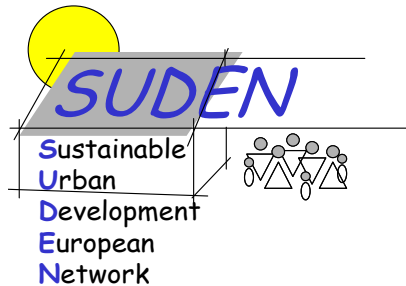


SUDEN

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The SUDEN non profit association was created in March 2004 by the partners of the HQE²R European project focussed on sustainable renovation of buildings towards sustainable neighbourhoods (City of tomorrow programme in the FP5)¹ in order to **promote sustainable urban development approaches, through close partnerships between researchers on the one hand and operational actors (local authorities, land planners, social owners...) on the other hand.**

SUDEN is structured in national networks with their own rules and issues in order to take into account national specificities and objectives.

The SUDEN objectives (cf. article 2):

- **TO GATHER THE VARIOUS ACTORS** concerned by sustainable urban management / development: SUDEN wants to be the link between all the sustainable urban development actors towards the improvement of the quality of life for everyone.
- **TO CAPITALISE** knowledge (approaches, methods and tools), know how and experiences
- **TO PROPOSE** approaches, tools, think tank issues, researches, etc.: SUDEN's vocation is to become a task force at any scale (territorial, thematic or professional ones) through European projects or working groups.
- **TO DISSEMINATE** the approaches, tools, results of experiences and projects, **TO INFORM** and **TO AWARE** any of these actors.
- **TO TRAIN** the professional actors as well as the tomorrow experts.

1. - TO GATHER ALL THE ACTORS concerned by urban management and urban development: the European association for a sustainable urban development would like to be the link between all the actors concerned by sustainable urban development towards a better quality of life for everyone.

¹ The HQE²R approach towards sustainable neighbourhoods has many operational tools such as the HQDIL method for setting out shared sustainable territorial diagnoses, the ISDIS indicators system or the INDI model for the evaluation of neighbourhoods as well as of neighbourhood projects towards sustainability. Their description can be found in the HQE²R Brochure (Cf. www.suden.org and the French publication *L'intégration du développement durable dans les projets urbains* with presentation from the 14 municipalities involved as partners, Edition La Calade (33 (0)4 93 40 29 30)

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These urban management actors are local authorities (and their associations or networks), land planners (and their professional networks or syndicates), social owners, architects and Architecture schools or universities, research centres, consultant offices, Universities and training centres, associations of inhabitants, State services or departments, banks, etc.

2. - TO CAPITALIZE knowledge (approaches and tools) in order to close the gap between practice and knowledge

Numerous networks such as professional ones (cities, architects...) or thematic ones (upon Water, Energy, Cultural heritage, etc.) are already existing and the SUDEN objective is to link all these existing networks towards urban sustainability.

Many SUDEN members are also involved in various networks and this favour this continuous capitalization.

3. - TO PROPOSE approaches, tools, thinking, researches, etc. and to be a task force in sustainable urban management and development. The European association aims at becoming a proposal power for urban projects at various scales (territorial, thematic, sectorial or professional) through working groups, European Research and demonstration projects...

4. - TO DISSEMINATE approaches, tools and results from research and demonstration projects or from experiences (from best practices but also from best policies/strategies), **TO INFORM and **TO AWARE** all the actors.**

5. - TO TRAIN professionals and tomorrow experts.

This is done with universities by normal or specific courses as well as with training courses for workers.

The SUDEN sustainable urban development charter

The sustainable urban development definition was discussed among the SUDEN members and the results represent the SUDEN charter.

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