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FINAL CAPACITY BUILDING WEBINAR, 19 APRIL 2021



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- / pass on owner contacts or bypass owner's will
- / bypass formal procedures
- preparation of expert reports (market value/calling price, structural analysis etc.)
- / financial and structural planning
- suggestion of planners and construction companies

/ wait or speculate

support for speculators



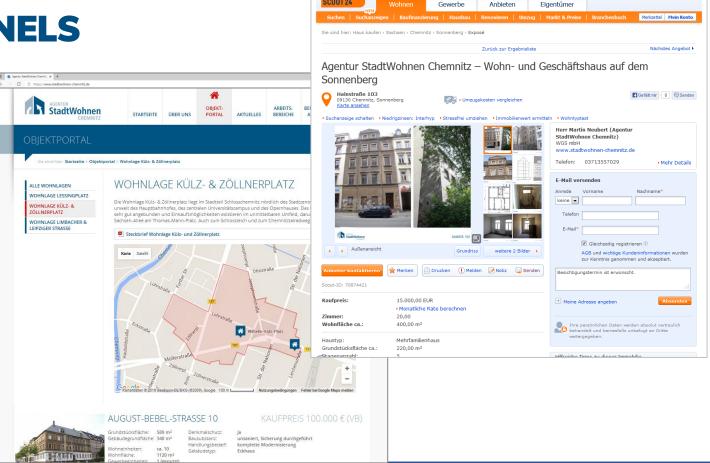
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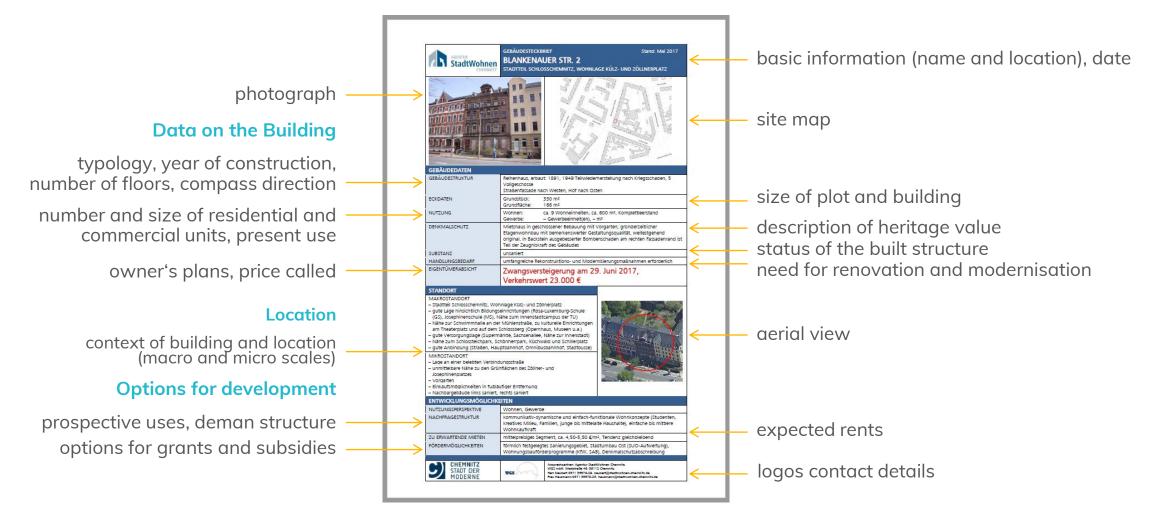
#### **COMMUNICATION CHANNELS**

- / **Project's website** (<u>www.stadtwohnen-chemnitz.de</u>)
- / Real estate websites
- / Word-of-mouth recommendations
- / Newsletter
- / Press releases, articles
- / Flyer
- / Events
- / On-site information

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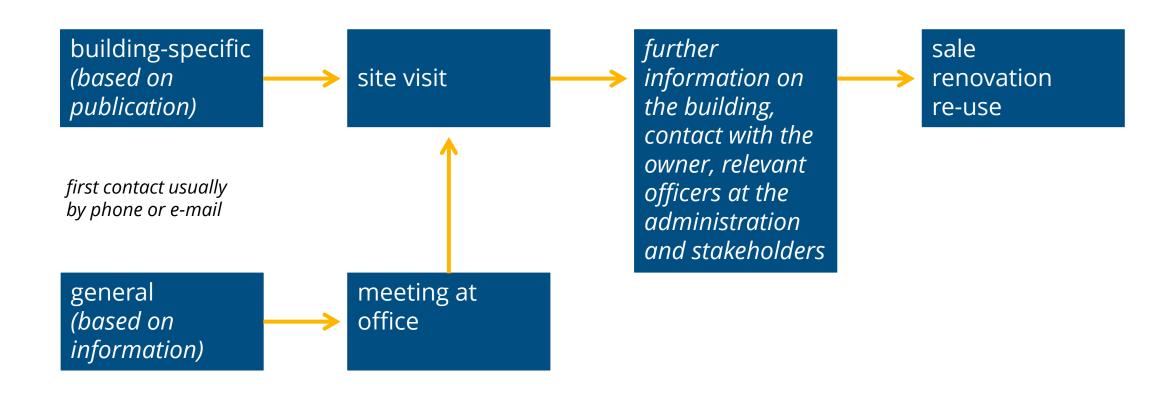
#### **HOW WE FIND POTENTIAL BUYERS AND INVESTORS**

- / wait for reactions to published buildings
- / contact through recommendations
- / contact of obviously capable investors/developers in Chemnitz
- / contact through events (especially in the beginning)
- / more active search/events for groups interested in cooperative housing











#### **PARAMETERS FOR INVESTOR CONTACTS**

/ first and foremost aim: the public interest to get buildings from vacancy to use and from decay to renovation

/ be solution-oriented (take steps towards the common goal, point out opportunities)

/ be transparent (communicate cause and aim of project)

/ be consequent (forward promising contacts, drop dubious contacts)

/ be polite (maintain patient and friendly attitude, don't take sides)

## **CASE STUDY I**









### **EASY LTD.**

- / 09.09.14 first contact, real estate company in search for buildings for investments in Chemnitz (for rent and for sale of renovated flats)
- / first year: several site visits, a few purchases
- / agency cautious because the purchased buildings were in particular bad shape waiting for results
- over the years continuous development of buildings in good quality
- / several buildings on stock (today 12 and a half in the agency's focus areas, 5 finished, 4 in progress, 3 and a half in preparation)
- cooperation with agency, expertise also to take on difficult cases
- / communication on development issues (safeguarding grants for one building and funds for clearing of plots)

### **CASE STUDY II**







- / 17.09.2014 first contact through agency's website, information
- / 08.10.2014 eight site visits (all buildings with too much damage), contradictory objectives, partly awkward communication
- / Purchase of several cheap buildings in Chemnitz, search for a larger portfolio
- / end of active contact
- / monitoring of progress on buildings, some minor renovation works and publications for re-sale at much higher price
- / publications and rumours on dubious practices elsewhere
- by now re-sale of most buildings to solvent developers (agency in contact with several of them)

## **CASE STUDY III**







- / group of friends who will have to move out of their house
- / November 2018 search for support of the agency in the decision making process for a specific building
- January 2019 decision against this building and start of the search for another building; several site visits in Chemnitz with agency
- participation in "Cooperative Housing Chemnitz" events
- / Since Summer 2019 in cooperation with Chemnitz's public housing company (GGG) for the joint renovation and community-use of the "Projekthaus"

## PARTNER PROJECT











## **"COOPERATIVE HOUSING CHEMNITZ"**

- / target group: people interested in cooperative housing, existing and potential groups
- / series of events on relevant topics since spring 2018
- / one-to-one consultations on legal, financial and technical issues



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