

PROJECT INFORMATION

Energy-efficient redevelopment of urban areas in Lithuania

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Selected pilot quarter in Utena,
Lithuania

Source: Utena Municipality

Background

In Lithuania, around two thirds of the population lives in multi-family houses that were constructed before 1993 using industrial building methods. Motivated by the high demand for energy-efficient refurbishment of the building stock, the Lithuanian government initiated a funding programme in 2004, which was expanded in 2009 with the support of EU funding. Lithuania is interested in introducing and establishing integrated concepts that encompass various sectors to further improve urban energy efficiency. This interest was also inspired by the German KfW programme “Energy-Efficient Urban Redevelopment”.

Project details

The focus of the project was to advise the Lithuanian Ministry of Environment regarding possible funding options for energy-efficient urban redevelopment similar to the KfW programme and adapted to Lithuania's conditions. Among other activities, sample concepts for energy efficient urban redevelopment for selected urban areas in the municipalities Birštonas, Šiauliai and Utena have been developed. Know-how, insights and experiences acquired in the process have been shared with other Lithuanian municipalities. Beside the three exemplary urban development concepts, containing partially proposals for innovative pilot projects, a brochure on integrated energy-efficient urban development and a manual for Lithuanian municipalities have been drafted. In June 2016, the Lithuanian government issued recommendations for municipalities regarding energy-efficient refurbishment of residential buildings and urban development, which were inspired i.a. by findings from the project. The project contributed to raising awareness and relevance of an integrated approach to urban development in Lithuania. In the meantime, tenders by the government have referred to this approach and it is increasingly becoming a topic in the political discourse.

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