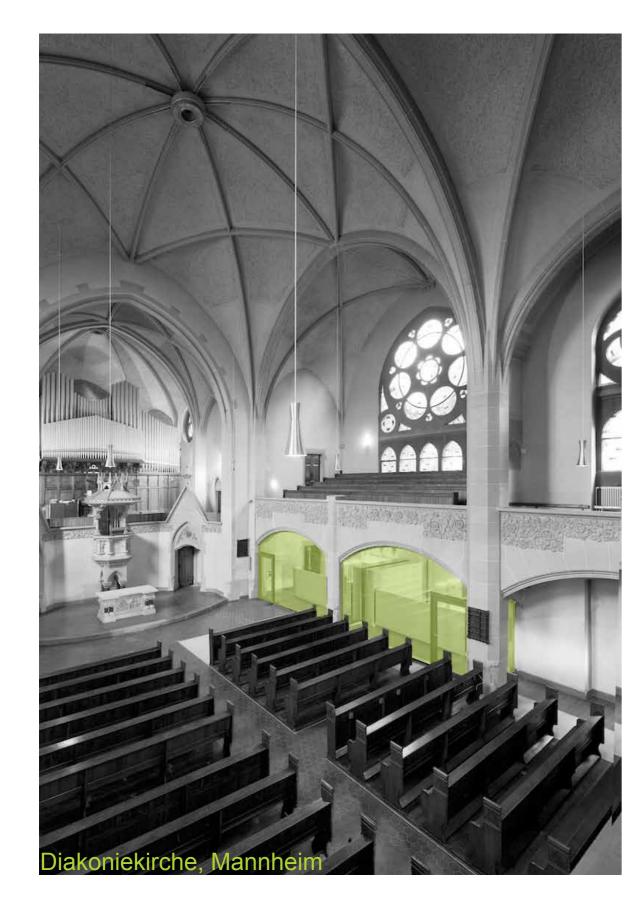


The treatment of abandoned churches varies and differs in every country. It depends on factors like financial situation, heritage regulations or involvement of the public. How can the lost space of churches influence planning processes? How are processes organized and who participates in those processes?



ABANDONED CHURCHES – DIFFERENT APPROACHES OF EUROPEAN COUNTRIES TO DEAL WITH THE CHALLENGE?



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The range of solutions varies from mixed use and renewal to demolition as a final solution. Which solutions are possible in a physical and functional way and how do they contribute to the building culture?

Position and character of churches are of importance to the awareness of a city/ a village. How do the inhabitants contribute to the spatial perception within the urban composition? How are churches and their surroundings perceived and recognized as a part of urban life?

The options for the possible use of churches are wide and range between commercial and social solutions. How does the factor of public acceptance affect those possible solutions? Why is a solution possible in one place whereas in another case it would be viewed as inadequate?

