

Squattings – chance or deadlock for homeless and homeless migrants?

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1. Plattengruppe Köpenick– Berlin, D



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location:	berlin, germany
venue:	residential house
name:	"plattengruppe"
summary:	homeless squat develops into assisted housing
context:	berlin second wave squat movement
time:	1992 - now
participation:	high, but decreasing
sustainability:	now established
migrants:	increasing quote
prospect:	homebase of new participation



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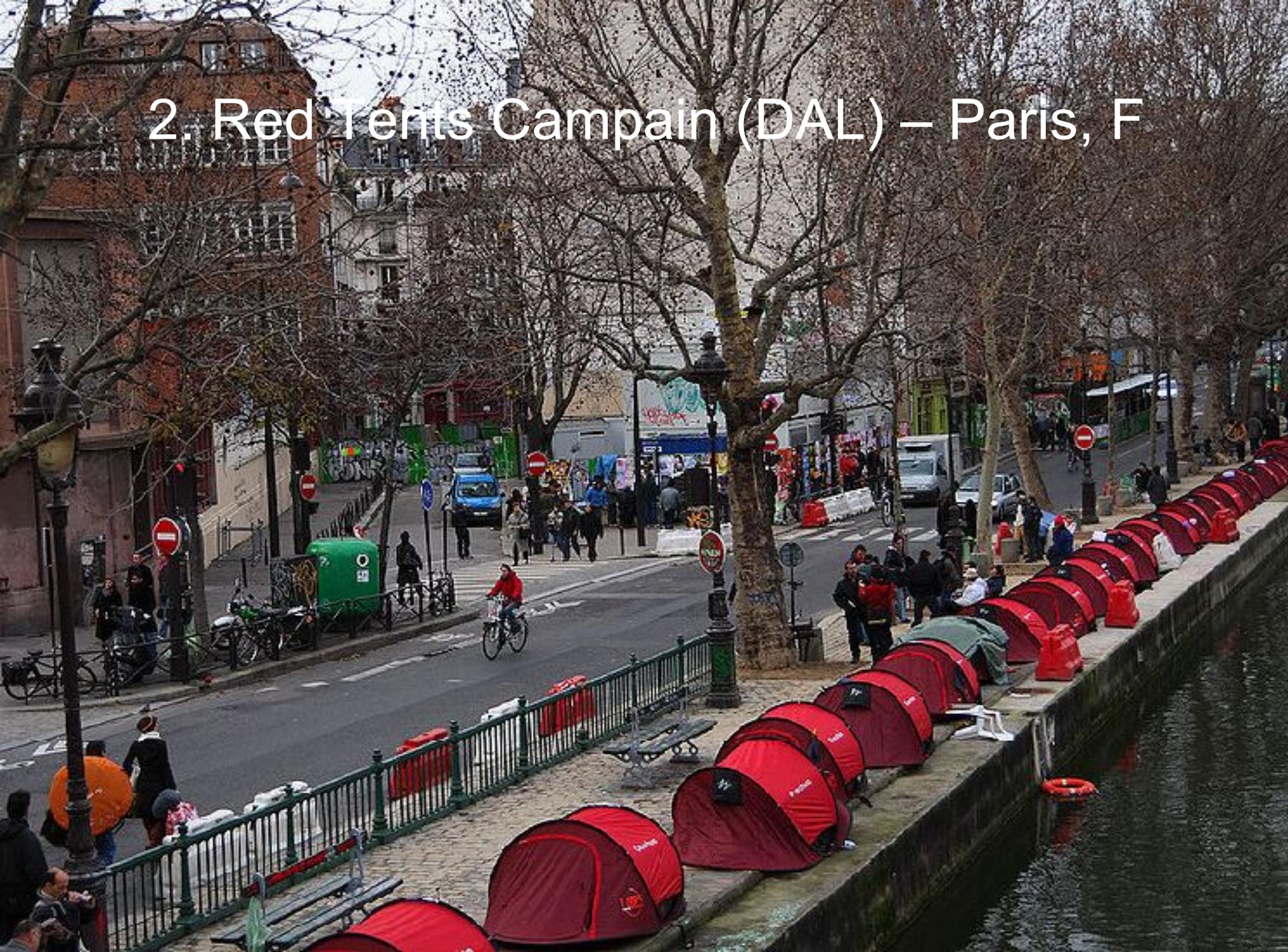


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2. Red Tents Campaign (DAL) – Paris, F



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location:	paris, france
venue:	public space
name:	red tents campaign
summary:	squatting campaign winter 2006/2007 in paris and other cities
context:	droit au logement (DAL), ngo
time:	2006
participation:	high, political campaign
sustainability:	evicted, but political debate about homelessness
migrants	high quote
prospect:	political homeless movement



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3. Rue Royale 123 – Brussels, BE



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MINISTÈRE DE LA CRISE DU LOGEMENT



Handwritten graffiti on a dark pillar.

123

3. Rue Royale 123 – Brussels, BE

location:	brussels, france
venue:	empty bank building
name:	rue royale 123
summary:	multiple groups of squatters, street living homeless, mental ill and migrant families squat at least this house
context:	permanent support from the platform "Department Of Housing Crisis"
time:	2006 - now
participation:	high level self organisation
sustainability:	with contract, prototype
migrants:	high quote
prospect:	best practice model, spreading



4. Homeless Village – Budapest, HU



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location:	budapest, hungary
venue:	privat forest, suburb
name:	homeless village
summary:	because of the lack of facilities budapest homeless started building provisional shacks
context:	people are basically supported by social workers (food, water, advice)
time:	since 2005 or earlier
participation:	high
sustainability:	lack of strategie
migrants:	unknown (less quote?)
prospect:	remaining slum?



5. Rozbrat – Poznan, PL



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location:	poznan, poland
venue:	store barracks
name:	"rozbrat"
summary:	anarchist squat with some actions to support (single) homeless
context:	anarchist movement, food not bombs
time:	1992 - now
participation:	low,
sustainability:	established, but in danger of eviction
migrants:	low, but increasing
prospect:	partner of political homeless & migrants movement



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6. Bethanien – Berlin, D



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location:	berlin, germany
venue:	re
name:	"york 59 in bethanien"
summary:	squat project bethanien invited sinti & roma to stay & forced new squattings
context:	sinti & roma families with there childs camp in parks, disturbed by police
time:	summer 2009
participation:	low, people used for political action
sustainability:	symbolic effect, but principle efford
migrants:	highest level
prospect:	public debate about european homeless policy



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B. first interpretations

1. squatting & homeless

a squat is not a squat is not a squat

- established projects
- best practice
- strategic partnership
- symbolic action
- provisorical and/or temporarily solutions
- precarios deadlock
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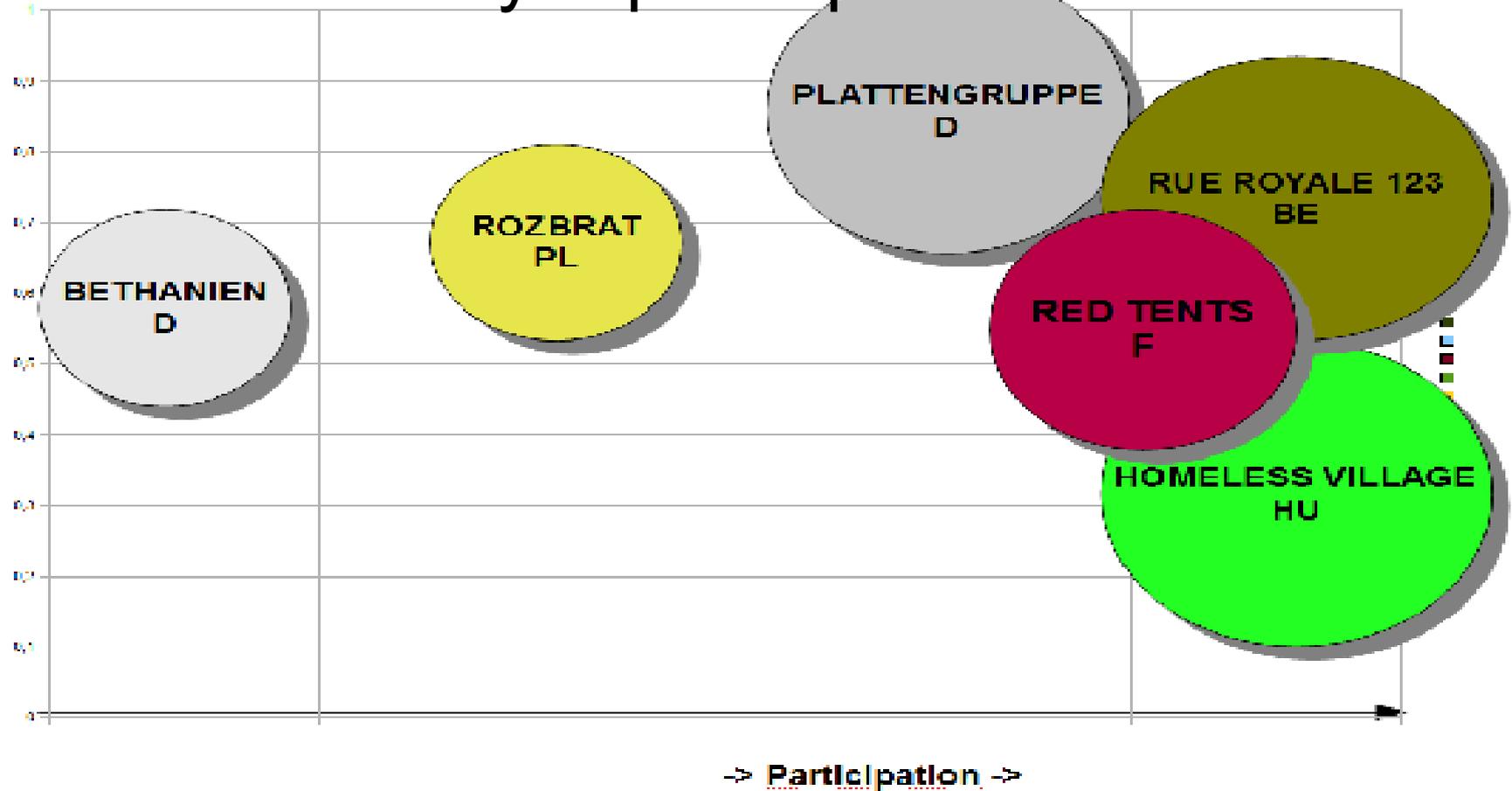
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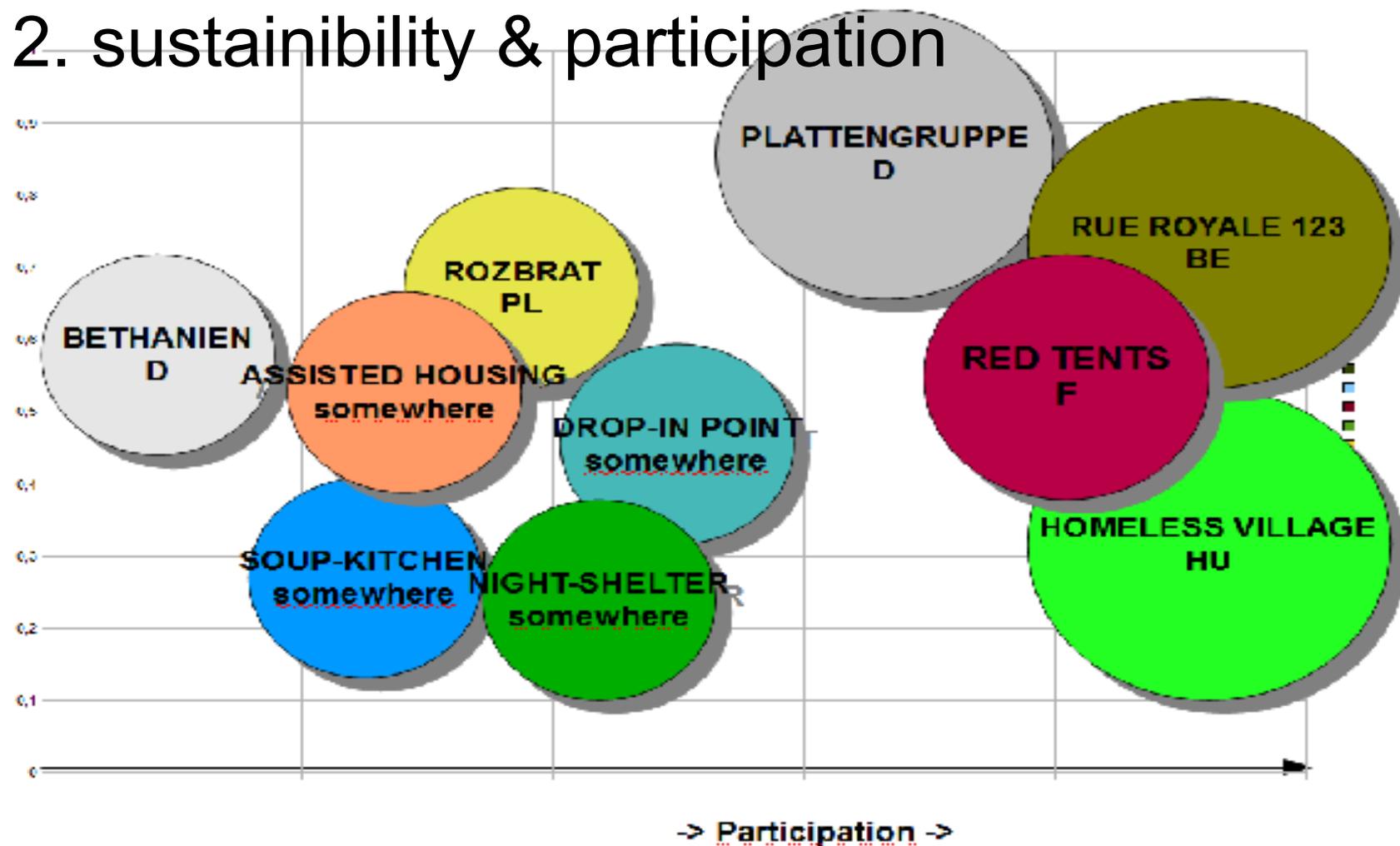
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squats could be a part of a political movement (to force a debate about strategies) of ending homelessness and a method to develop new projects of adequate housing,

successful squats with homeless combine a high level participation with a wide & longterm political strategy



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