



Spatial planning versus
unplanning detailed urban plans
and their impact on the
environment in North
Macedonia and Bosnia and
Herzegovina

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Spatial and urban planning is a complex, multiscale process, which includes more laws

From 2019, there is an attempt to consider the **environmental challenges** in the process of planning through legal changes, new spatial methodologies and enlargement public awareness and involvement

Strategic environmental assessment is an instrument used to describe and evaluate and assess the possible significant environmental impacts of spatial planning to environment.



National versus international legislation

- ❖ Notice of intent
- ❖ Environmental Impact Assessment Study required to carry out the impact assessment procedure of project on the environment
- ❖ Elaborations for environmental impact assessment

How is in reality?

Detailed Urban Plan

local self-government

tenant's councils

Community of owners

public interest litigation

350,000 requests for legalization of illegally constructed buildings or parts of buildings



collective redress

Right of tenants

Access to justice

97.2% requests for legalization of buildings built without EIA, only 13% are solved

illegally constructed buildings

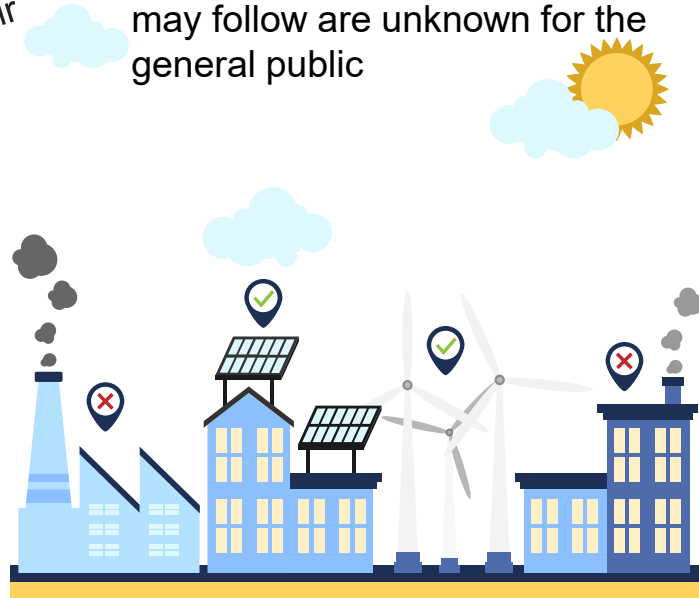
685 new illegally constructed buildings are registered

Challenges

Investor in cooperation with municipalities, do not decide in favour of the environment, their looking only on their profit

Eco-crime and the sanctions that may follow are unknown for the general public

the urban mafia built without full documentation and they didn't made environmental impact assessment



Despite global goals, international commitments and well-written laws, North Macedonia is failing to sufficiently protect the environment.

Tenant's councils representatives exercise the rights of access to justice, but most often unsuccessfully

Recommendation

Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Directive to be transparent

Establishment of system 24, open line

Network on green prosecutor

Support of whistleblowers



BiH case

- The situation is similar in almost all countries in Western Balkan.



Thank you very much for your attention



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