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Abstract

The first part of the paper will be devoted to the general conceptual and methodological issues. The international and interdisciplinary features of the E-Urbs project made possible to enlarge significantly the field of observation and to treat of the urban phenomena from widely different perspectives. The distinctive and complementary, interdependent nature of the various social science disciplines is taken as a base of reference for considering urban geography contribution to the comparative urban studies. The particular attention is paid to complexity of the relationship between the social and the spatial and its implication for comprehensive analysis. Some comments are devoted to the data and measurement comparability in the context of East-European transformation. The second part, based on the results of the RESTATE project (Restructuring Large-scale Housing Estates in European Cities: Good Practices and New Visions for Sustainable Neighborhoods and Cities) will provide an answer to the question: how the new experiences from other cities of Europe become the base for formulation an innovative, in the Polish context, proposal for effective urban housing policy implementation? The above issues will be investigated in detail taking into account the potential for the cross national transfer of knowledge and experience in the strategic planning and large scale housing estates managements in Western and Eastern European cities. In the concluding parts the benefits and constraints of the transferability of knowledge and experience will be analysed.

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