



## Renovating social housing by the tenants – Social Housing Reconstruction Camp, Hungary

### 1 - SOCIAL HOUSING RECONSTRUCTION CAMP ASSOCIATION (SHRCA) // former group of volunteer students

solution:

- the reconstruction of the tenements by the indebted tenants
- The increase in the value of the buildings brought about by the renovations was to be credited to the tenants thus reducing their arrears of rent
- increasing energy efficiency by insulation

### INITIAL PROBLEMS

- structural problems (unemployment, residual stock of social housing)
- rent arrears and debt spiral
- social housing: run-down, 100 years old colony

### 2 - TENANTS OF THE SOCIAL HOUSING UNITS

### 3 - LOCAL GOVERNMENT OF NAGYKANIZSA (LG) // property management office)

solution:

- emptying social housing complex by evictions
- housing only for those with rental contracts and without rent arrears

#### 1. NEGOTIATIONS

#### THE FIRST SOCIAL HOUSING RECONSTRUCTION CAMP (2010)

- 3 buildings (12 flats) renovated with the participation of 37 local residents and approx. 110 volunteers
- grant: 11000 EUR vs. rent arrears worked off 5000 EUR
- personal relations with the residents, positive cooperation
- media attention, thematising the issue of social housing

#### 2. SUCCESSFUL PROGRAM CLOSING

#### THE SECOND SOCIAL HOUSING RECONSTRUCTION CAMP (2012)

- 1 building with 9 flats renovated and insulation of another 3 buildings (24 flats), 31 local participants
- more professional background (full-time employee)
- more complex program: community building, energy efficiency and household economy trainings
- more cooperation from the LG: investing in the renovation of social housing

