

Figure 6.11 The Unité d'Habitation. (a) The Unité d'Habitation, Marseilles in 1961, (b) the Unité, Berlin in 2002, (c) cross section through the Unité d'Habitation, Marseilles and (d) the intended site plan for the Marseilles development.

Raoul Dauty, the Minister for Reconstruction in post-war France, commissioned the Unité in Marseilles. The project was, however, supported with greater and lesser enthusiasm through 10 changes in the

French government and seven Ministers of Reconstruction. The central government needed mass housing and Le Corbusier sought a vehicle to explore his own ideas. His relationship with the French bureaucracy