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Cohousing and case management
for unaccompanied young adult refugees in Antwerp

Migration Working group
Eurocities

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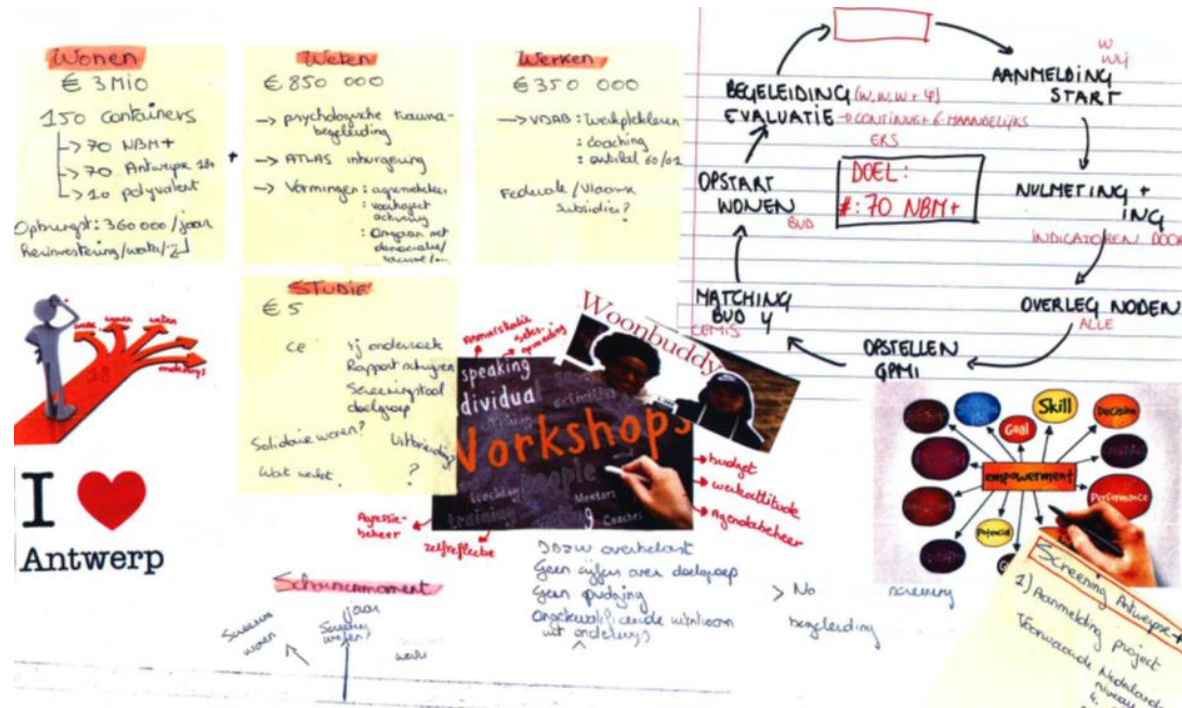
| Urban Innovative Actions

| The UIA grant

- European Commission
- € 371 million (2015-2020)
- Innovative ideas for certain topics
- Cities with minimum of 50 000 inhabitants
- Investment
- 80% grant and 20% co-financing
- Partnership
- Measurement of results
- Dissemination of results
- 3 years implementation and 1 year dissemination

From brainstorm to UIA city

- Interactive workshop with partners and stakeholders
- Benchmarking for innovativeness
- Individual meetings with project partners



| The project CURANT

ERDF budget: € 4 894 303.32
1 November 2016 - 31 October 2019

| The challenge

Influx of refugees into cities (5 125 recognised refugees, 1 585 asylum seekers in Antwerp in 2016)

- ➡ Complete lack of ‘protection’ for refugee minors who reach the age of adulthood:
 - psychological trauma’s
 - housing problems (shelter stops at 18 year)
 - leaving school unqualified
 - no legal guardian
 - no customized trajectories
 - no intensive follow up by social worker
 - no monitoring of the target group

| Solution

3 innovations ('tested' on 75 to 135 unaccompanied young adult refugees)

- Co-housing with volunteer buddies (one-2-one integration)
(low rent: € 250 + € 85 utilities/person)
- Circular integrated individual trajectories by different partners
(Dutch classes, activation training, integration class, budget training, psychological trauma relief ...)
- Theory-driven evaluation by University of Antwerp

Solution



Unaccompanied
young adult refugee
(17-21 years)

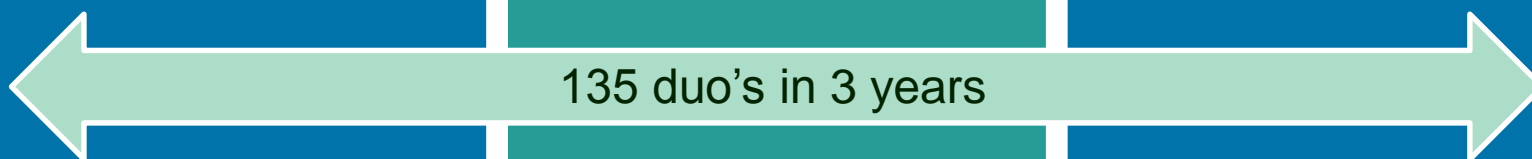


Together:

- living room
- kitchen
- bathroom



Young volunteer
(20-28 years)

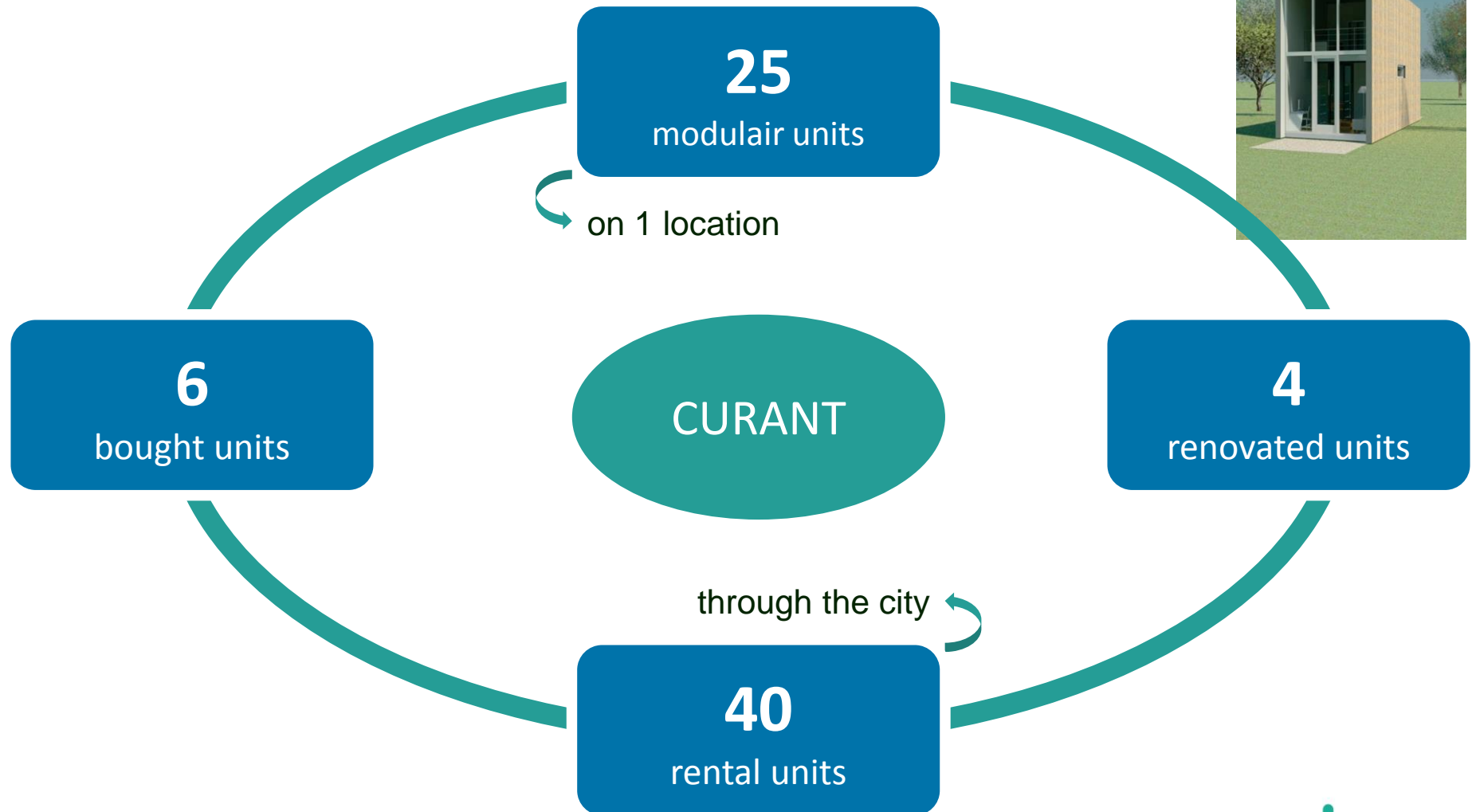


One-2-one integration

Intensive trainings

Coaching and mentoring

Housing: 75 duo units



Project partners



Atlas, Integratie en Inburgering Antwerpen
Integration course, Dutch classes, volunteer work, leisure time



Vormingplus regio Antwerpen
Search and coaching buddies



JES vzw
Activation trajectory



CeMis – Universiteit Antwerpen
Research on integration and cohousing



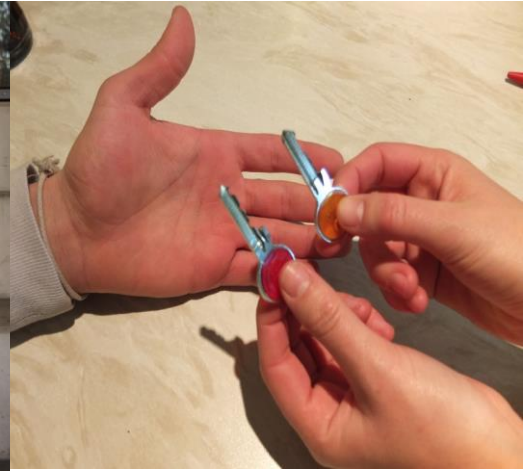
Solentra
Psychological trauma relief (in group and individual)

| Update project

- Project team
- Subsidy contract and partnership agreements
- Kick-off and press conference
- The first 2 duo's
- Solicitation of UIA expert
- 3 partner meetings
- Progress on customized trainings
- Building network of expert organisations
- Communication campaign
- Intakes young volunteers (buddies)
- Intakes refugees
- Search for housing
- Tackling problems around legal framework cohousing

Bottlenecks project

- Lack of legislation on cohousing
- Difficult search for suitable housing -> distrust owners
- Recruiting suitable buddies
- Language and motivation young refugees
- Lack of clear partnerships with stakeholders in Antwerp around the target group



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Questions

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