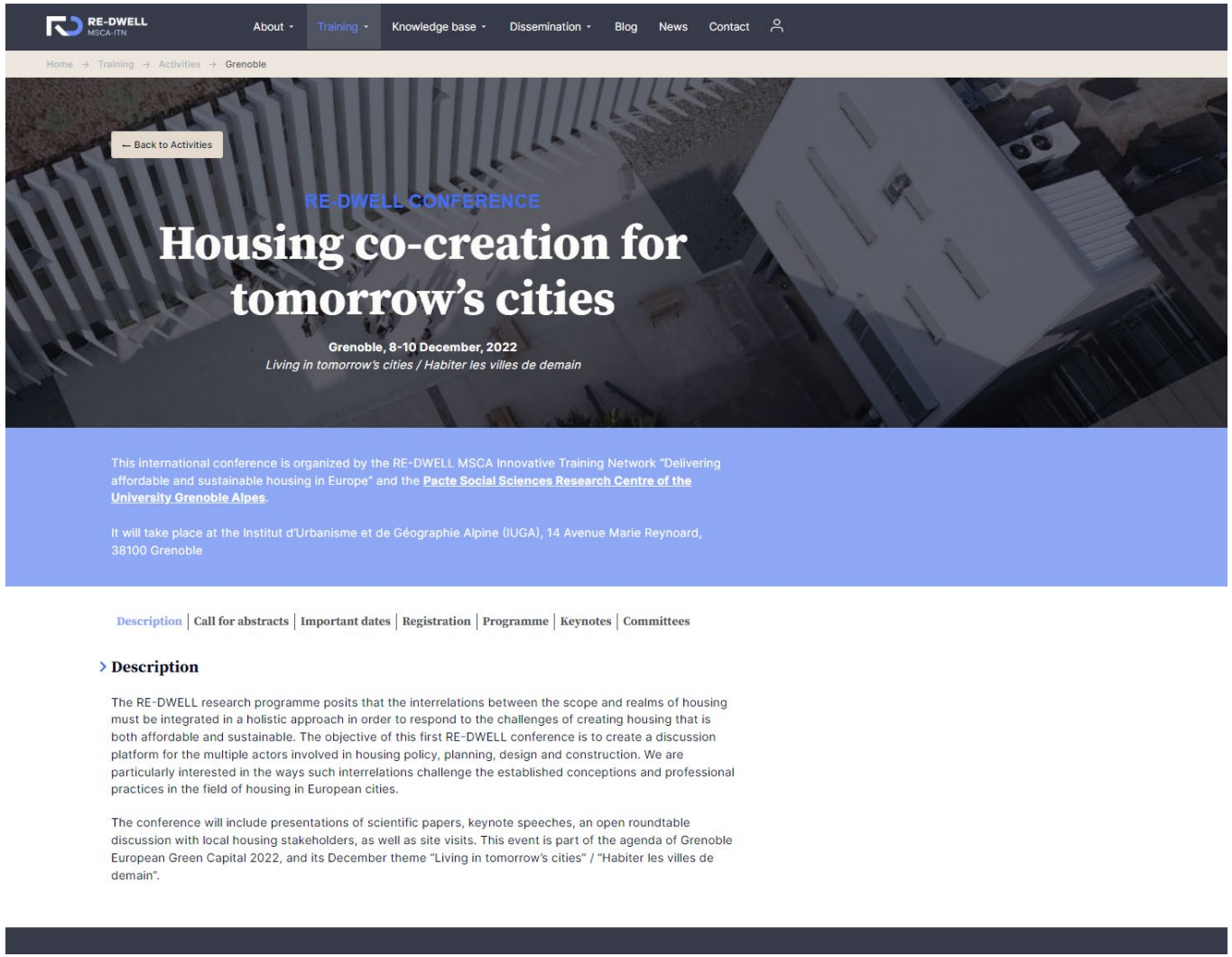
Network activities

Workshops
Summer Schools
Conferences

Call for abstract open until

24 June 2022

RE-DWELL Conference, Grenoble, 8-10 December, 2022:
"Living in tomorrow's cities / *Habiter les villes de demain*"



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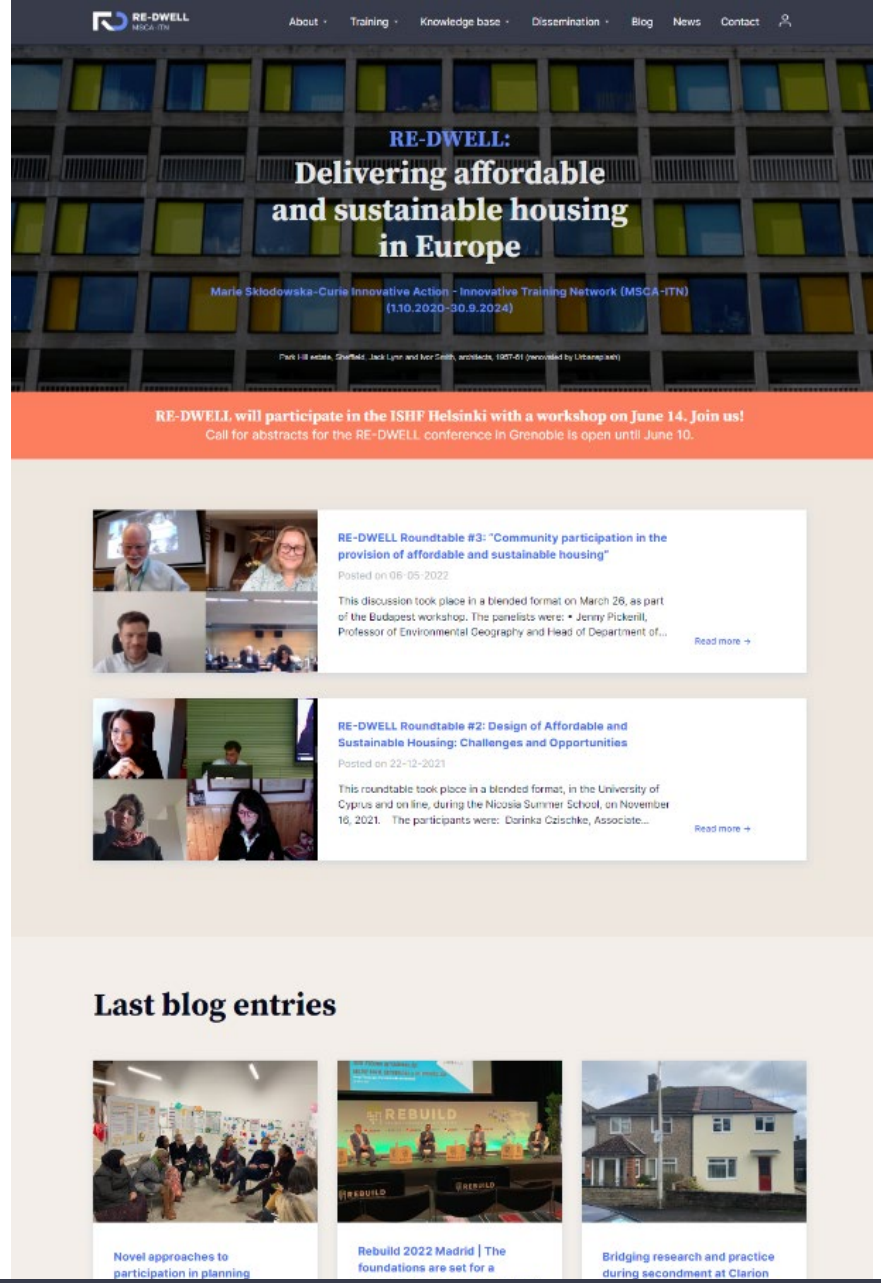

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RE-DWELL Workshop.

A holistic approach for affordable and sustainable housing: a use case

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