



**Integrated Urban Development Plan in Most,
Czech Republic
„Improving the environment in problematic
housing estates“**

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Context

- City of Most (NW)
 - Population 67 000
 - Coal mining, unemployment
- Chanov
 - Built in late 1970s
 - 1 000 – 1 500 Roma
 - 2 kms from city
 - 13 houses, 355 flats



IUDP DEMOS I.

- Integrated Operational Program: Improving the environment in problematic housing estates (ERDF)
- Co-finance 60% refurbishment of houses, 15% public spaces
- Complex approach, Pilot Roma projects
- Area approach + minimum 500 flats → artificial zone

IUDP DEMOS
deprived zone
(source: IUDP DEMOS)

CHANOV area

social enterprise
zone

central pathway

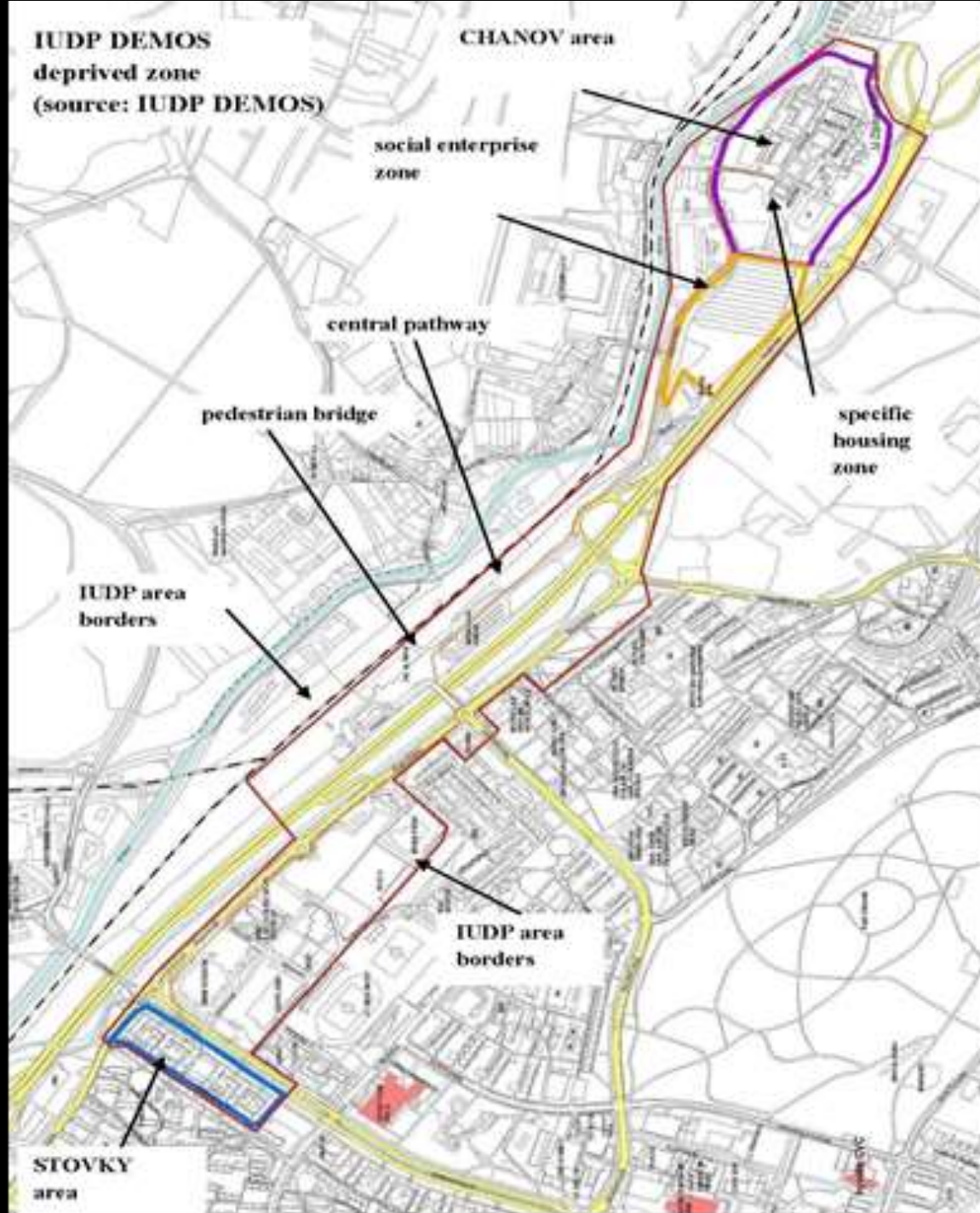
pedestrian bridge

specific
housing
zone

IUDP area
borders

IUDP area
borders

STOVKY
area



IUDP DEMOS II.

- Complex – 10% bonus for ESF
- Government Agency for Social Inclusion:
3-level housing reward ladder
- 2011 – change from political reasons
 - Chanov from 65% (€13.8 mil) to 12% (€12 mil).
 - Decrease in the contribution of the municipality (from €4.8 mil to €2.5 mil)

Housing intervention

- 13 renovated blocks → 3 renovated blocks
- 36 social flats in one block



Causes of ERDF failure for Roma

1. Too high co-finance by the municipality in the hard projects
2. The political consequences of renewal of Roma ghetto
3. Area approach which allowed only one area of the whole city
4. Focus on development zones
5. No control for the population change
6. More formal requirements for Roma projects

Conclusion

- General housing policies and programs do not arrive to Roma communities
- Focused interventions failed
 - Housing ladders
 - Underfinanced well-thought projects
- Implement general social housing policies and programs, but systematically evaluate their impact on Roma and other vulnerable groups

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