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Our research is oriented on socio-spatial segregation, which grew out of the need to tackle actual problems of social exclusion in the European cities. The current European cities and their residents are constantly faced with interaction of economic, social, political and cultural factors in society, which often leads to social problems related with rising unemployment, deepening poverty and polarization of society. In the case of exceeding the natural rate of these problems in the individual locations is causing distortions of social cohesion of the local population, and so there can be observed a growing gap between their mutual social and spatial cohabitation.

In this contribution are presented the theoretical and methodological perspectives for research on socio-spatial segregation, usually used research methods and approaches within a given topic. There are described indicators, which can measure rate of socio-spatial segregation, and here are also described the problems, which the research team had to deal with.

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