

Practice:	Integration of health and social services in social housing
Organisation / Country:	Riga City Council- Welfare Department, Latvia
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Summary:	In Riga, Latvia, Riga City Council's Welfare Department led the creation of several integrated social housing complexes in the city in an integrated, inclusive and sustainable manner. The social housing complexes, made of social houses and services such as social services, day care centres and a healthcare centre in proximity of the buildings, were created through the collaboration of all relevant stakeholders in order to create a sustainable housing complex. Service users were involved in all stages of the process. For instance, Riga's advisory board for NGOs of people with disabilities was consulted and an association of people with disabilities carried out premises evaluation and had the possibility to give recommendations before the start of the building process. This led to the building of 287 municipal apartments tailored to the specific needs of both service users and service providers.
Resources:	The Municipality of Riga took on a loan to build the social housing complexes. The health care centre and the social services pay rent and maintenance costs. Riga City Council's Welfare Department pays non-governmental organisations for social services provision.
Objectives:	The building of the integrated social housing complexes stemmed from the need for proximity to social services for social housing residents and the need for supervision and order in social housing.

<u>Outcomes:</u>	287 municipal apartments, incl. 8 for people with mobility problems, were built. In the complex, social services could be accommodated close to social housing residents. Users were successfully involved in the building of premises and services.
<u>Evaluation of practice:</u>	No evaluation of the practice is foreseen.