

Fact sheet for planning levels

Planning level		Type of plan		
<p>Region (NUTS 2) (not administrative-territorial units)</p>				
<p style="text-align: center;">system of powers of Bulgaria</p>				
State level	Bulgaria	National Assembly	Council of Ministers	Supreme Court of Cassation; Supreme Administrative Court
Sub-state level	28 Administrative regions (NUTS II); (regions, area of State administration)	- no	Regional Governor	28 Regional courts
Municipal level	285 Municipalities	Municipal Council	Mayor	113 District courts

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<p>Hierarchical levels of the centres, degree of urbanisation, urbanisation axes, TEN-T network in Southwestern planning region (NUTS 2) (Source: Integrated territorial development strategy of the Southwestern planning region, p. 4, https://www.mrrb.bg/bg/proekt-na-integrirana-teritorialnastrategiya-za-razvitiye-na-yugozapaden-region-za-planirane-otnivo-2-85189/)</p>				

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Facts:

Legal basis

- Regional Development Act (Prom. SG. 50/30 May 2008; amend. and suppl. SG. 21/13 March 2020), <https://www.mrrb.bg/bg/zakon-za-regionalnoto-razvitie/>.
Methodological guidelines of the Minister of Regional Development and Public Works for the preparation of the new Integrated Territorial Development Strategies (25 March 2020), <https://www.mrrb.bg/bg/utvurdenimetodicheski-ukazaniya-za-izgotvyane-na-integriraniteritorialni-strategii-za-razvitie-na-regionite-za-planirane-otnivo-2-za-perioda-2021-2027-g/>.

Competencies

- The Minister of Regional Development and Public Works determines the methodological guidelines and organises the preparation of the Integrated Territorial Development Strategies (ITDS) of the six NUTS 2 regions. They are adopted by the Council of Ministers after being approved by the respective Regional Development Council.
As of mid-2021, the six ITDS of the NUTS 2 regions are at the stage of public consultations on the environmental assessment reports of the draft strategies. The environmental assessment report is a prerequisite for the final approval of the strategies.

Binding force

- Legally not binding (hierarchically subordinate to the National Concept for Regional and Spatial Development).

Tasks and content

- According to the methodological guidelines of the Minister of Regional Development and Public Works for the preparation of the ITDS, the structure of the strategies should be:
 - Territorial scope and analysis of the economic, social and ecological situation, needs and potentials for development;
 - Objectives and priorities for regional and spatial development for the 2021–2027 models of development;
 - Description of the involvement of partners in the preparation and implementation of the ITDS and the results of the public consultations;
 - General assessment of the resources needed to implement the strategy;
 - Monitoring and evaluation indicators;
 - Indicative list of important project ideas.

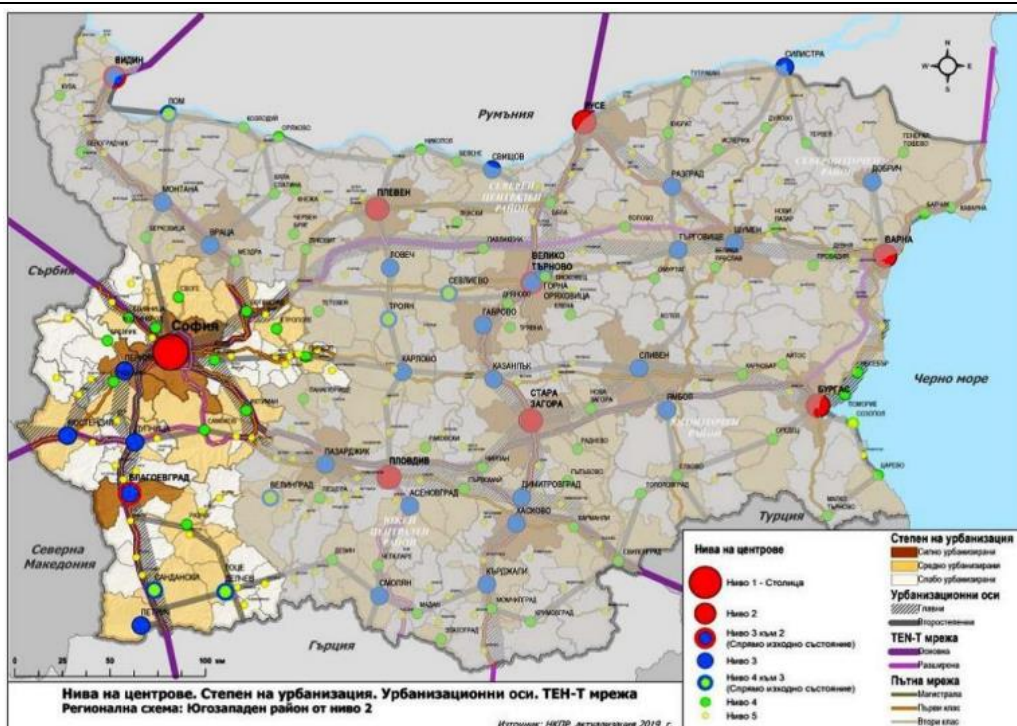
Process, duration, participation

- The strategy contains a separate chapter on the broad public consultations and the partners during its preparation after 2019

Duration of validity

- Medium-term planning horizon (2021–2027)

Details of the plan



- The map of the Southwest NUTS 2 region shows the hierarchical levels of the centres from level 1 Capital to level 5 (left column of the legend), the degree of urbanisation (strong – dark brown; medium – light brown; weak – white), urbanisation axes (diagonal hatching), TEN-T network (purple) and road network (Source: Integrated territorial development strategy of the Southwestern planning region, p. 4, <https://www.mrrb.bg/bg/proekt-na-integriranateritorialna-strategiya-za-razvitie-na-yugozapaden-region-za-planirane-ot-nivo-2-85189/>)

Characteristics

Location of the area

- The Southwestern NUTS 2 Region (Yugozapaden Planning Region) covers five NUTS 3 regions: Sofia City, Sofia Province, Pernik, Kyustendil and Blagoevgrad. The region borders Serbia, Northern Macedonia and Greece.

Initial Situation

- The strategy is the first of its kind and replaces the strategic planning documents provided for in the Regional Development Act before 2020.

Particularities of the process

- The strategy is a medium-term strategic planning document that defines the political, economic, spatial and thematic framework of the region's development for the new programming period 2021–2027. It has been developed in accordance with the National Concept for Spatial Development and takes into account the regional level of sectoral strategies in the areas of economic development, healthcare, education, science, social services, transport, the water sector, energy, broadband, tourism and the environment.

This information and all the accompanying materials (including the maps) are provided here with the consent of the Ministry of Regional Development and Public Works.

Notes and links

- The draft Integrated territorial development strategy of the Southwestern planning region is available at: <https://www.mrrb.bg/bg/proekt-na-integrirana-teritorialna-strategiya-za-razvitie-na-yugozapaden-region-za-planirane-otnivo-2-85189/> (Accessed: 23 February 2022).