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WHY: intervention rationale

- Vilnius has the highest number of multi-apartment buildings subject to renovation (5 230 units)
- Need for funding administrator
- Need for administrative support, education, mobilisation of interest and negotiation among the residents (especially at the start of renovation)



WHO & WHEN

Atnaujinkime miestą (public institution) is a *competence centre for the development of a sustainable living environment in Vilnius City – renovation of multi-apartment buildings and neighbourhood areas.*

Institution was **established in 2007** by AB „Vilniaus šilumos tinklai“, in 2019 the ownership was transferred to **Vilnius City Municipality Administration (full ownership until this day).**

HOW & HOW MUCH: working model

Main objectives – to promote energy-efficiency in multi-apartment buildings (through renovation/modernisation market expansion), to contribute to the reduction of environmental pollution and to foster the development of a sense of community amongst residents.

Activities/Services:

- education on the subject of multi-apartment renovation.
- administration of multi-apartment renovation projects.
- development of renovation support programs and measures.
- administration of loan repayment (subject to renovation).
- administration of neighbouring areas renovation projects.

44
employees

Financed from
municipality
budget and
project-based
activities

Reaching homeowners

Building criteria:

- The multi-apartment building must be built in accordance with the technical building standards in force before 1993
- Municipality has identified list of buildings suitable for renovation

Communication:

- Direct communication with building owners, residents
- Events, seminars, public awareness campaigns (cooperation with municipality) – one stop shop

Carrot and stick



Enlarged or glass balconies, roof terraces or ground floor balconies are additionally proposed with renovation projects.

Municipality finances renovation of neighbouring areas (if >50% of buildings are renovated, 10 EUR / sq.m. of free land) – playgrounds, benches, pavement, etc.



Residents voting against renovation lose access to heating compensation (in action since 2023)

Financial support

Co-financing* of up to 40% of the renovation costs:

- 100 % reimbursement of project preparation costs
- 100 % reimbursement of construction maintenance costs
- 100 % reimbursement of project implementation administration costs
- 30 % reimbursement of the investment corresponding to the energy efficiency improvements
- 20 % additional compensation for the renovation of the heating system
- Reduced credit rate (first 5 years compensation of interest rate higher than 3%)
- Beneficiaries of heating support do not pay for renovation

*sources: national budget 60% + EU Funds 40% (ERDF, Modernisation Fund, Cohesion Fund)

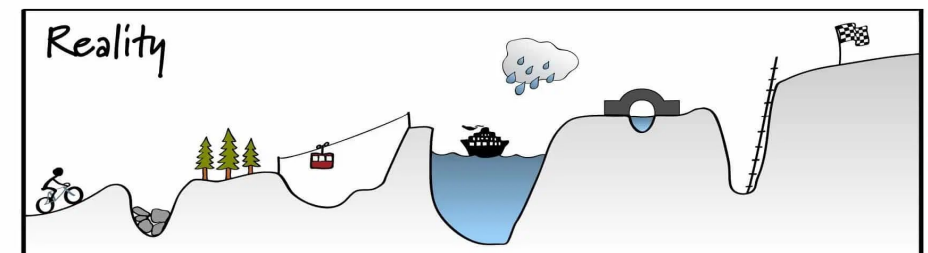
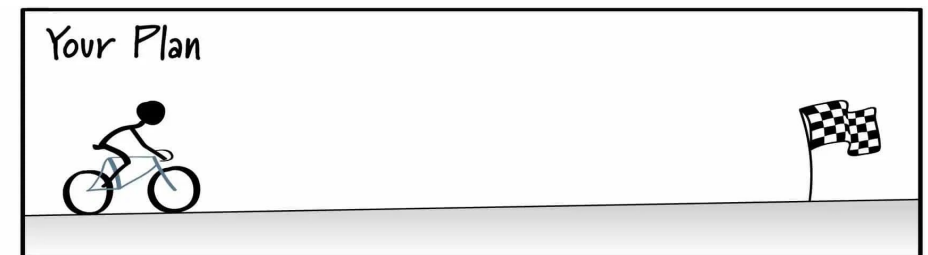
Project example:

- 30 apartments, 1725 sqm residential building
- after renovation, the building consumes about 63% less heat energy
- This investment with state support is around €147/sq.m. or around €35/month for a 60 sq.m. apartment (20 years)



Renovation project process

- Building administrator / resident initiates consultation on house renovation
- First resident voting for investment plan preparation (50%+1)
- Investment plan presentation to residents / corrections
- Second voting for renewed investment plan (55%)
- Preparation of renovation documents, procurement of the Technical Working Project, tendering Procurement of Contractor and Technical Supervision
- Administration of renovation works and loan payments



IMPACT and AMBITION: results and future

- 130 multi-apartment building renovation projects currently (150 mln. EUR value)
- Renovation of neighbourhood areas (2022: 16 sites, 87k m²; 2023: 21 site, 151k m²)
- Vilnius is most active in renovation calls.

Future:

- Support for modular (panel) renovation (pilot projects in 2024)
- Implementation of long term national renovation strategy (challenge)

RECOMMENDATIONS: policy learning

- Renovation project administration service is dependent on government decisions, which change frequently, so it is difficult to predict the volume of activities for at least several years in advance.
- As a municipal institution of Vilnius City, Atnaujinkime miestą has a trust factor advantage over the building managers (residents perspective).
- Neighbourhood renovation as a complimentary (motivating) measure for residents.



Thank you!

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