Improving the Quality of Suburban Building Stocks

Objectives:

- Development and dissemination of knowledge and tools to assess and promote the refurbishment of existing suburban building stocks.
- Development of new, integrated strategies for Local Authorities, housing corporations and owners on the one hand, and for architects and civil engineers on the other.
- Share of a common list of building regulations, measures and techniques to promote an integrated approach to refurbishment, based on: architectural and technical aspects, social and functional aspects, technical and energy saving aspects.
- Realization of an inventory of best practices on suburban building stock refurbishment in Europe.
- Definition of a methodological framework for testing the adaptation of existing Quality Assessment models and protocols to the specific regulations, constructions, and construction cost of the participating countries.

Main Achievements:

- WG1 completed the State of the art reporting a profile of existing suburban building stock in a set of papers provided by the countries involved.
- WG2 developed a datasheet referred to a list of Indicators in a determined structure addressing a variety of criteria, intended for the Analysis of User Needs, and for the Assessment of Quality of the Suburban Building Stock.
- WG3 carried out inventory and selection of legislation, building regulations, administrative procedures and financial tools in each country involved in the Action.
- A set of contributions from other COST Actions concerning topics related to the subjects of TU0701 has been published into the first book edited in Malta and presented during the Mid Term Conference (Malta, 7/8th May 2010).