

Possibilities and prerequisites

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Different platforms – different problems

- ❑ There are platforms for many different services
- ❑ We are witnessing a rapid development
- ❑ New ideas and platforms are popping up all the time
- ❑ Which will survive is difficult to know
- ❑ This affects everyone and everyone has to learn to handle the new technique – especially older people like me
- ❑ The new technique opens up both new possibilities and new problems

The power over the city

- ❑ The city should have the right to decide tenancy in different parts of the town
- ❑ Barcelona City Council has decided that 30 percent of all new buildings and major renovation projects for affordable and so called “protected” housing
- ❑ Key goal are quarters in the Barcelona city center which are heavily affected by speculation and gentrification
- ❑ The city council will have the right of first refusal in sales of all land and buildings

Big changes in shopping behaviour

- ❑ The development of online purchases will lead and have already led to closures of stores
- ❑ That affects the commercial service in the neighbourhoods
- ❑ Property owners in cities may meet hard times with a lot of vacant retail premises
- ❑ Some may be converted to second hand stores and premises for swap-trading, together with cafés and bars, meeting places.
- ❑ Maybe meeting places with computers in the neighborhood where you could learn and share experiences - A lot of people have to learn to be able to master the new technique

Flexible rental housing - a future?

- ❖ Possibility to choose different service and standard levels in rental apartments in the same property or neighborhood
- ❖ A way to create integration between different socio-economic groups?
- ❖ No service to maximal service – a scale from 0 to 100
- ❖ Almost no equipment to fully equipped – a scale
- ❖ Possibility to lease service/equipment for a certain period
- ❖ So far this options have not been developed much but with new IT-solutions it might be easier to realize and administer.
- ❖ Must be easy to use and priceworthy

Good quality open net necessary

- The quality of the connection is important – safe and reliable
- There is a need for fiber to the homes
- Wi-Fi and mobile connections have not the same capacity, quality and reliability
- An open fiber network should give different service providers equal terms to compete - might need legislation!
- Infrastructure should be open to everyone
- Fiber networks provide great opportunities to use different types of communication

Things will change

Thank you for listening!

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