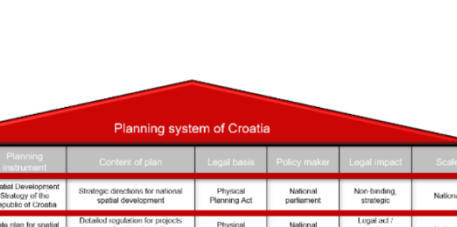


Fact sheet for planning levels

Planning level


Type of plan

National



Planning level	Planning instrument	Content of plan	Legal basis	Policy maker	Legal impact	Scale
National	Spatial Development Strategy of the Republic of Croatia	Strategic direction for national spatial development	Physical Planning Act	National parliament	Non-binding, strategic	National
National	State plan for spatial development	Detailed regulation for projects and areas of national significance; sets guidelines for other areas	Physical Planning Act	National parliament	Legal act / subordinate regulation	National
National	Spatial plans of areas with special features	Detailed regulation for projects in national parks, nature parks and protected marine areas	Physical Planning Act	National parliament	Legal act / subordinate regulation	Area of national importance
National	Urban development plan of state significance	Detailed regulation for areas of state significance	Physical Planning Act	National government	Legal act / subordinate regulation	Local area of national significance
Regional	County spatial plan and spatial plan of the City of Zagreb	Detailed regulation for projects and areas of regional significance; sets guidelines for other areas (municipal level)	Physical Planning Act	Regional assembly / Assembly of the City of Zagreb	Legal act / subordinate regulation	Regional 1:100,000
Regional	Urban development plan of county significance	Detailed regulation for areas of regional significance	Physical Planning Act	Regional assembly	Legal act / subordinate regulation	Local area of regional significance
Local / municipal	Spatial development plan of a town or municipality	Sets detailed regulations for all projects within the municipality/town area and guidelines for areas where more detailed plans are mandatory	Physical Planning Act	Municipal or town council	Legal act / subordinate regulation	Local (municipal)
Local / municipal	General urban plan	Land use plan, mandatory for central settlements of major cities	Physical Planning Act	Municipal or town council	Legal act / subordinate regulation	Local
Local / municipal	Urban development plan	Detailed plans with building regulations, mandatory for undeveloped parts of an area intended for building and for areas scheduled for urban transformation or urban regeneration measures	Physical Planning Act	Municipal or town council	Legal act / subordinate regulation	Local

Strategic



Facts: Spatial Development Strategy of the Republic of Croatia

Legal basis

- Law on Spatial Planning and Construction (Official Gazette No. 76/07, 38/09, 55/11, 90/11, 50/12)
- Law on Spatial Planning (Official Gazette No. 153/13, 65/17, 114/18, 39/19, 98/19)
- Proposed activities from the 'Report on the situation in the territory of the Republic of Croatia' 2008-2012.
- Decision on drafting the Spatial Development Strategy of the Republic of Croatia (Official Gazette No. 143/13)

Legal impact

The Strategy does not have the authority or status of a subordinate act. It takes into account numerous sectoral development documents (strategies, programmes, plans) whose implementation has an indirect or direct spatial impact.

Competences

The Spatial Development Strategy of the Republic of Croatia (*Strategija prostornog razvoja Republike Hrvatske*) is a fundamental national document for directing spatial development. It determines the longterm tasks of spatial development, the strategic orientations of the development of spatial activities and the starting point for the coordination of their spatial development measures based on the goals of spatial development determined by the law and in accordance with the overall economic, social and cultural development, and in connection with other fundamental national development and strategic documents. The Strategy was prepared by the Croatian Institute for Spatial Development in cooperation with spatial development stakeholders.

Content of the Strategy

The Strategy consists of the following chapters:

1. Core values
2. Current spatial state and processes
3. Starting point and spatial development concept
4. Priorities and strategic directions of spatial development
 - 4.1. Sustainability of the spatial structure
 - 4.2. Preservation of the spatial identity
 - 4.3. Transport connectivity
 - 4.4. Energy system development
 - 4.5. Resistance to change
5. Framework for implementation

Process, duration, participation

25 November 2013	The Ministry of Construction and Spatial Planning adopted the Decision on the Drafting of the Spatial Development Strategy of the Republic of Croatia (Official Gazette 143/13)
2013/2014	Analysis of other national strategic documents that have an impact on the Spatial Development Strategy; requesting input from other public bodies (ministries, other administrative bodies, institutions, companies with public powers)
2013/2014	<p>Six professional studies were commissioned for the purpose of preparing the Strategy:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Analysis of county spatial plans • Landscape as a factor of the Spatial Development Strategy • Regional development, system of settlements, urban and rural

	development and spatial transformation
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Integrated Coastal Zone Management • Demographic scenarios and migration • Development of economic activities from a spatial perspective
16-17 June 2014	Expert discussions on the topics of the commissioned studies with representatives of the county institutes for spatial planning, representatives of state administration bodies and the scientific community.
2014	The concept for the Strategy was developed.
13 November 2014	The concept for the Strategy was publicly presented at the conference Spatial Planning System: from Strategy to Spatial Plan of the New Generation, jointly organised by the Ministry of Construction and Spatial Planning and the Croatian Institute for Spatial Development.
2014	After the presentation of the concept for the Strategy, another round of consultations was held with representatives of different stakeholders.
2015	Elaboration of the concept for the Strategy continued in cooperation with the Advisory Body consisting of experts from various fields.
June - July 2015	Public consultation on the proposal for the Strategy: Public presentations as part of the consultation process were held in Split, Rijeka, Zagreb and Osijek.
June - July 2015	Public discussion on the Strategic Study on the impact of the Strategy on the environment.
2015	Revision and drafting of the final proposal
2015	Discussions with all relevant ministries on the final draft of the Strategy
13 October 2017	<p>The Spatial Development Strategy of the Republic of Croatia was adopted by the Croatian Parliament</p> <p>The Strategy was published in the Official Gazette (No. 106/17)</p>

Details of the plan

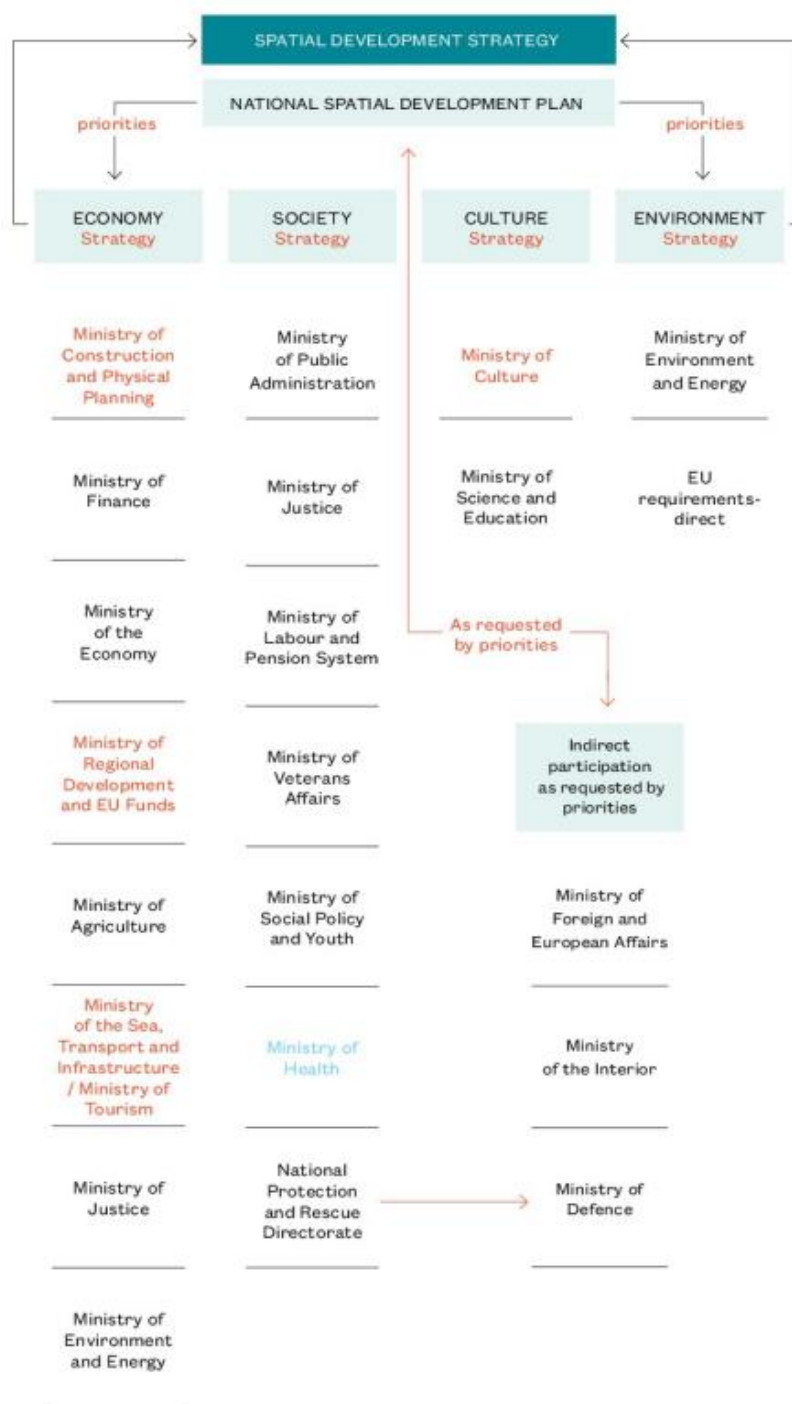


Fig. 1: Relationship of the Spatial Development Strategy to other strategic documents on the national level

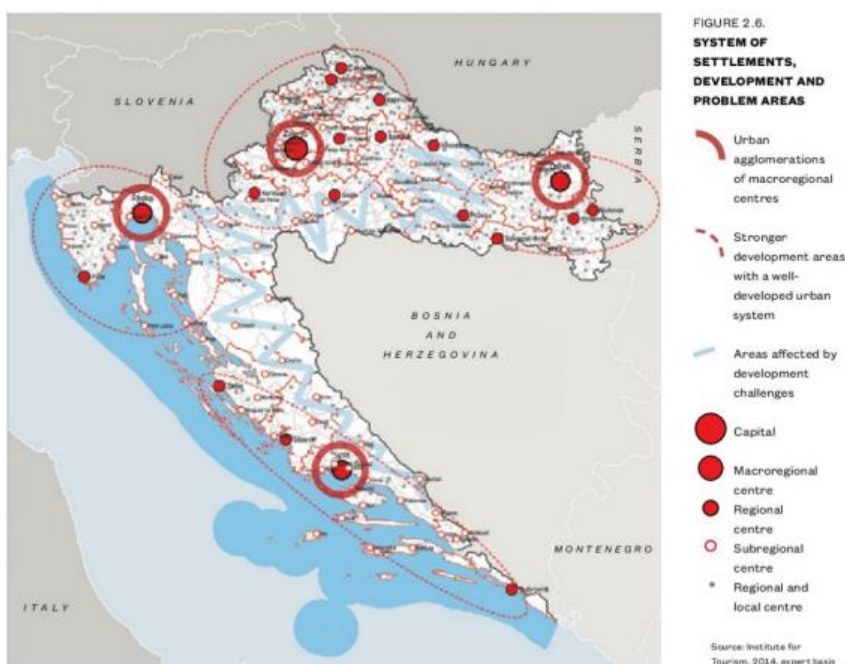


Fig. 2: System of settlements, development areas and areas affected by development challenges

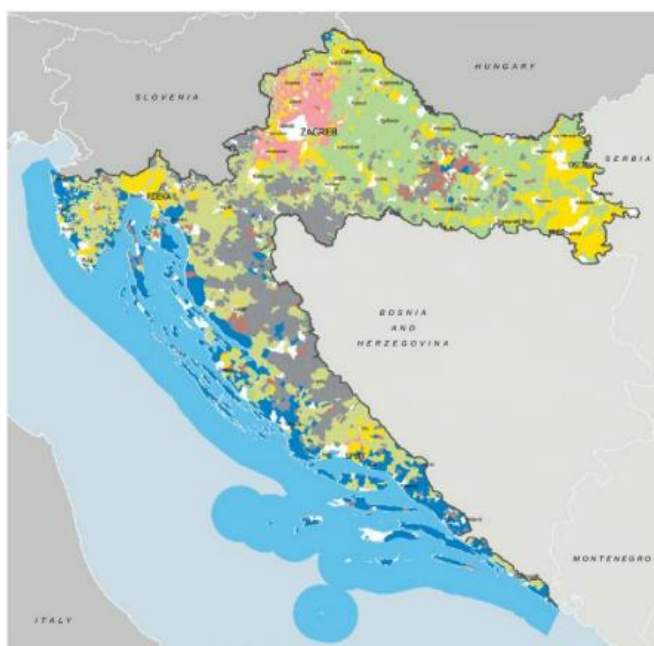
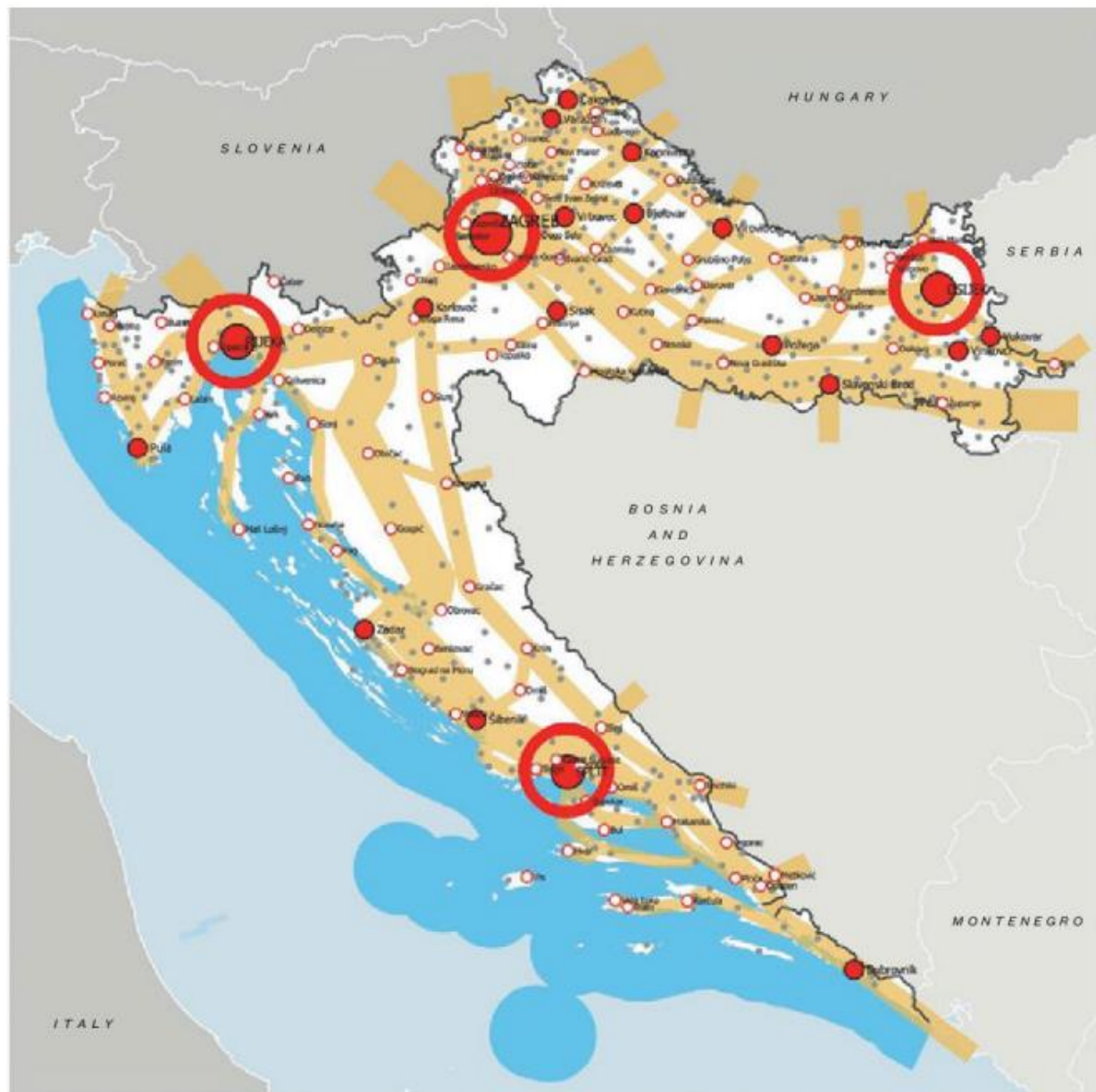


Fig. 3: Typology of settlements in rural areas



0 50 100 200 km

FIGURE 2.16.
**LARGER URBAN
REGIONS AND
SPATIAL AND
TRANSPORT
CORRIDORS**



Source: Institute for Tourism,
2014, expert basis

Fig. 4: Urban centres, urban regions and main transport corridors

FIGURE 4.10
TRANSPORT OF
HYDROCARBONSGas transportation
system

- ▲ Reception terminal for liquefied natural gas (LNG) - planned
- ▼ LNG distribution centres - potential locations
- Underground gas storage - existing
- Underground gas storage - potential locations
- Existing international main gas pipelines
- - - Planned international main gas pipelines

Oil transportation system

- Oil refinery - existing
- Oil pipeline terminals
- Oil pipelines - existing
- - - Oil pipelines - planned
- Product pipelines - planned

Sources:
ME, INA d.d., JANA d.d., LNG
Hrvatska d.o.o., Plinacro d.o.o.



Fig. 5: Main infrastructure systems (transport of oil and natural gas)

Characteristics

The main postulates of the spatial development concept as proposed by the Spatial Development Strategy are:

- the affirmation of polycentricity
- mitigation of the depopulation rate of the most vulnerable areas
- preservation of the identity of the Croatian territory
- taking advantage of the favourable transport position within main international transport routes
- sustainable development of the economy and infrastructure systems
- connecting with the European space
- integrated approach to physical planning
- active adaptation to the dynamics of change

Notes and links

<https://mpgi.gov.hr/about-the-ministry-139/scope-of-the-ministry/physical-planning-143/spatialdevelopment-strategy-of-the-republic-of-croatia/11686>

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