

Inclusive & Sustainable Capital Cities
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**Workshop on Social inclusion & social
sustainability in integrated urban
development & regeneration**

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Basic Concept

Central Questions

- Do capital cities give adequate priority and consideration to the needs of groups excluded or threatened by exclusion risk?
- What are the social impacts of policies and their implementation for these groups?



Social Sustainability, Inclusiveness & Policy

- The notion of social sustainability in social policy in terms of planning, design and policy-making when it comes to integration and regeneration policies via the effective participation of all the affected groups of the population in the social, economic, political and cultural life of the Capital, includes:

3 Key Points

- The definition of inclusion
- The structural barriers and limitations of inclusion
- The need for a coherent strategy, framework planning, and social learning

Meaning of Social Sustainability, Inclusiveness

- access to resources, public services and facilities , employment, shelter etc.
- participation of vulnerable/excluded groups policy-making and action plans for inner city regeneration programs
- the establishment of related infrastructural environment, facilities and tools responsive to the needs and expectations of vulnerable/deprived/excluded groups.

Analysis of Questionnaire Limitations

- Pilot study
- Only 16 out of 27 Capitals replied
- Incomplete answers
- No contextual analysis
- No analysis of budgets
- No independent research

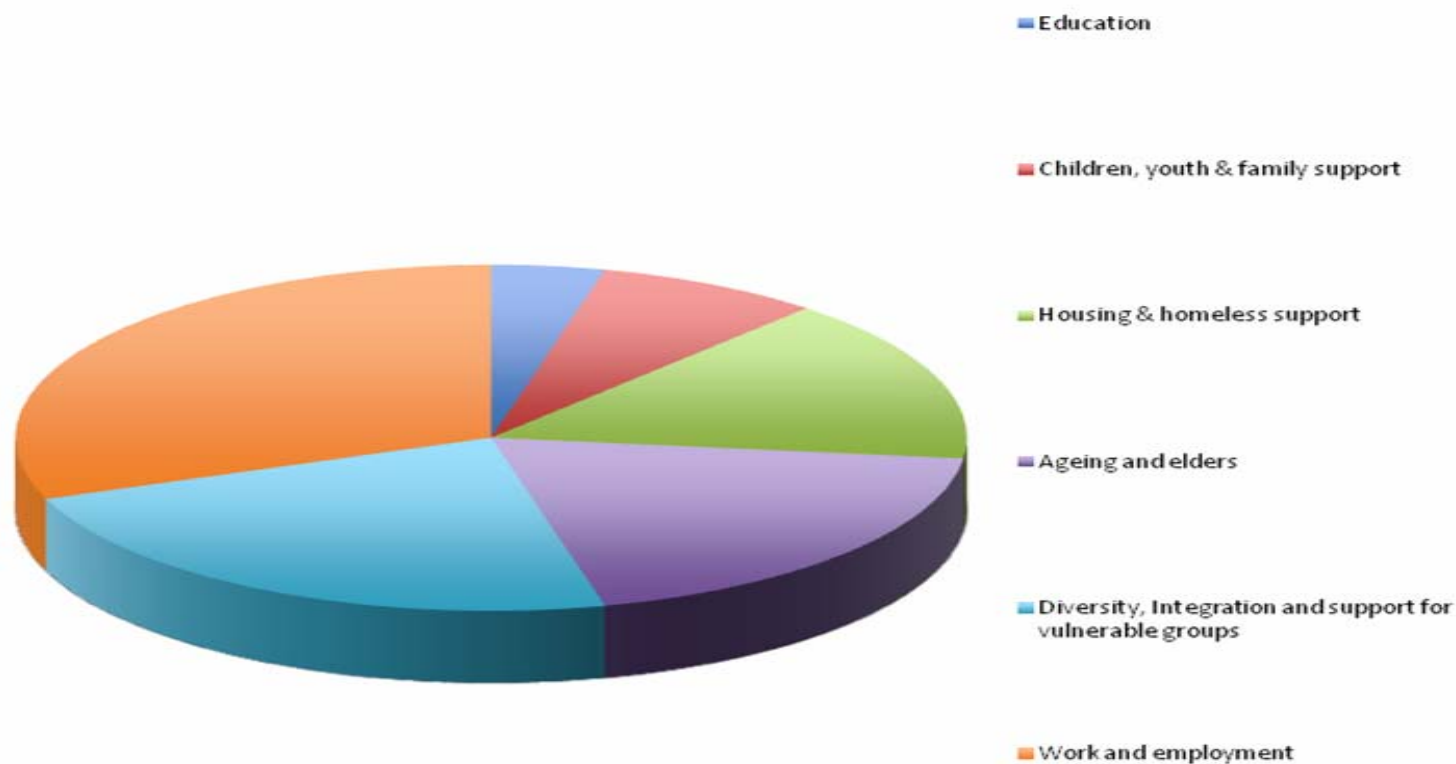
QUESTION 1: What social services does your capital have to promote sustainable and inclusive urban communities?

Local Social Services

- Local community development 12
- Work and employment 8
- Diversity, integration & support vulnerable groups 6
- Ageing and elders 5
- Housing & homeless support 4
- Children, youth & family support 2
- Education 1



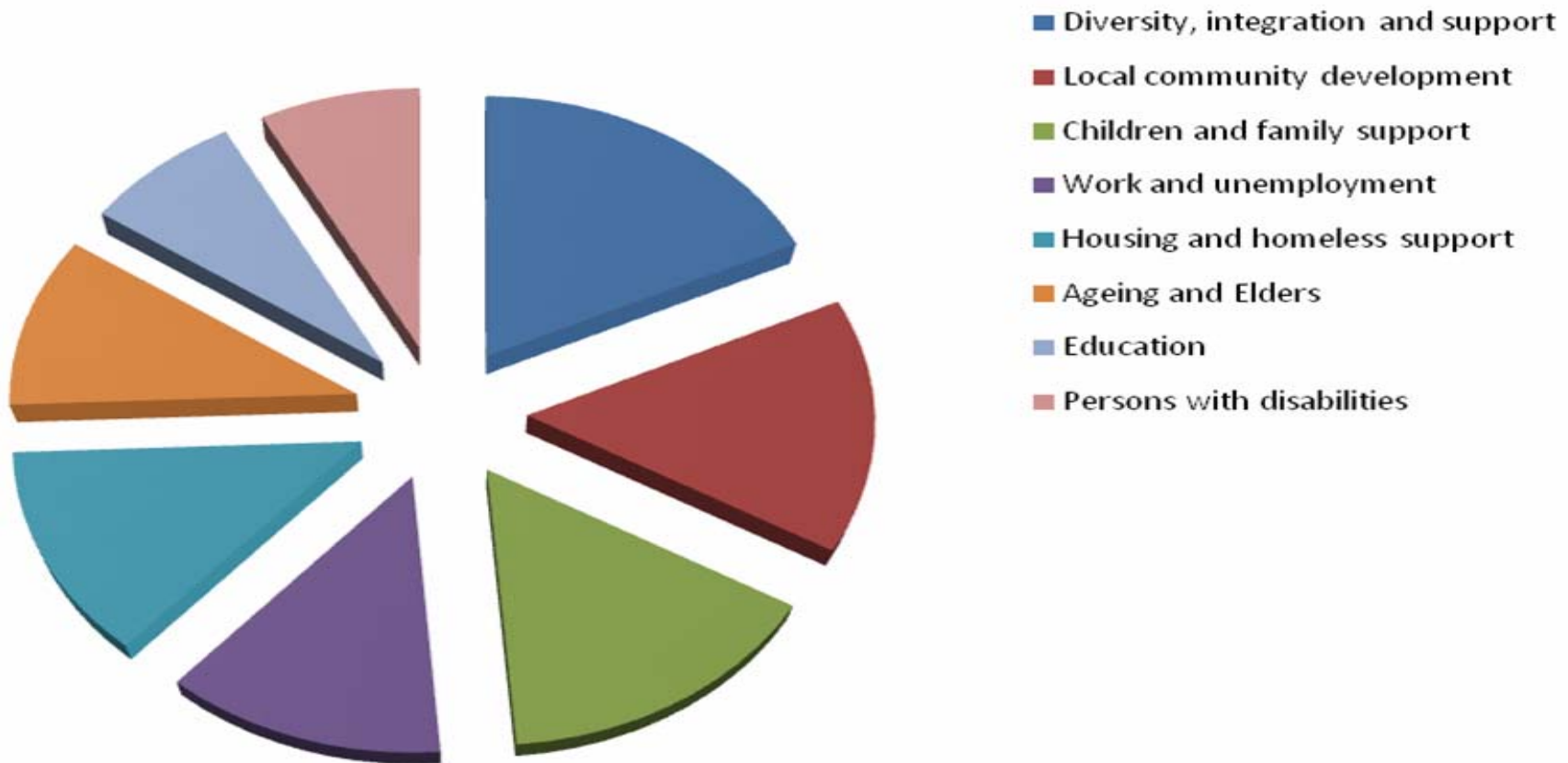
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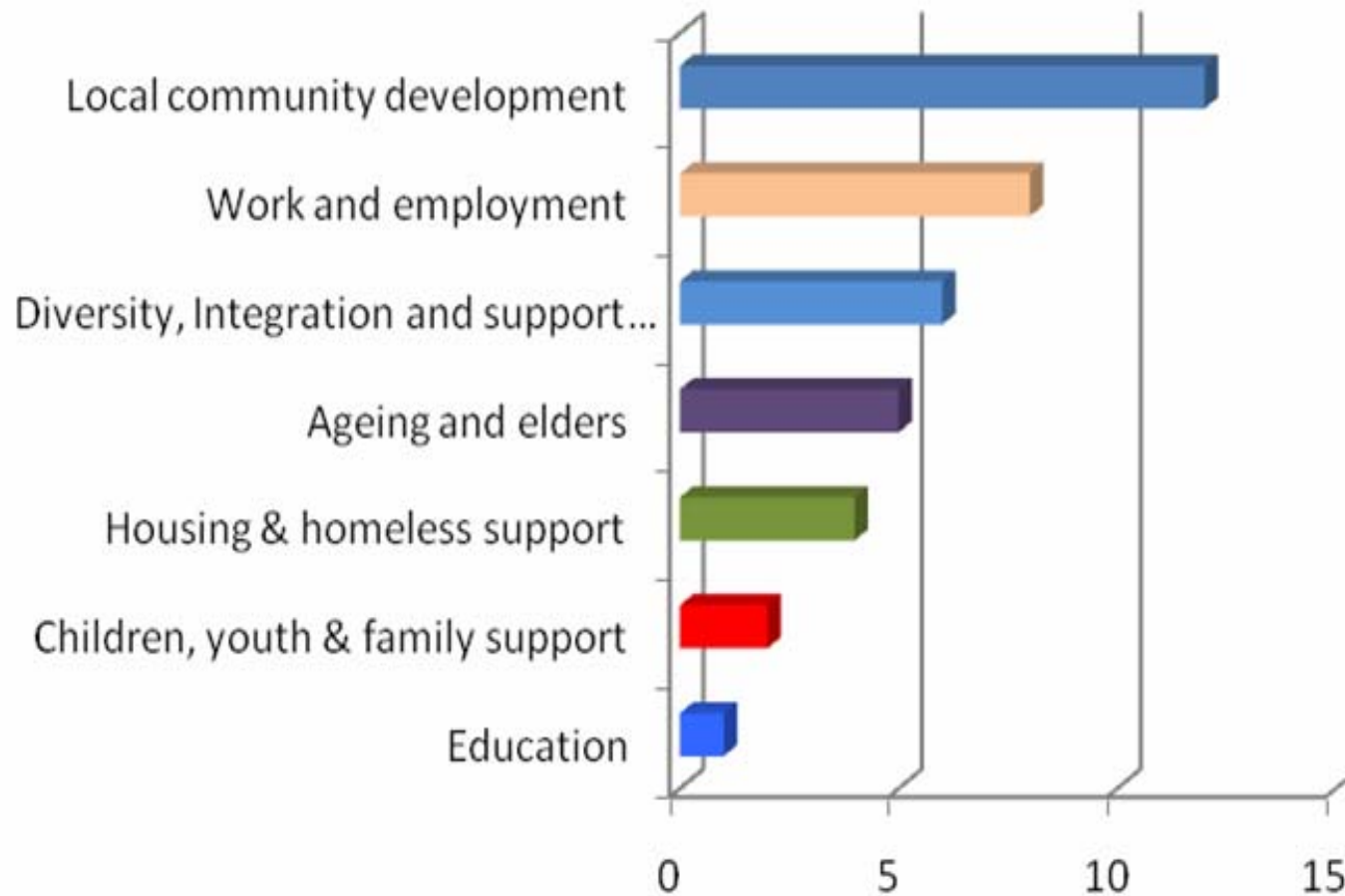
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- Services for persons with disabilities

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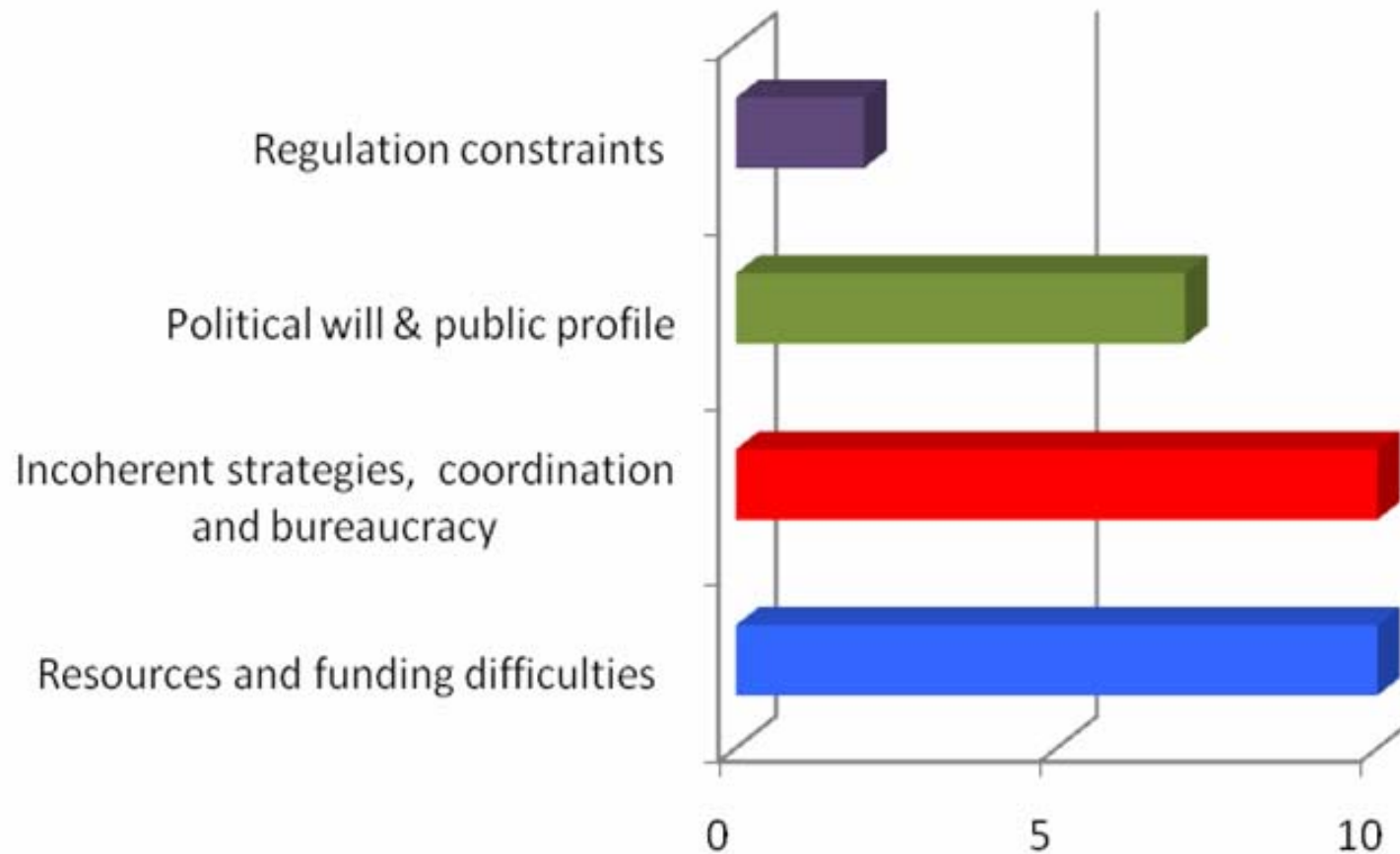
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- Resources and funding difficulties 10
- Incoherent strategies, coordination & bureaucracy 10
- Political will & public profile 7
- Regulation constraints 2

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Social exclusion, social disparity & segregation: The priority groups

- **Amsterdam:** Moroccan, Turkish, Surinamese, and Antillean citizens of Amsterdam perform in terms of education, employment, income-level and housing less than average.
- **Bratislava:** Children & youth; Parents w/children; Homeless
- **Brussels:** the homeless; illegal immigrants; new arrivals; immigrant populations; young people and particularly immigrant young people who are victims of discrimination on the labour market and young people with a low level of education; job seekers; single-parent families and in particular single women with children; the elderly with low incomes.
- **Budapest:** the Roma Community (employment rate, living conditions); homeless people.

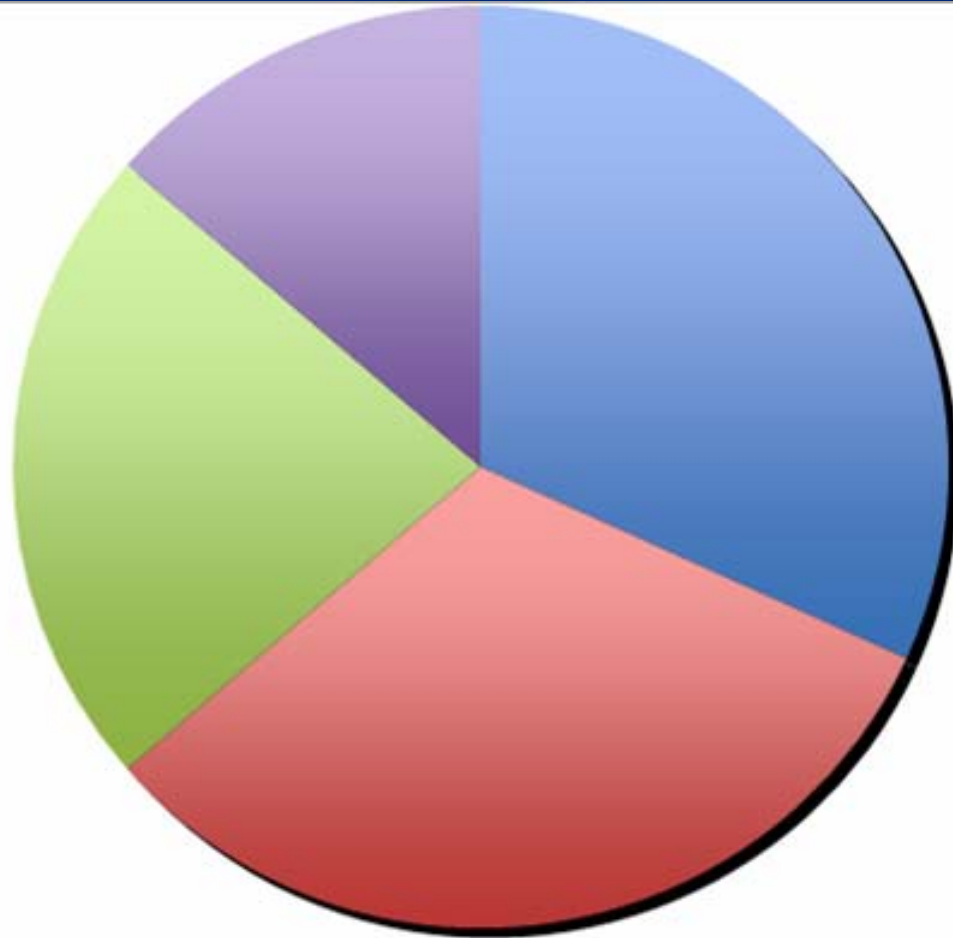
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- **Dublin:** all vulnerable groups and individuals who require it
- **Lisbon:** elderly people with children; unemployed and long-term unemployed; persons with disabilities- immigrants- ethnic minorities-homeless.
- **Madrid:** elderly, abused women, homeless; ethnic minor.
- **Nicosia:** immigrants; women; children; single parents.
- **Tallinn:** people and families who lose their work; multi-problematic homeless people; people with mental health problems.
- **Vienna:** unemployed; single mothers; multiple problem area; migrants with children.

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- Inclusive services / support for excluded or marginalised groups 7
- Proactive action / cooperation with NGOs of excluded groups 3
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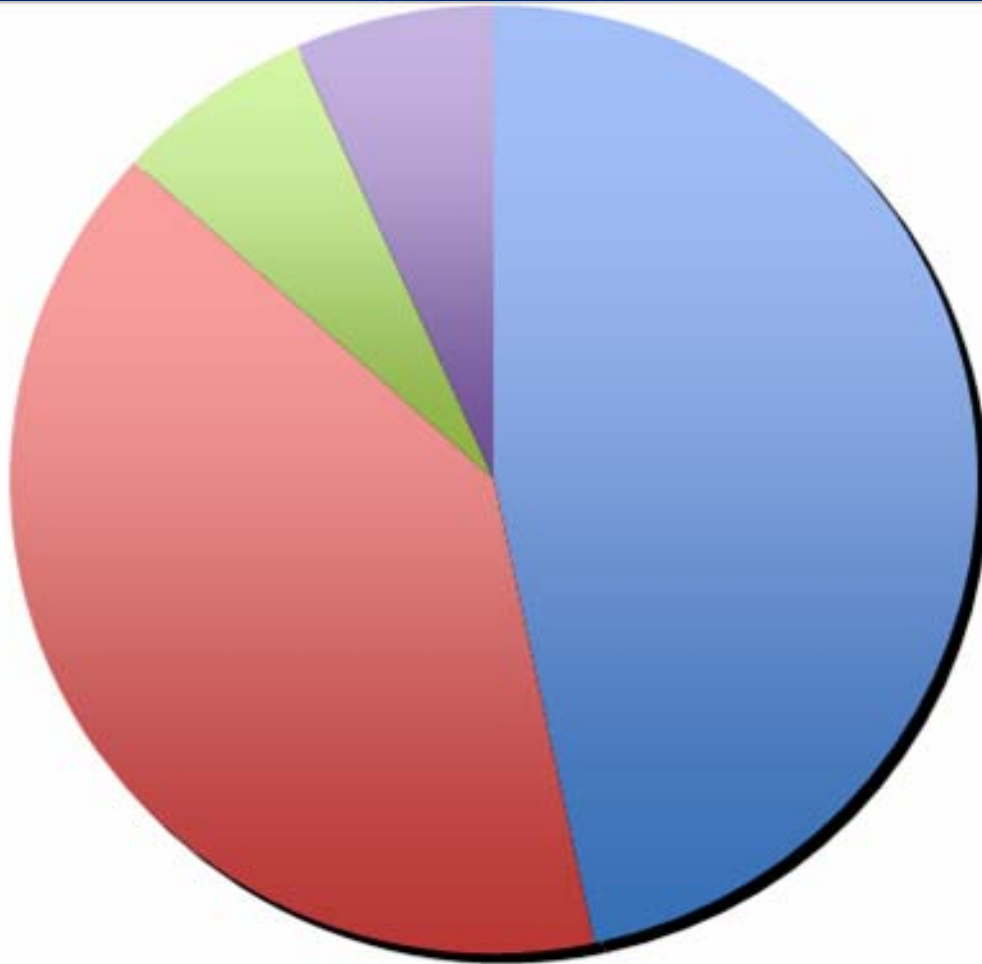


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3 Weaknesses of past projects for including excluded/vulnerable groups

- Problems with funding / No continuity of service 7
- Low participation of residents/ excluded groups 6
- Lack of regulation 1
- Difficulties in dealing with chronic homelessness 1
- Small scale services 1

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We look forward to your comments
and suggestions

Thank you

