



WG2 Case study profile

WG2 Thematic group	WG2.1b. Older people and people with disabilities: care and wellbeing
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Title of case study (and priority ranking)	Self-managed housing for older people
Country/region/place investigated	Helsinki, Finland
Social service sector(s) investigated <i>(Erase non relevant ones)</i>	Housing alternatives for older people in Finland have traditionally included fully private arrangements (in ordinary rented and owner-occupied housing) and care service units that are run by service providers and where autonomy of older people becomes very limited.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Older people • Housing and neighbourhood 	
Category of case study ('what' is investigated) <i>(Erase non relevant ones)</i>	In 2006 a new kind of housing community owned and run by a group of ageing people was opened in Helsinki. This community is based on sharing of domestic tasks like cleaning and preparing meals. This case study will analyse the birth and development of this pioneering housing community, examining the moving decisions and experiences of the occupants. Based on focus group interviews and a survey among the occupants (N=70), their needs and access to necessary services will be analysed.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project/initiative/experience (micro-level) • Actor(s) • Place (s) 	
Time frame considered <i>(from when to when)</i>	2006-2013
Five 'perspectives' <i>(Erase non relevant ones)</i>	This case study will focus on the possibilities and experiences of individual ageing/older people to build an alternative old age for themselves.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cost efficiency/quality/user satisfaction • (Gender) 	
Three processes in restructuring + crisis <i>(Erase non relevant ones)</i>	These restructuring processes function as a background for this case study but it will focus on whether it is possible for older citizens to overcome the negative impacts of the restructuring through collective action and gain control over their own lives.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cuts/rationalization/management reforms (NPM, others) • Vertical subsidiarity (administrative re-arrangements between <i>government</i> levels) • Horizontal subsidiarity (involvement of/outsourcing to other suppliers) 	
Specific questions/focus	See above
Local Stakeholder Network (LSN)	<i>Do you intend to set up a LSN:</i> NO