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Background & Aim

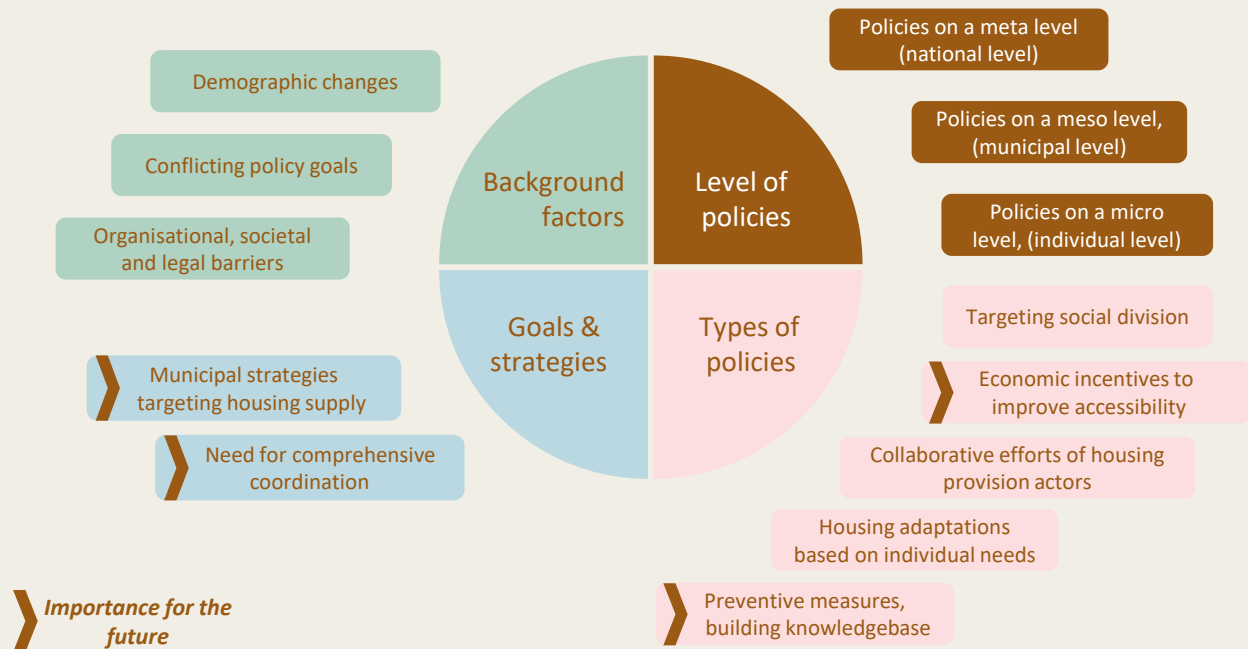
- Housing shortage within metropolitan areas, combined with an ageing population has put pressure on current housing provision policies in Sweden.
- Urgent need to develop sustainable housing policies to accommodate the growing number of seniors in accessible home environments.
- The aim was to gain an in-depth understanding of how municipalities currently address housing accessibility issues and to explore what types of policy solutions they consider for the future.

Participants & Method

- Qualitative approach, semi-structured interviews.
- Five Swedish municipalities were included to represent a diversity of population, housing situations and geographical areas.
- **Participants (N=10):** two key actors (public officials, housing adaptation grant managers, city architects etc.) from each municipality participated in the interviews.
- Data were analyzed using content analysis according to Mayring (2014).

Results

- Four themes emerged on how housing accessibility was addressed.
- Categories describing the current situation and what is considered to be of importance for the future.



Conclusion

- Municipalities struggle with the lack of accessible and affordable housing for the ageing population.
- There is a need to consider how to prevent organizational issues from hampering policy initiatives and implementation.
- Strategies to improve collaboration between municipal and private actors involved in housing provision are also needed.

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