

## Fact sheet for planning levels

## Planning level

## Type of plan

## General plan for part of the state territory

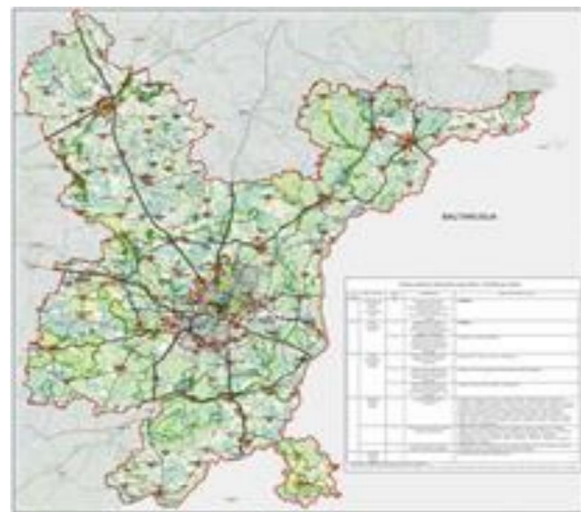
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Planning level	Planning instrument	Content of plan	Legal basis	Policy maker	Legal impact	Scale
State level	General plan of the territory of Republic of Lithuania ( Lietuvos Respublikos teritorijos bendrasis planas )	Territory planning document of the intended economic, social and ecological development, including the European integration, the main issues on functional areas, urban centres and transport networks, renewable energies, the environment etc.	Decision of the Government ( Vyriausybės nutarimas )	The institution authorized by the Government ( the Ministry of Environment ).	Mandatory for the state and municipal institutions.	Map scale: 1:100000 – 1:400000
	General plan of the parts of territory of Lithuania	Territory planning document, detailing the solutions of general plan of the territory of Lithuania in the part of the country.	Decision of the Government ( Vyriausybės nutarimas )	The institution authorized by the Government ( the Ministry of Environment ).	Mandatory for the state and municipal institutions.	Map scale: 1:100000 – 1:400000

## State level planning

The planning of the entire state territory or parts of the state territory (as in this case) is assigned to this level according to the current Law on Territorial Planning. Planning is organized by the government (a government-authorized body). The Comprehensive (General) Plan for the County Territory is a document at the state government level depending on the institution approving it, or at the region level depending on the size of planning territory and the level of concretisation of the solutions. Lithuania.

Below is the most recent and indeed the only example of a plan for a subarea of the state territory, which was prepared more than 10 years ago and **in accordance with the legislation valid at that time**: the Comprehensive Plan for the territory of Vilnius County, which was approved (No. 1310) by the Lithuanian government on 12 March 2008.

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## Facts: Comprehensive Plan for the Territory of Vilnius County (Lithuania)

### Legal basis (according to the legislation valid when the plan was approved)

- The Law of the Republic of Lithuania on Territorial Planning (12 December 1995, No. I-1120, amended 8 June 2006).
- The Regulations for the Drafting of Master Plans of the County Territory (2004 Order of the Minister of the Environment of the Republic of Lithuania No. D1 – 263).
- Description of the procedure for the strategic assessment of the consequences of plans and programmes on the environment (Resolution No. 967 of the Government of the Republic of Lithuania of 18 August 2004).
- Description of the procedure for impact assessment of the solutions in territorial planning documents (Resolution No. 920 of the Government of the Republic of Lithuania of 16 July 2004).
- Provisions on public participation in the territorial planning process (Resolution No. 904 of the Government of the Republic of Lithuania of 16 July 1994), and others.

### Competencies (according to the legislation valid when the plan was approved)

- The organiser of the Comprehensive Plan for the Territory of Vilnius County was the County Governor of Vilnius City.
- The government must approve the Comprehensive Plan for the Territory of Vilnius County (in accordance with Article 11, 4 of the Law on Territorial Planning).

### Binding force (according to the legislation valid when the plan was approved)

Comprehensive plans are binding for all owners, managers and users of immovable property located within the territory of the plan (Law of the Republic of Lithuania on Territorial Planning, Article 9, 2.)

### Tasks and content (according to the legislation valid when the plan was approved)

- The objectives, identified in the Concept of the Comprehensive Plan for the Territory of Vilnius County, are: 1) to strengthen the conditions for achieving a better quality of life for the population as well as for developing the county economy 2) to strengthen the conditions for stabilising the county's development.
- To strengthen the county's economic development, the concept foresees creating favourable conditions for agglomeration, restructuring the economy, the regional development of export depots, especially for the 'production' of innovations, as well as for the latest technology, international service and trade; moreover, the concept provides for the modernisation and development of infrastructure.
- To strengthen the stability of the county's development, the concept envisages consolidating an ecological equilibrium in the county territory; protecting cultural resources (predominantly cultural heritage) while linking them with natural 'capital'; achieving an effective use of the said resources; creating the conditions for minimising social disparities within the county; pursuing economic diversification (especially in non-urbanised territories).
- These tasks are developed in the policy measures for the territory. For instance, in developing agglomeration, it is envisaged that attainability is to be improved, and development potential concentrated in certain areas, etc.

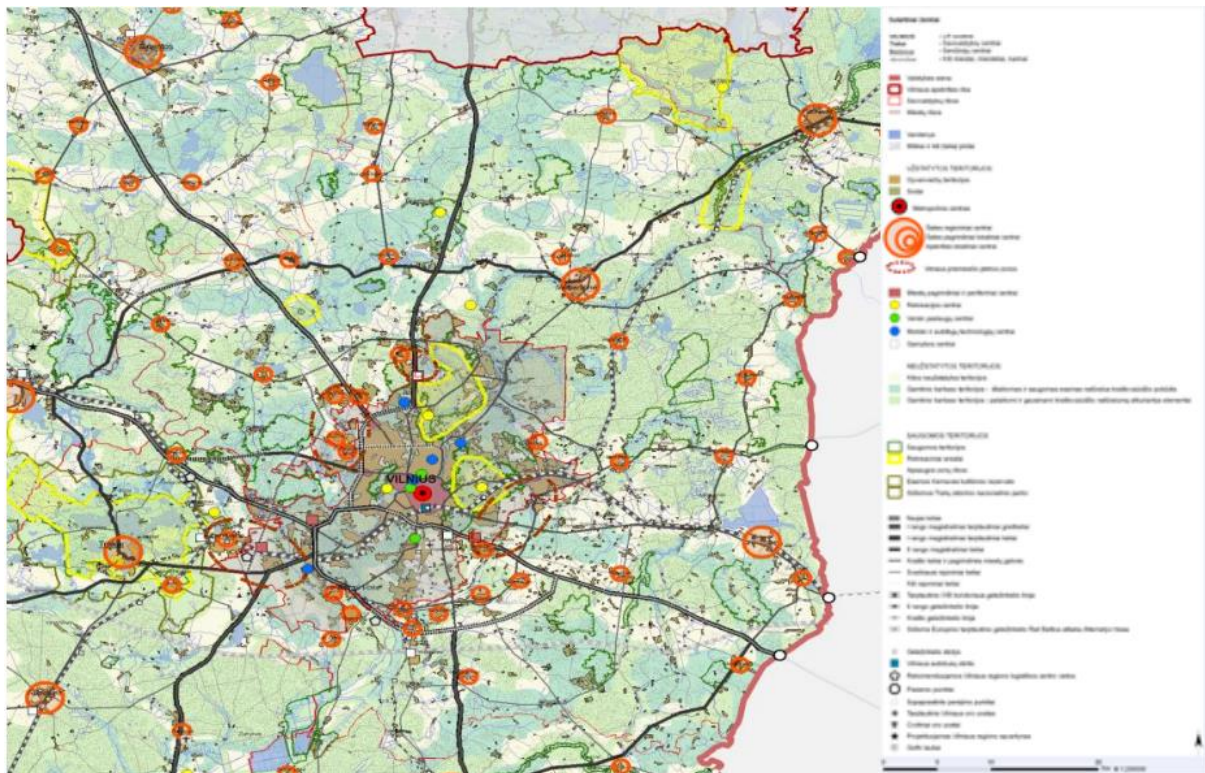
### Process, duration, participation (according to the legislation valid when the plan was approved)

- The formulation of the concept of the Vilnius County Comprehensive Plan commenced at the beginning of 2005.
- The project to formulate the concept started to be considered in the County Development Committee as well as in the Municipal Councils in spring 2006. Half of all the relevant municipalities approved the concept by autumn 2006.

### Duration of validity (according to the legislation valid when the plan was approved)

The concept is valid for 20 years, while the concrete solutions are valid for 10 years. Their validity can be extended.

## Details of the plan



**Detail 1: The main settlements of Vilnius county, 2008.**

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## Characteristics

### Location of the area

Region – the EU periphery, which is not easily accessible from the European economic development core. On an EU scale, the regional economy is not effective; employment and wages are relatively low. There is a very high level of outward migration. On a Lithuanian scale, Vilnius County is characterised by the highest rates of the development. The population is increasing and construction works are in progress on the outskirts of Vilnius City as well as in the territories surrounding it. The particular circumstances of Vilnius City are that it is home to many picturesque landscapes as well as several protected areas of natural and cultural heritage lying within the county boundaries. There are also major city/periphery disparities relating to the availability of services and employment prospects.



### Initial situation

The concept replaces a former version.

### Particularities of the procedure

The territorial planning of larger subareas of the state territory (including counties) in Lithuania is regarded as a new subject in practice. Prior to this plan, no County Plan had been completed and approved. The functions and content of County Plans are currently being pursued in practice. In 2021, such plans were allocated to the state level.

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## Notes and links

The County Governor's Administration in the Department of Regional Development of Vilnius City (n.d.) Available at: <https://www.lietuvosregionai.lt/upload/Lietuvos%20regionai/Vilniaus%20apskritis/Planavimo%20dokumentai/Vilniaus%20apskritis%20teritorijos%20bendrasis%20generalinis%20planas.pdf> (Accessed 17 March, 2022)

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