



CECODHAS

2008

ACCESS TO HOUSING FOR ALL AND QUALITY
NEIGHBOURHOODS: EU SHOULD SUPPORT US IN
REACHING THIS GOAL

- CECODHAS mission/description

- The context:
 - Social housing diversity across Europe
 - EU policies impacting social housing

- CECODHAS answer to it
 - Strategic plan 2007-2012
 - Structure of the work
 - Lobbying EU institutions
 - Working in partnership

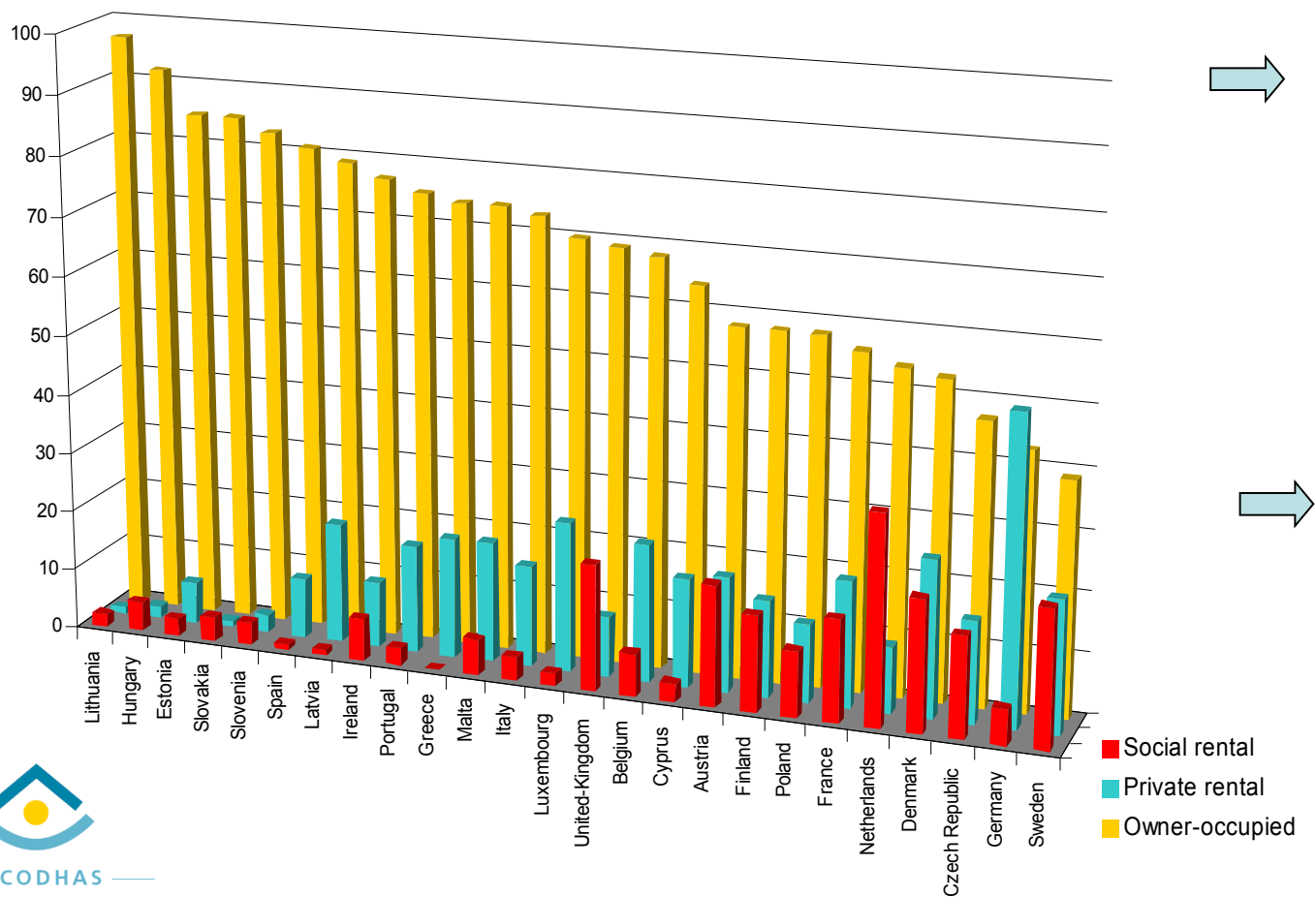
What's next

CECODHAS MISSION

CECODHAS is the European Committee for social housing, a network of national and regional social housing federations gathering public, voluntary and cooperatives housing organisations. Together the 45 members in 18 EU members States manage 22 millions dwellings. CECODHAS members work together:

- ❑ to reinforce the European Social model and take an active role in the definition of its future
- ❑ to protect fundamental rights and call for policies to ensure and reinforce social rights
- ❑ to promote integrated approaches to urban policies and sustainable development
- ❑ to fight for services of general interest of good quality accessible for all and for legal certainty for the providers

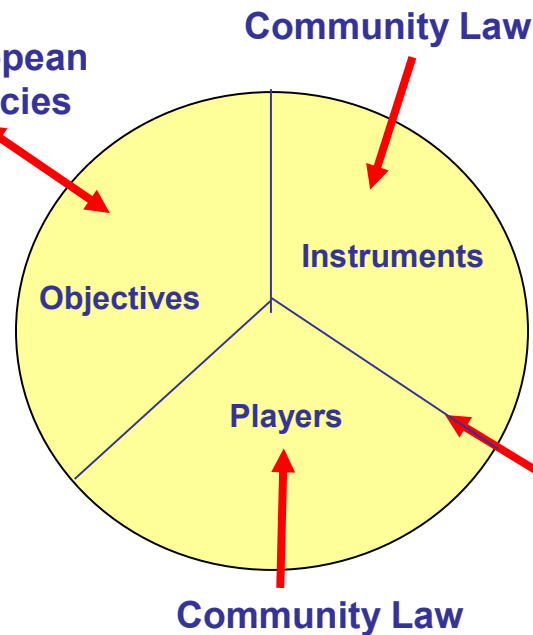
A team of 6 based in Brussels



Links between European policies and housing

- ▶ Charter of fundamental Rights
- ▶ Social cohésion
- ▶ Strategy of social inclusion
- ▶ Sustainable urban development
- ▶ Energy performance
- ▶ Immigration
- ▶ Consumers and Mortgage
- ▶ Standardisation
- ▶ Employment
- ▶ Health
- ▶ Anti-discrimination

European policies



- ▶ State Aids
- ▶ Services on general interest
- ▶ Transparency directive
- ▶ VAT
- ▶ Court of Justice
- ▶ Standardisation
- ▶ Construction products

- ▶ Concessions of services
- ▶ Exclusive rights
- ▶ Public procurement
- ▶ Transparency directive
- ▶ European Statutes
- ▶ PPP

CECODHAS STRATEGIC PLAN 2007-2012



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Common values,
Missions and
Definitions
(Bordeaux)

Tenants and residents are
at the core of our actions
Promote access to
decent housing for all



Common strategic
plan 2007-2012
(four priorities)



OBJECTIVES

CECODHAS Vision statement

Access to Housing for All

Providing housing
When market does not
answer the needs

- > a positive legal framework for our activities to adapt EU law to our needs
- > foster the debate on the right to housing

New needs: Responses

from non-for profit, public
and cooperatives housing
enterprises

- > Increase partnership with users organisations
debate on modernisation of our sector (sale of stock)
- > New playing fields
- > New social housing policies

Sustainable Environment and Community Development

- > CECODHAS local habitat welfare
- > Environmental impact of housing
- > Social dimension of sustainability
- > Promote «affordable quality»

Affordable Energy

- > CECODHAS White Book on Affordable Energy /fuel poverty
- > Tenants Campaign
- > Energy efficiency alliance
- > Energy experts network

EU DRIVERS

EP elections
EP housing Charter
SH as social SGEI

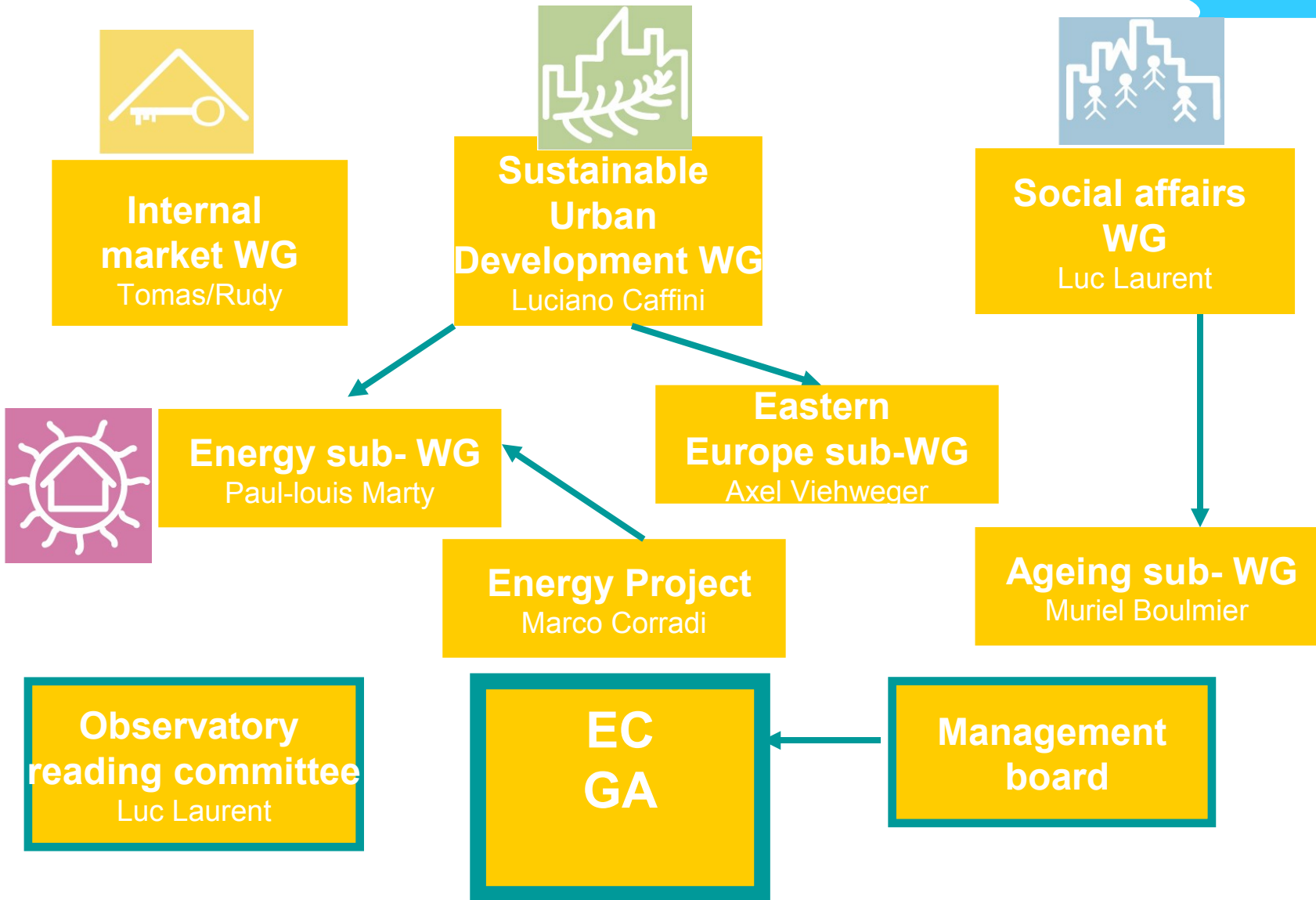
Right to housing /mobility
Social SGEI's strategy 2007
State Aid to SH reform 2009
VAT reform 2010
PPP...

Health and social services
Young workers, Elderly
housing /competitiveness
Social credit, financial services
Corporate social responsibility

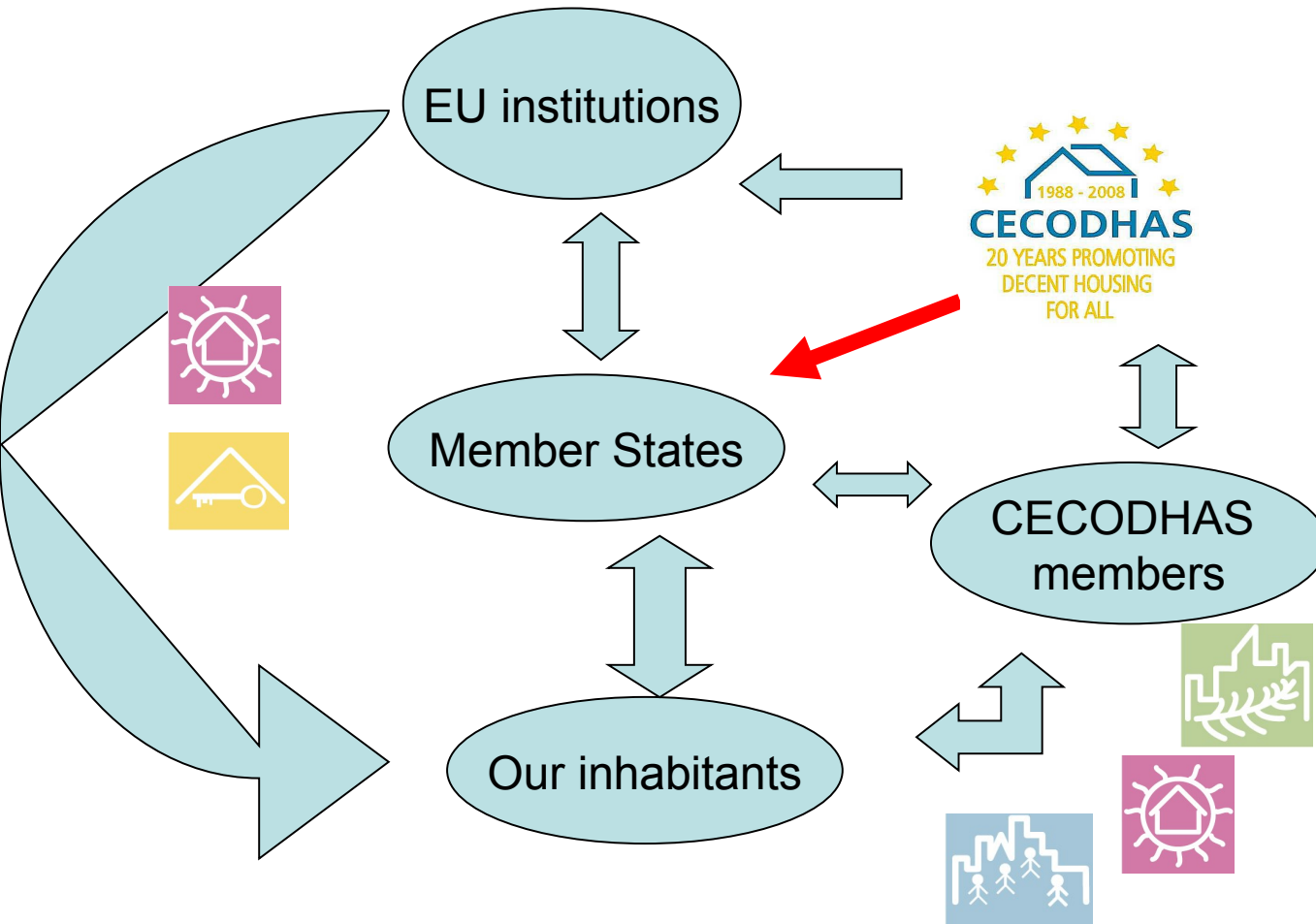
Urban Regeneration;
Spatial planning
social inclusion
Tenants empowerment
Social mix-mix ownership
Environment and health
education quality design

Structural Funds 2007-2013
Energy efficiency
Renewal energy
Affordability and financing
Capitalisation
Tenants involvement

CECODHAS structure



Lobbying EU institutions: how does it work ?



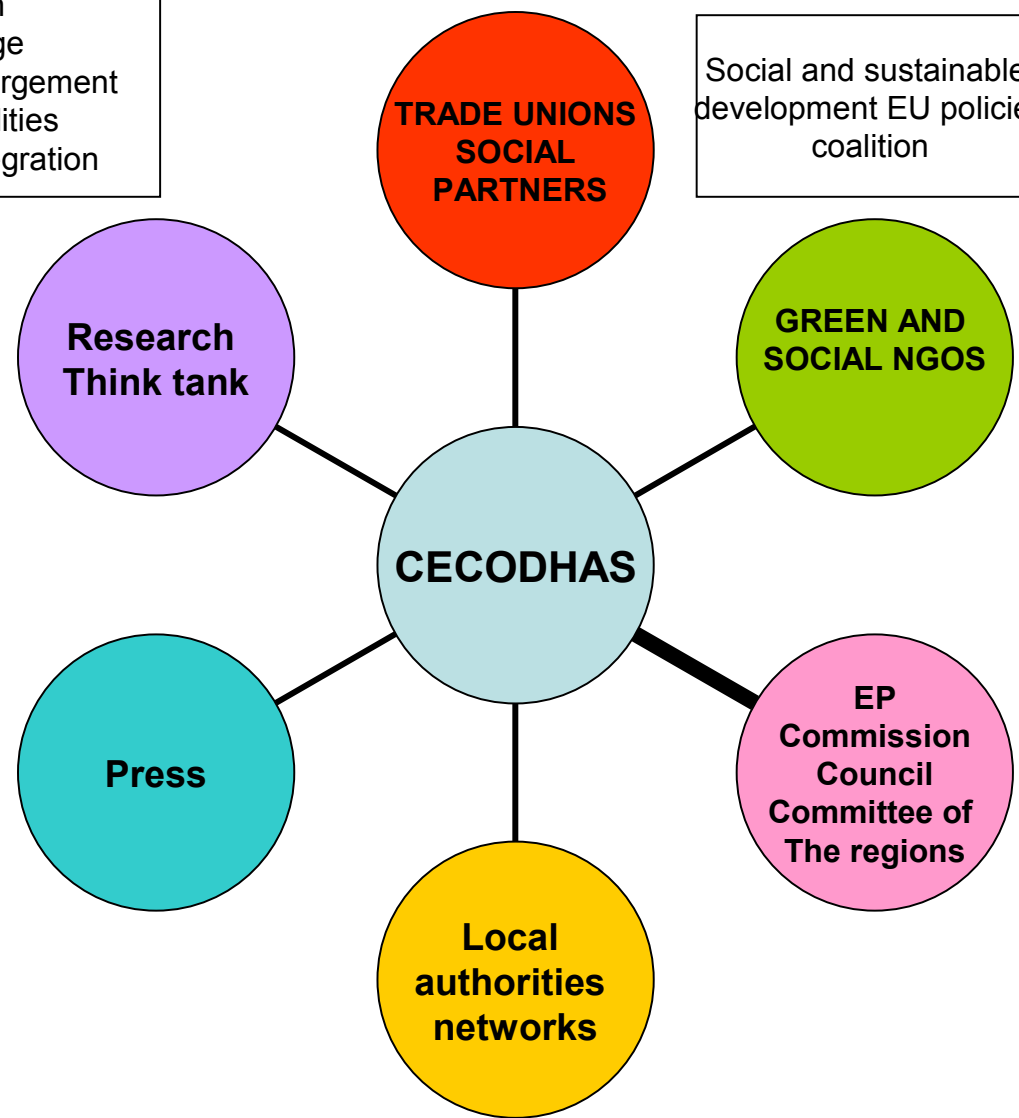
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External environment:

- Globalisation
- Climate change
- Eastern Europe enlargement
- Increase inequalities
- Internal market integration

Social and sustainable development EU policies coalition



2009 elections

CECODHAS VISION STATEMENT



We, not-for-profit, public and co-operatives housing providers, have a vision of a Europe which provides access to decent and affordable housing for all in communities which are socially, economically and environmentally sustainable and where all are enabled to reach their full potential.

We provide housing for socially sustainable neighbourhoods

Our unique offer:

- ☐ We provide good quality homes for all, delivering housing and services to meet a diversity of needs including those of the most vulnerable
- ☐ We increase the supply of housing
- ☐ We support people by providing a wide range of services
- ☐ Our commitment is for long term. We build, manage and stay to create sustainable communities.
- ☐ Residents are at the centre of our decision making.

We could do more, if:

- ☐ The right to housing for all was enforceable and supported by appropriate political and financial measures
- ☐ Our mission to create an empowering environment for all is widely recognised and politically supported
- ☐ A commitment to end homelessness was adopted across Europe and sufficient means made available to it

We contribute to economically sustainable neighbourhoods

Our unique offer:

- ☐ We create added value, which is invested in the places where we work for the benefit of local residents
- ☐ We have a long term commitment to building sustainable communities of mixed incomes and tenures with education, employment and training opportunities.
- ☐ We contribute to growth and financial stability at regional and local level

We could do more if:

- ☐ The social enterprises we embrace were recognised and supported to deliver economically sustainable communities
- ☐ The housing dimension was better integrated in renewed local governance

We contribute to environmentally sustainable neighbourhoods

Our unique offer:

- ☐ We are leaders in building green and sustainable homes to the highest standards possible and affordable within our means
- ☐ We reduce energy demand in our buildings to prevent pollution and reduce energy poverty
- ☐ We create sustainable neighbourhoods in partnership with other organisations

We could do more if:

- ☐ A 0% rate of VAT was introduced for energy efficiency retrofitting of existing homes
- ☐ EU structural funds were made available for refurbishment work
- ☐ The EU introduced programmes and legislation to tackle fuel poverty.

3. Climate change, climate change and climate change
4. EU elections: commit leaders to end homelessness
5. Affordability: new answers

But also:

<http://www.cecodhas.org>