



WG2 Case study profile

WG2 Thematic group	WG2.4. Housing and neighbourhood
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Title of case study (and priority ranking)	Housing precariousness and homeless in Athens
Country/region/place investigated	Athens, Greece
Social service sector(s) investigated <i>(Erase non relevant ones)</i> • Housing and neighbourhood	The case study will investigate the recent emerging conditions of housing crisis, affecting a wide range of the population in Athens during the last years of economic crisis and related restructurings. It will also look at the role of -non-existing and/or further curtailed- public policies for housing and homeless, together with new collective initiatives and solidarity acts.
Category of case study ('what' is investigated) <i>(Erase non relevant ones)</i> • Subsector/policy/programme (meso-level) • Actor(s) • Place (s)	Housing crisis and policies for housing and homeless. New groups in need and changing roles of related actors (municipality, housing and real estate market, civil society organisations, social movements) in Athens.
Time frame considered <i>(from when to when)</i>	From 2008 onwards
Five 'perspectives' <i>(Erase non relevant ones)</i> • Governance XX • Social and/or territorial cohesion XXX	The case study will look at how recent situations of housing stress, precariousness or deprivation are contributing to the growing situations of social and territorial polarisation and inequality. The withdrawal (or absence) of the state, the centrality of the housing question in Greek society and the new actors trying to cope with it (on various levels but mainly grass-roots) create (but also call-for) new governance arrangements.
Three processes in restructuring + crisis <i>(Erase non relevant ones)</i> • Cuts/rationalization/management reforms (NPM, others)	The current economic crisis, the policy reforms in the name of the public sector efficiency and related budgetary cuts, together with severe austerity measures leading to income reduction and continuing impoverishment for the majority of the population lead to new extreme situations in the sector of housing.
Specific questions/focus	Possibilities for answering housing needs both on a grass-roots level, but also by developing a new comprehensive housing policy.
Local Stakeholder Network (LSN)	<i>Do you intend to set up a LSN:</i> YES