

Urban Futures: Strategic Approach to Informal Settlements in ECE

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Informal Settlements: Main issues

The problem defined

Economic, social and environmental challenges

Conceptual framework

The ladder of informality

The ladder of policy solutions

Lessons

Major policy questions

What types of informal settlements are emerging in ECE/regional differences?

Who is moving to informal settlements and why?

What are the conditions of housing and basic services in informal settlements?

What legal framework applies to informal housing?

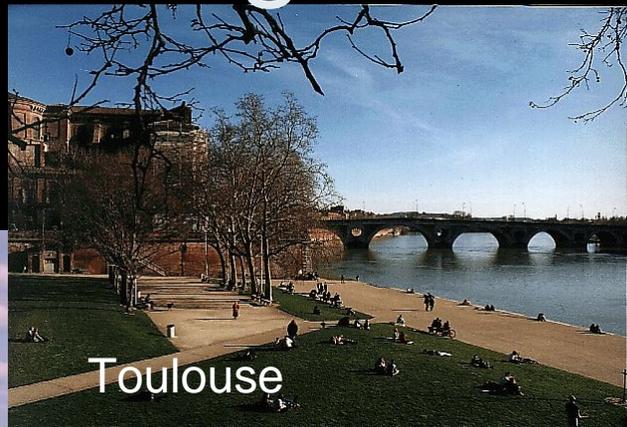
How can the informal housing situation be improved?

Cities in ECE Region

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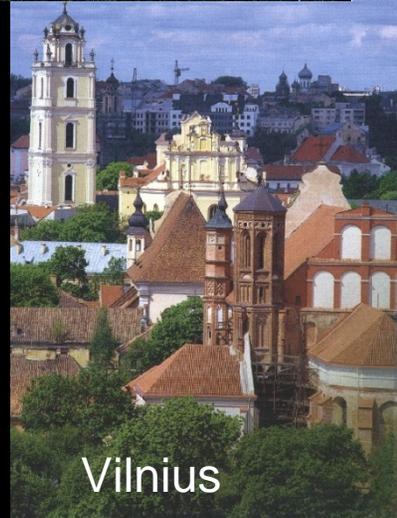
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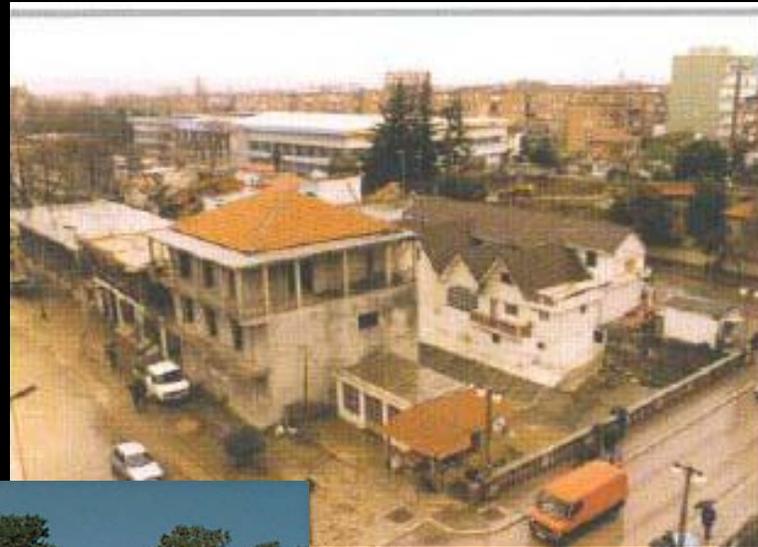
Stockholm

The Economic Challenge



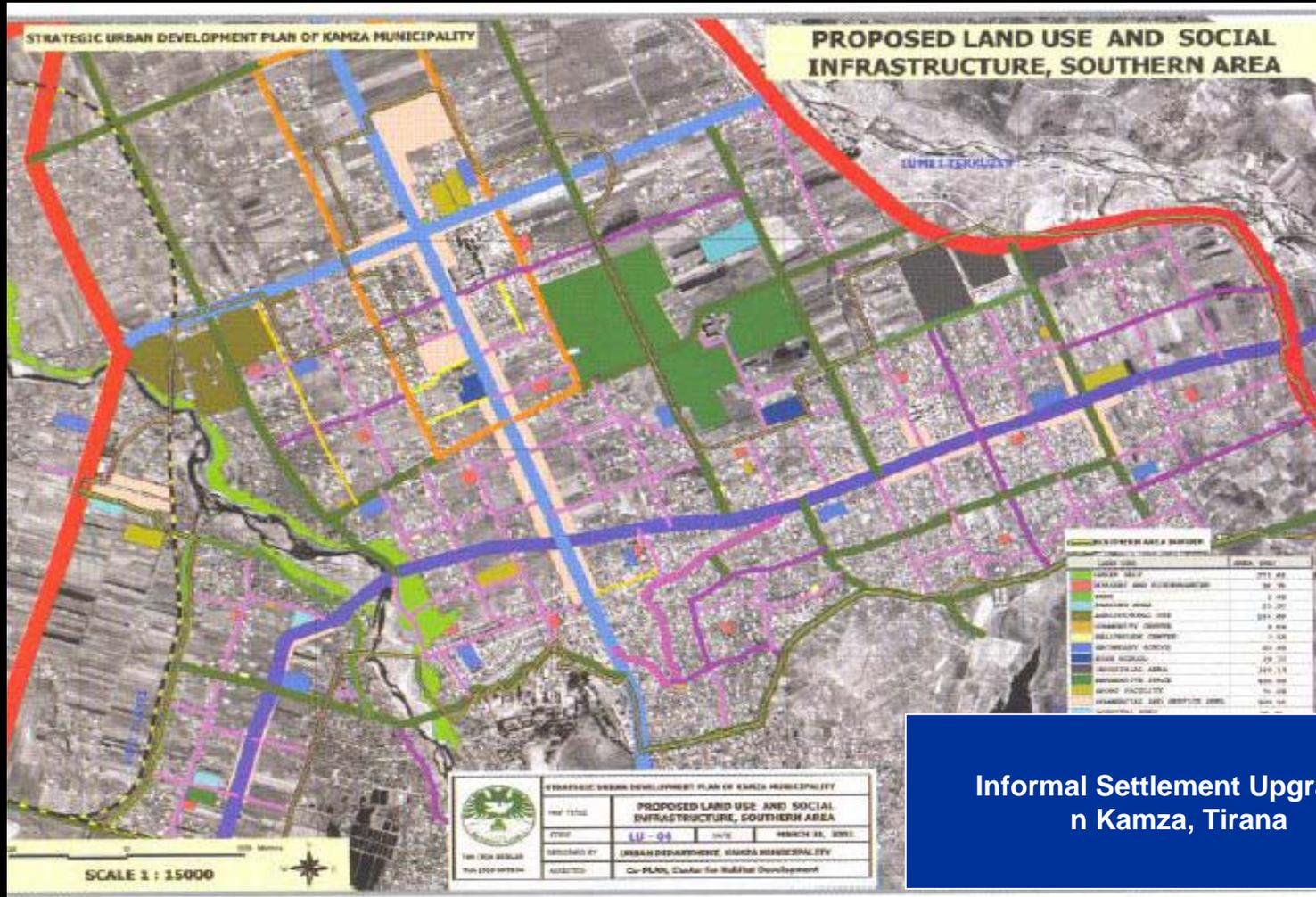
- **Second generation of informal settlements in Attika, Greece**

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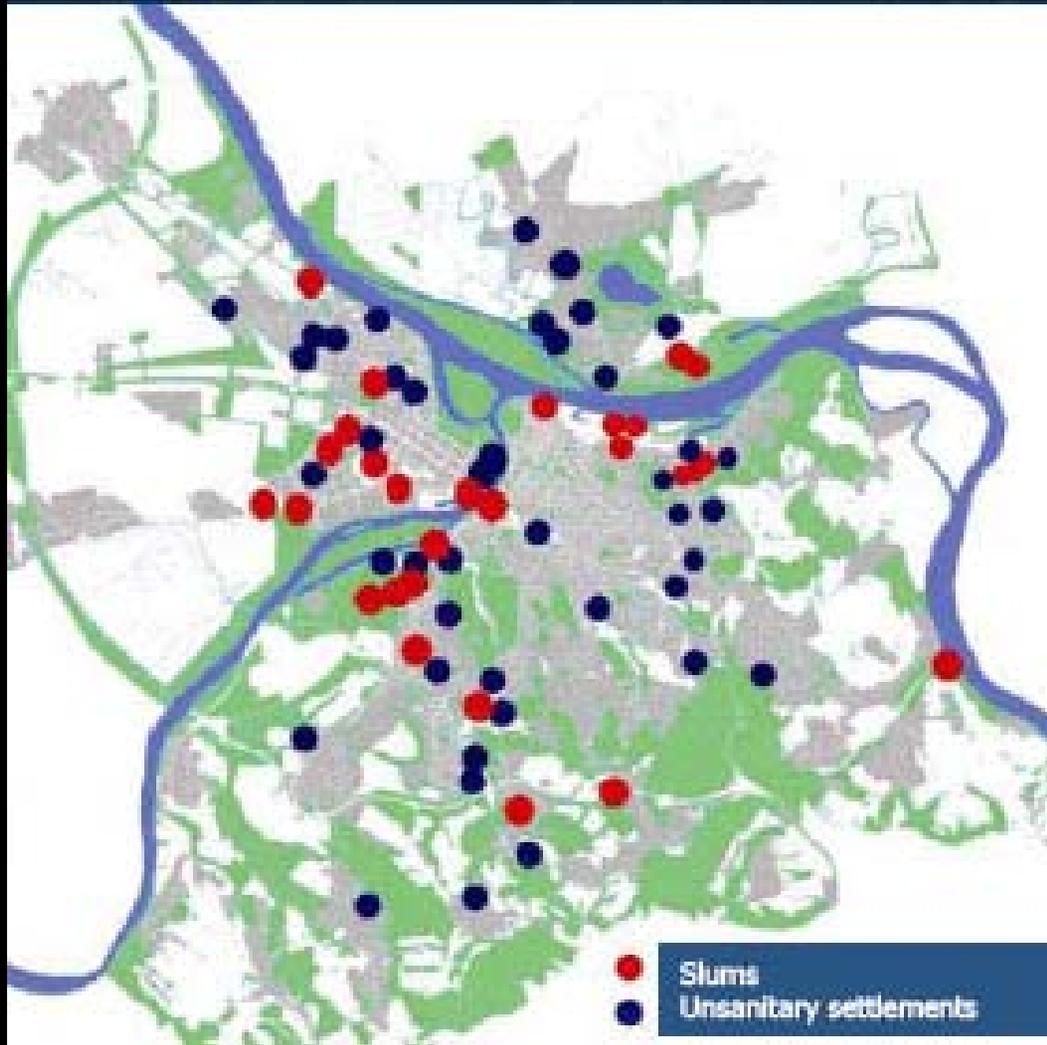
Cycles of Informality & Dead Capital

The Social Challenge



Informal Settlement Upgrading
n Kamza, Tirana

The Social Challenge



Slums and Unsanitary Settlements
in Belgrade

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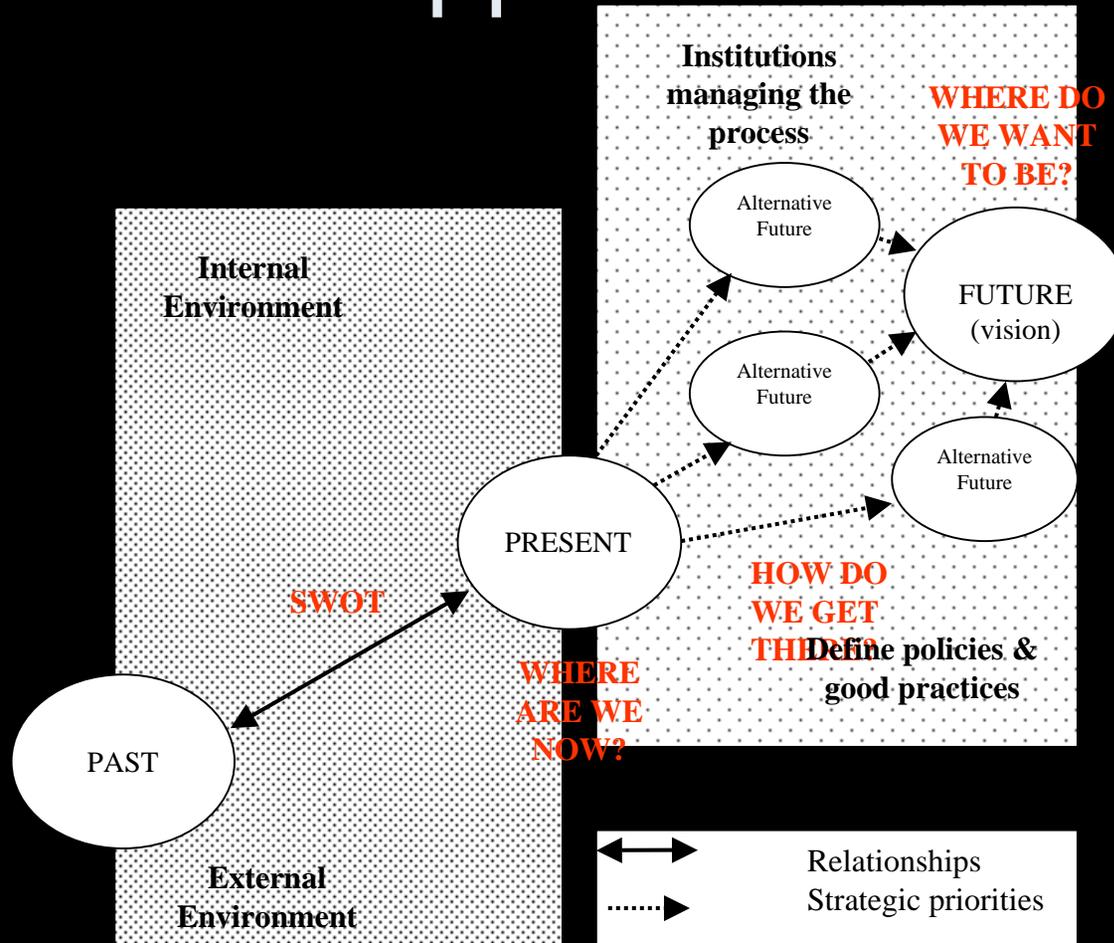
**Informal Settlements and Social Exclusion:
Roma in Podgorica**

The Environmental Challenge

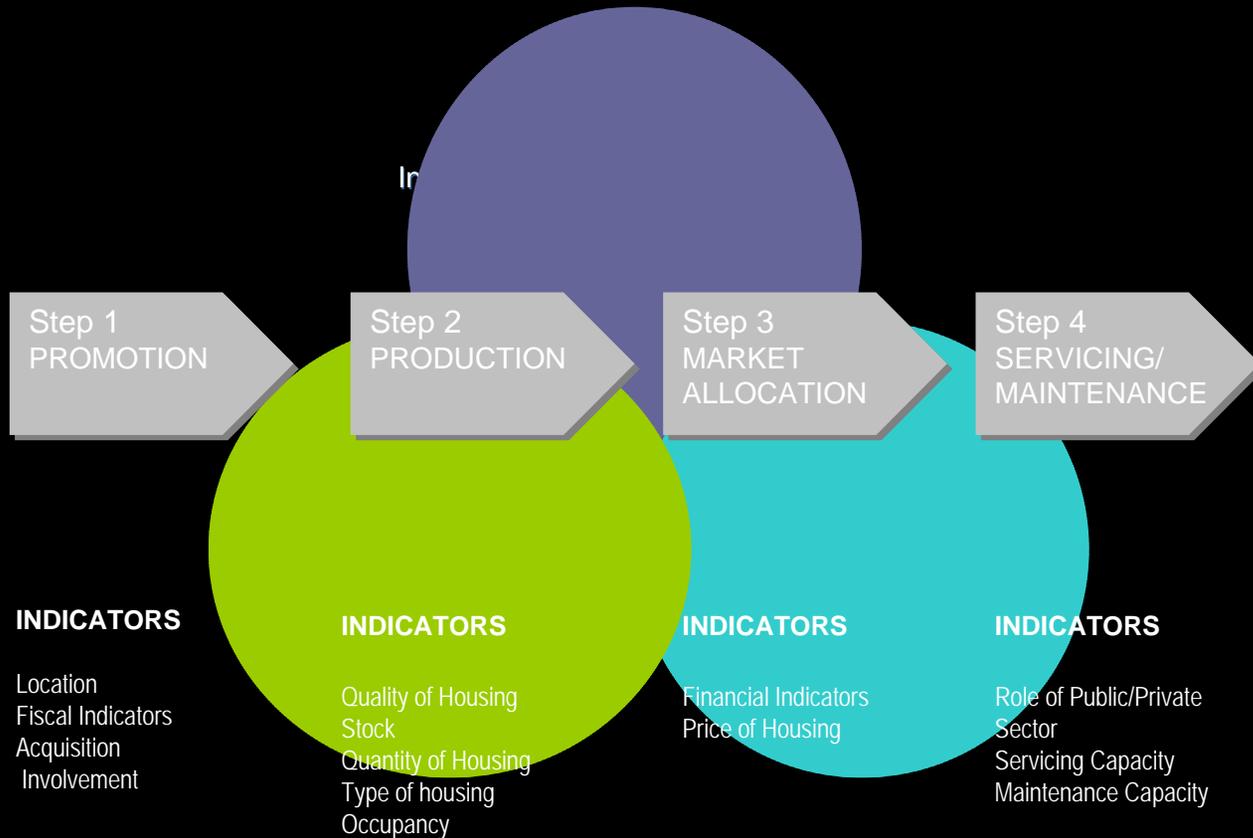
Amenities

(% of dwellings)	Informal Settlements	Tirana
• Sewage	46%	91%
• Piped Water	41%	95%
• Electricity	68%	97.3%

Addressing the Problem: Strategic Approach



The Nexus of Legal, Financial & Institutional Frameworks



The Ladder of Informality: Typology

- **Forms of Illegal Additions & Reconstruction without Permits**
- **Construction on Privately Owned Land without Permits**
- **Substandard Old Settlements**
- **Non-Planned Settlements on State-Owned Agricultural Land**
- **Illegal Construction in Protected and Rural Areas**

The Ladder of Policy Solutions

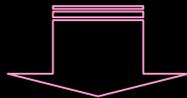
- Legalization Policies
- Regularization
- Community-based Upgrading
- Public Provision of Social Housing/Slum Clearance

Lessons: A new approach?

The international & European commitments

Regional cooperation

Systematic commitment at the national and local government level



More efficient planning & enforcement

Better land management

Improved institutional capacity