

International Experiences and Practices on Prefabricated Panel Buildings and Their Urban Environments

In the following three chapters—"Housing Typologies and Urban Environment," "Citizens and Neighborhood," and "Economy and Policies"—different perspectives on the situation and perspectives for the sustainable development of large housing estates are presented and discussed. The constructional, spatial, and design aspects of large housing estates are examined. Specifically, the stock of various dwelling typologies and the need for further development of the technical infrastructure are discussed. Furthermore, the unique sociocultural and economic aspects within the settlements are addressed and the necessity for customized planning instruments and financing tools is emphasized.

The authors are experts and young academics from Germany and Eastern Europe as well as scholars from other countries. They come from various disciplines and are at different stages in their careers. In addition to specialists from architecture and urban planning, experts in open-space design and traffic planning also present their research. Lastly, professionals from housing and the real estate sector as well as politics and public administration give insights into their findings. The authors' diverse backgrounds represent the complexity and diversity of the topic of large housing estates very effectively and provide excellent insight into the multiplicity of challenges and approaches involved.

