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KEYNOTE SPEAKERS



CORD SOEHLKE

In 1997, Cord Soehlke started to work for the Tübingen-Südstadt Development Project and from 2001 to 2010 he headed the Office of Urban Rehabilitation for the Town of Tübingen, Germany. In April 2010, he took office as Mayor for Urban Building, Planning and Development and in 2018 he was reelected for a second period of eight years.

Since the 90's the University Town of Tübingen has worked with a special strategy for urban development. The city purchases brownfield areas like former military barracks or abandoned factories, develops them within their own department and sells the ground to diverse private building cooperatives.

With this long-term strategy, Tübingen has gained a lot of experiences in the field of cohousing and self-organized building, small-scaled urban development and neighbourhood diversity. In the last fifteen years a lot of German and European cities have been inspired by the Tübingen way.



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