

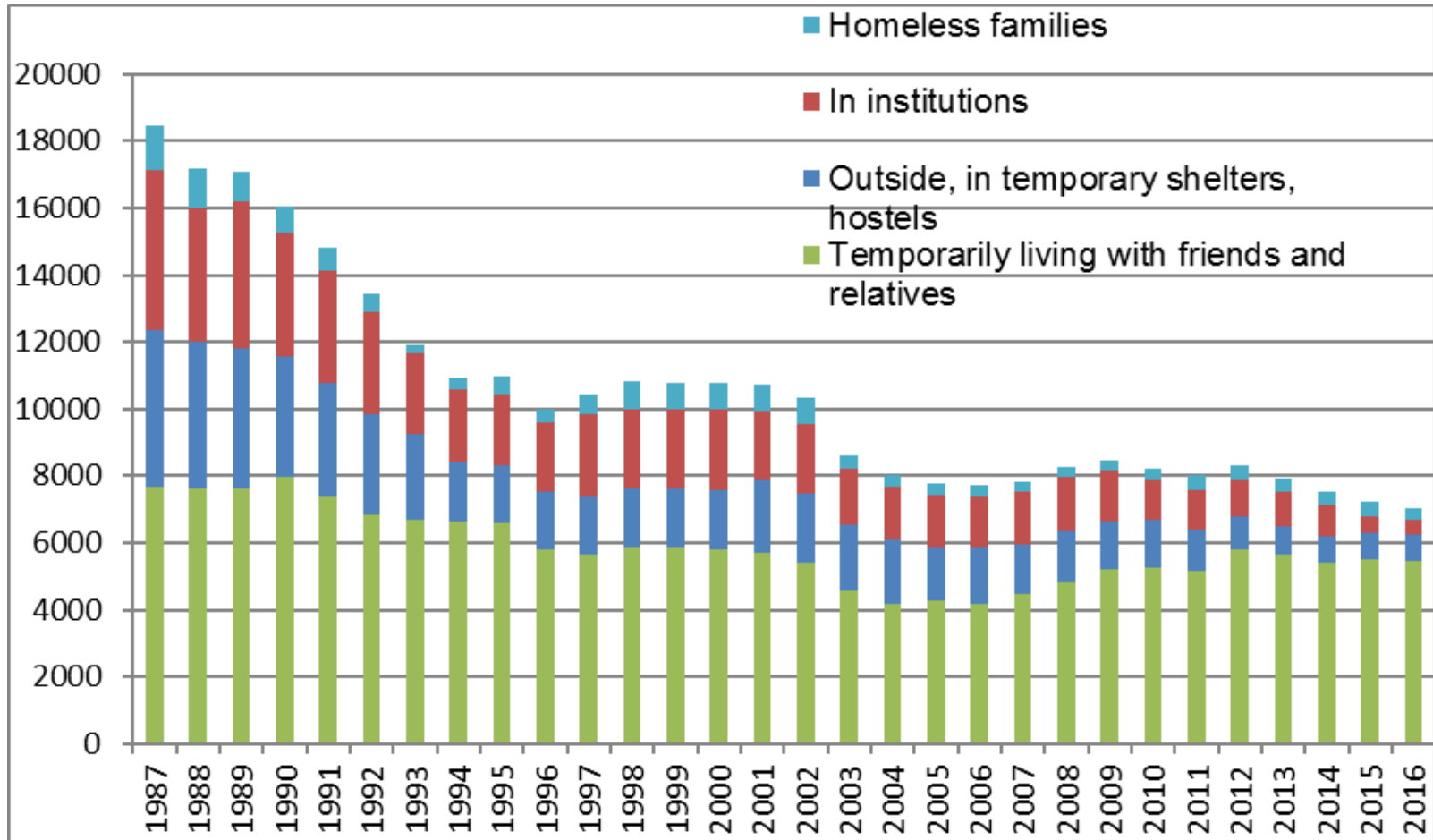
An aerial photograph of a historic European city, likely Gdansk, Poland, featuring a dense cluster of buildings with red-tiled roofs and a river in the foreground with a boat. The image is partially obscured by a dark blue diagonal overlay.

Municipal Strategies to Prevent Homelessness – Early Intervention, Social Inclusion and Supported Housing

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Number of homeless 1987-2016 in Finland



The housing market survey 2016 prepared by ARA – The Housing Finance and Development Centre on Finland

Necessity and background of the project:

The current sectorised implementation of housing, social welfare, health care and employment services does not sufficiently support the early detection of prevention homelessness.

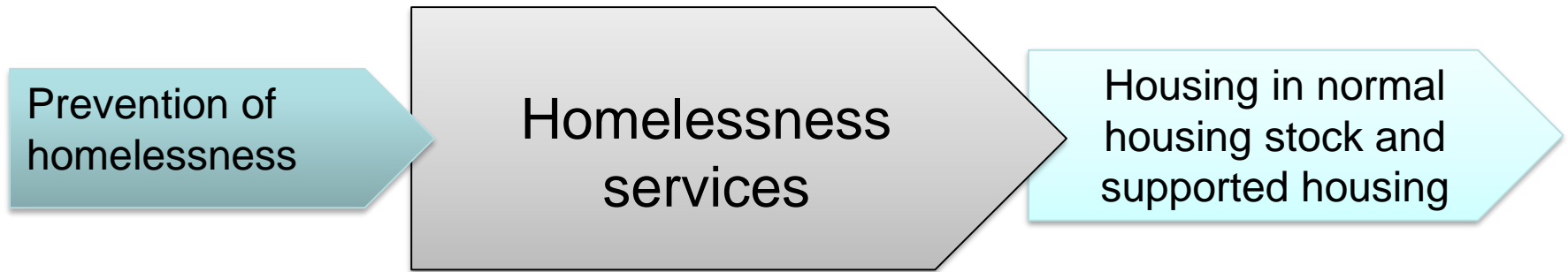
The project implements a development process in which municipalities draw up and execute strategies for the prevention of homelessness.

The project's key impact in the short-term will be a drop in homelessness.

The project implements Housing First

The project is part of the **government programme 2016-2019**, which aims to establish measures for the prevention of homelessness.

Shift of focus to preventive actions and housing in normal housing stock:



The aim of the project:



Facts:

- Project duration **1.3.2016-28.2.2019**
- Budget **2,1 M€** (personnel costs 1,7 M€)
- Funded by **European Social Fund (ESF)**
 - > Social Inclusion and combating poverty (5)
- Headed and coordinated by **ARA The Housing finance and development Centre of Finland**
 - > project manager **Sina Rasilainen**
 - > special expert **Hanna Dhalmann**
 - > **6 project coordinators**
- Experts through experience
 - > **15 employment relationship**

At the moment 24 experts through experience as a volunteer in different strategy groups

Population of the participating municipalities:

Espoo
270 000

Jyväskylä
139 000

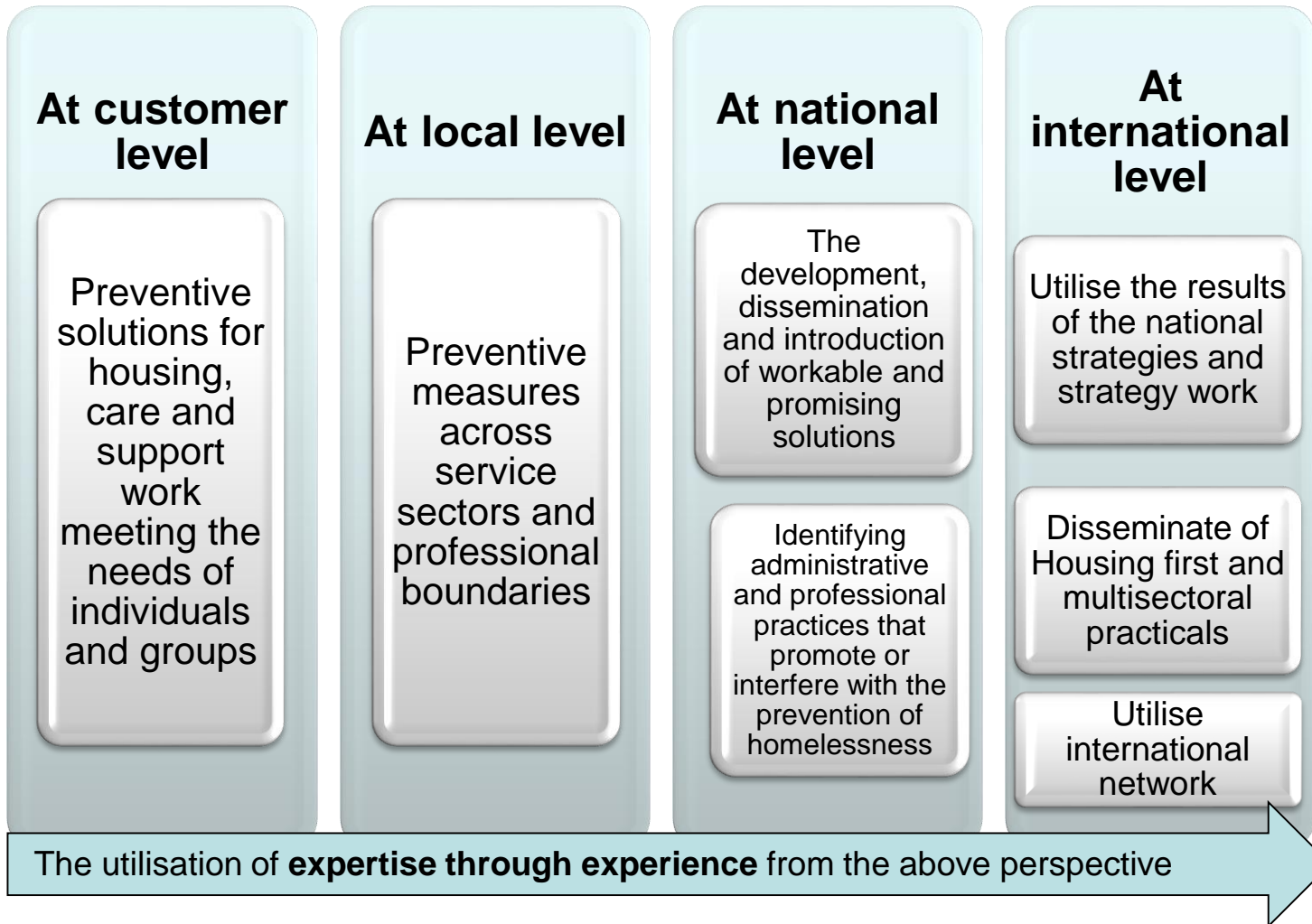
Kuopio
112 000

Lahti
119 000

Tampere
230 000

Vantaa
215 000

Objectives:



Themes in strategy work:

Early Invention

Housing social work
Professional know-how

Toolbox

Education and lectures

Information

**Skills of housing for
customers**

Social Inclusion

**Expertise through
experience**
Piloting job descriptions

**Multisectoral knowledge of
homelessness**

Educational institutions

Commitment of management

Supported Housing

**Supported housing at
home**

Meaningful daily life

Subletting

Experience of ESF funding:

- Social Inclusion and combating poverty (5) is suitable for theme of homelessness
- First ESF project operated by ministry in Finland
- Strict and structured program is suitable for Finnish administration
- The strategy work has a major role in developing homelessness services at local and national level > biggest investment of personnel
- Positive experiences encourage to apply ESF funding in the future
- National funding in Finland doesn't allow development work in this scale (budget etc.)