

Work in small groups

EFTA and small states



## **Emerging issues in your region: specific challenges, examples to highlight, references to info sources**

### **New Urban Poverty**

- Affordability and accessibility of housing, public space, basic services
- Coping mechanisms for poverty – emergency of new cultures (sharing, non-consumer culture etc)
- Local conflicts based on poverty/immigration
- Urban youth unemployment
- Challenge of local public finance
- Burning waters – riots ..



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### **Spatial expression**

- Spatial segregation
- Informal settlements,
- Re-emergence of slums
- Impact on urban sprawl (tbc)



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## **New Urban Poverty**

### **Examples**

- New urban culture: Social produce sale (PT), car sharing, Podemos (ES), solidarity for house renovation  
Baltic states;

### **Sources**

- Urban sociology reader (Routledge)



## Demography

### Ageing

- Almost everywhere
- Cities need to adapt
- Financial impact on local govts
- New phenomena like inter-generational solidarity mechanisms
- Health, wellbeing transport etc



## Demography

### Migration

- Internal: smaller to bigger cities
- Inter-EFTA: South-to-North/West, East-to-West (mostly young, qualified, temporary)
- International: mainly to cities;
- Roma exclusion
- Policies of cities on migration, integration, taking advantage of demographic
- Growing inequalities/polarization



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### **Spatial expression:**

- Shrinking cities
- Rethinking of public space, mobility, housing policies

### ***Sources:***

- OECD ageing in cities
- UNECE population unit
- IOM Cities and Migrants World Migration report
- ESPON



## **Climate change mitigation**

- Main emitter (e.g. Germany coal),
- Reduction of CO2 emissions: change to non-motorised and e- transport but not everywhere, resource efficiency,

## **Disaster risks**

- Natural and man-made: flooding main issue, linked to land use/siting/soil sealing
- Causes and consequences placed in EFTA
- Lack of emergency plans/communication/legal issues concerning civil protection
- Earthquake local
- Resilience to climate change





## **Climate change/Disaster**

### **Spatial dimension**

- Land use/enforcement/compliance/corruption, settlements in risk area (also linked to poverty);
- Public space reserved to public/non motorized transport; low-energy building;
- Aim for compact cities

### **Sources:**

- UNISDR studies
- EU risk publications/directive on risk management



## **Urban Governance**

- Multilevel governance
- Uncontrolled growth/urban sprawl
- Metropolitan governance
- Cities-regions
- Cross-border
- PPPPs
- Change management
- Participatory planning



**Technology, innovation, Big Data: openness of the data, use of big data in urban planning and management, digital divide**