



DRIVERS AND BARRIERS IN REGENERATION PROJECTS: SOCIOLOGICAL RESEARCH FINDINGS FROM FOUR COUNTRIES

Type of product	Report
Target group	All stakeholders interested in the social organization of regeneration projects, including managers, local authorities, consultants, regulators and policy makers and brownfield regeneration researchers
Availability and costs	Timbre website

Purpose: *This report summarizes the findings on the country and regional characteristics that act as drivers or barriers for making decisions in brownfield regeneration projects. We focus thereby on the roles and interactions of actors in decision-making.*

Methodology: *Qualitative interviews and focus group discussions were carried out and secondary sources of information were collected over the course of one year in the four Timbre countries (the Czech Republic, Poland, Germany and Romania).*



Knowledge creation in action: reaching a shared understanding of brownfield regeneration scenarios using the Megasite Management Toolsuite for the Szprotawa site (2013).

Applicability: *The findings can be applied to understand how national, regional or local characteristics shape regeneration projects from the very beginning of project organizing until the final regeneration steps. Based on this information, investors and other stakeholders can better tailor their expectation or strategies to the particular circumstances of each project.*

Originality: *This is the first report dealing with the internal and external organization of regeneration projects (as theoretical contribution) and applying it to brownfield regeneration in four Central and Eastern European countries (a new empirical contribution).*

Availability: *The report will be available on the Timbre website in English, with short Czech, Polish and Romanian versions to reach as wide an audience as possible.*

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KEY ACTORS AND DECISIONS IN BROWNFIELD REGENERATION: SITE-SPECIFIC INSIGHTS FROM THE CZECH REPUBLIC, POLAND AND ROMANIA

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Target group	All stakeholders interested in the social organization of specific regeneration projects, including managers, local authorities, consultants, regulators and policy makers and brownfield regeneration researchers
Availability and costs	Timbre website

Purpose: *There is an increasing interest in learning who are the main actors and how do they make decisions on the regeneration of complex brownfield sites. This report draws on the case studies carried out by Timbre researchers in Ostrava (the Czech Republic), Szprotawa (Poland) and Hunedoara (Romania) and identifies the main categories of actors, their relationships and the factors that shape their decision-making.*



Understanding actors and decisions in various contexts of brownfield regeneration. Pictured are informal scrap metal collectors from Hunedoara, Romania (2012).

Methodology: *Qualitative interviews and focus group discussions as well as administrative data have been used to characterize the different categories of actors and their decision structures.*

Applicability: *The findings can be applied to describe and understand actors and decision-making structures in specific brownfield contexts. This offers insight into the complexity of local decision-making and into the ways in which decisions taken at national or regional levels shape local ones.*

Originality: *This is the first report covering the topic of key actors and decision-making structures at three brownfield sites in Central and Eastern Europe. It has a solid empirical basis and offers insight into stakeholder perceptions and actions.*

Availability: *The report will be available on the Timbre website in English, with short Czech, Polish and Romanian versions to reach as wide an audience as possible.*

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