

Fact sheet for planning levels

Planning level		Type of plan				
<p style="text-align: center;">National</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Planning system of Kosovo</p>						
Planning level	Planning instrument	Content of plan	Legal basis	Policy maker	Legal impact	Scale
Municipality	- Municipal Spatial Development Plans - Municipal Zoning Map - Detailed Regulatory Plans	Municipal Spatial Development Plans encompass the municipality's overall municipal vision, goals, and strategic priorities. They represent strategic blueprints for local urban and rural development, and set goals, strategies, and action plans for municipal growth and improvement. The plans cover 11 focus areas according to the current legal framework. The Municipal Zoning Map provides specific zoning and land use rules for organised development, including land use allocations and restrictions, density, the coefficient of constructability, regulatory lines, and construction lines. Detailed Regulatory Plans provide more detailed land use rules for organised development, including density, the coefficient of constructability, regulatory lines, and construction lines.	spatial planning act	Municipal Assembly Cabinet of the Mayor/ Directorate of Spatial Planning and Environmental Protection	Legally binding for all planning authorities; legal basis for building projects and issuing building permits Regulation and sustainable use of open space Specification of building rules and conditions	ca. 1:10,000 ca. 1:5,000 1:1,000
National spatial planning	- Spatial Plan of Kosovo - Kosovo Zoning Map (KZM) - Spatial Plans for Special Areas	The National Spatial Plan of Kosovo is a strategic document that guides the long-term development of the entire country. The Zoning Map of Kosovo divides the country into different land use zones to regulate construction and other activities, while Spatial Plans for Areas of Special Importance provide tailored development and conservation strategies for specific significant regions within Kosovo	Spatial Planning Law, respective laws on special protection areas	Government & National Assembly Ministry for the Environment, Spatial Planning and Infrastructure	Binding effect for all planning authorities Binding effect for other sectoral planning at central level Regulation and sustainable use of open space	ca. 1:25,000 KZM

Legend

- Thousand of Kosovo - Green area
- Thousand of Kosovo - Blue area
- Centers of Kosovo - Orange area
- Edges of Kosovo - Yellow area
- National Park of Sharr
- Reservoirs & lakes
- Cultural & historical heritage
- Quality agriculture land
- Small streams
- Settlements with pop. over 1000 inhabitants
- Big centres
- Capital city: Pristina
- Center area
- Ring roads
- Road network
- Roads proposed for widening
- Roads proposed for construction
- Proposed for connection with Motorway Corridor B
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Figure 1. Section of the Spatial Plan of Kosovo

Facts: Spatial plan of Kosovo

Legal basis

The current Spatial Plan of Kosovo was drafted based on the former Law No. 2003/14 on Spatial Planning, which was abolished by the current Law No. 04/L-174 on Spatial Planning (23 August 2013).

Competences

The Spatial Planning Law, which was approved by the Kosovo Assembly and endorsed by the Special Representative of the United Nations (SRSG) on 10 September 2003, designates the Ministry of the Environment and Spatial Planning as the authority responsible for formulating the Spatial Plan of Kosovo. Within this ministry, the Department for Spatial Planning oversees policy planning, the execution of central programmes, and the monitoring of spatial development. Additionally, the Spatial Planning Institute, also situated within the Ministry, is tasked with creating planning documents, researching spatial development trends, and developing a spatial database.

Binding force

All national sectoral plans should be aligned with the Spatial Plan, and all municipalities are expected to observe and take into account the goals and principles outlined in the Spatial Plan.

Tasks and content

The Spatial Plan of Kosovo is designed to advance the shared interests of Kosovo's residents. Its primary objectives include expediting economic development to enhance the quality of life while safeguarding valuable resources and natural and cultural heritage. It should contribute to the expansion and development of areas at the national, municipal, and urban levels, ultimately aiding in the creation of Kosovo's General Development Strategy. The Spatial Plan should:

- Guide governmental sectors and agencies in drafting and implementing policies and decisions on public investments with a distinct spatial dimension or spatial relevance;

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- Approve the policy guidance on strategic investments in infrastructure, especially in transport and telecommunications, and establish policies for the development of industry, housing, services, rural development, tourism, and natural and cultural heritage;
- Support balanced development between developed and under-developed areas;
- Identify strategic locations which favour both urban and rural areas;
- Determine the role of major cities in the overall socio-economic and cultural development of Kosovo;
- Guide the drafting of municipal and other local plans;
- Establish general principles for good practices in spatial planning to facilitate optimal population distribution, employment, and the use of natural resources in pursuit of sustainable economic development and a better quality of life.

Furthermore, the Spatial Plan of Kosovo is based on the following principles:

- Promoting the common interests of the people of Kosovo by protecting natural resources and supporting sustainable development;
- Promoting the democratic process of public participation and involvement in shaping development strategies and physical plans;
- Promoting full transparency in the planning and decision-making process, enabling participants to access the necessary data and maps;
- Promoting equal economic and social rights for all Kosovans;
- Promoting an improved quality of life and balanced forms of settlements;
- Promoting harmonisation with the EU Spatial Planning Principles.

The Plan also has the following strategic priorities:

- Ensuring that Kosovo is an open and integrated country in the Balkan region and beyond;
- Ensuring access to infrastructure for all;
- Ensuring quality, continuous education for all;
- Ensuring high-quality, decentralised medical services;
- Ensuring environmental protection;
- Increasing agricultural and industrial production;
- Ensuring balanced spatial development;
- Creating sufficient jobs.

Process, duration, participation

The Kosovo Spatial Plan covers the period 2010-2020+. The existing plan is a revised edition of the initial version, known as the Kosovo Spatial Plan 2005-2015+, which received preliminary approval from the Kosovo Assembly in January 2007.

Duration of validity

The plan remains in force until a new Spatial Plan is approved. The Ministry of the Environment, Spatial Planning and Infrastructure of the Republic of Kosovo is currently drafting a new Spatial Plan for Kosovo.

Details of the plan

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The process of drafting the Kosovo Spatial Plan

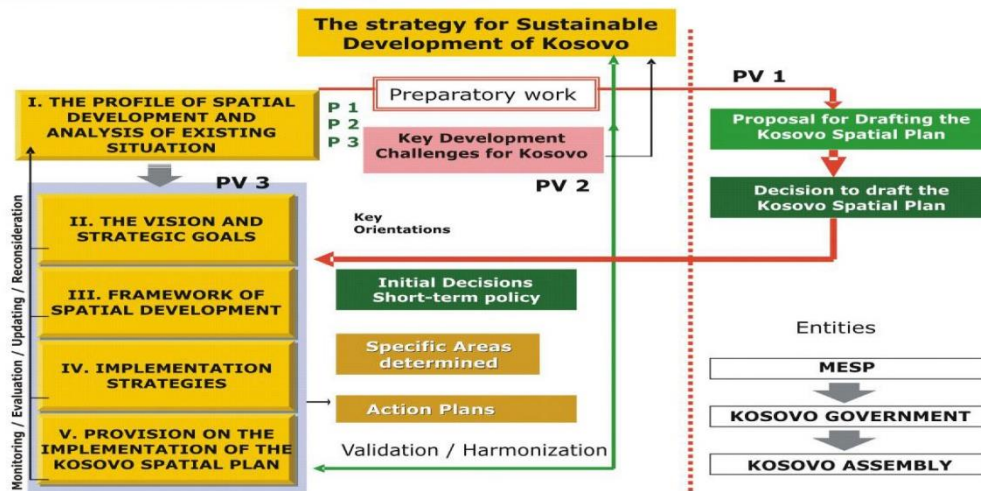


Figure 2. The drafting process of the Spatial Plan of Kosovo

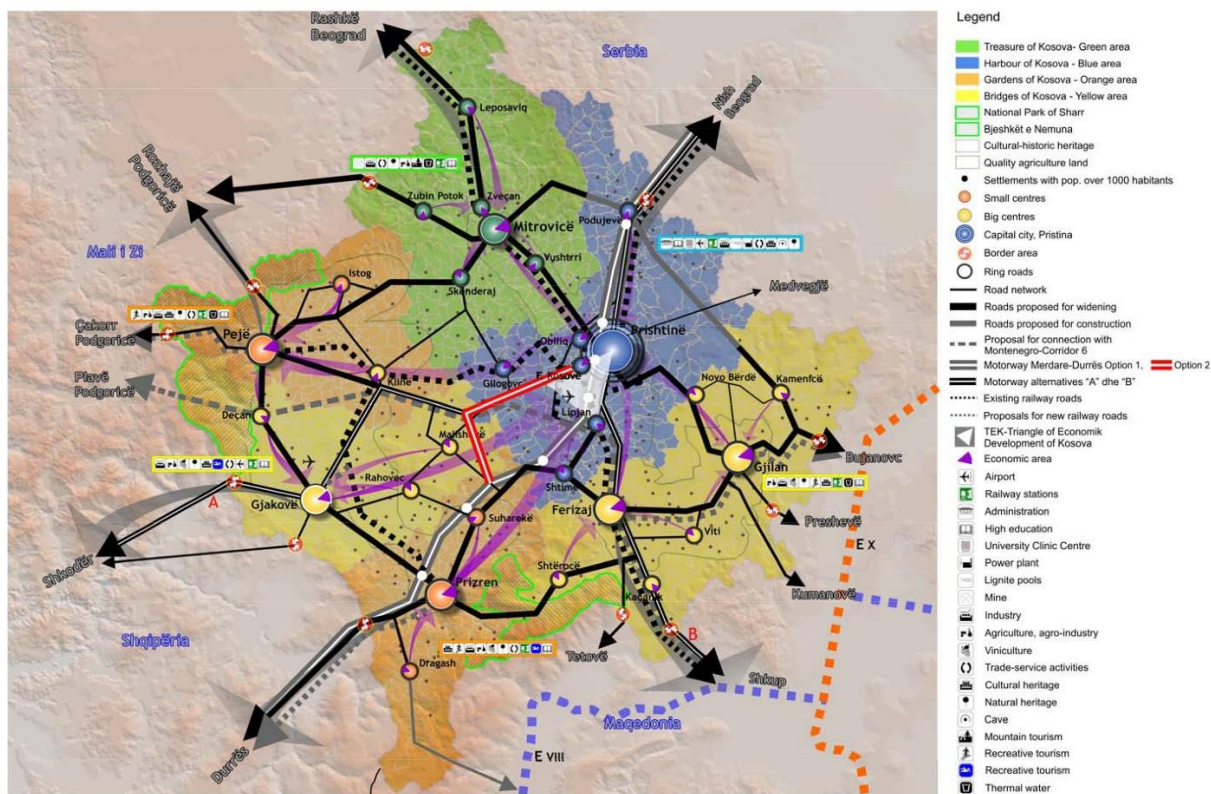


Figure 3. Spatial development strategy

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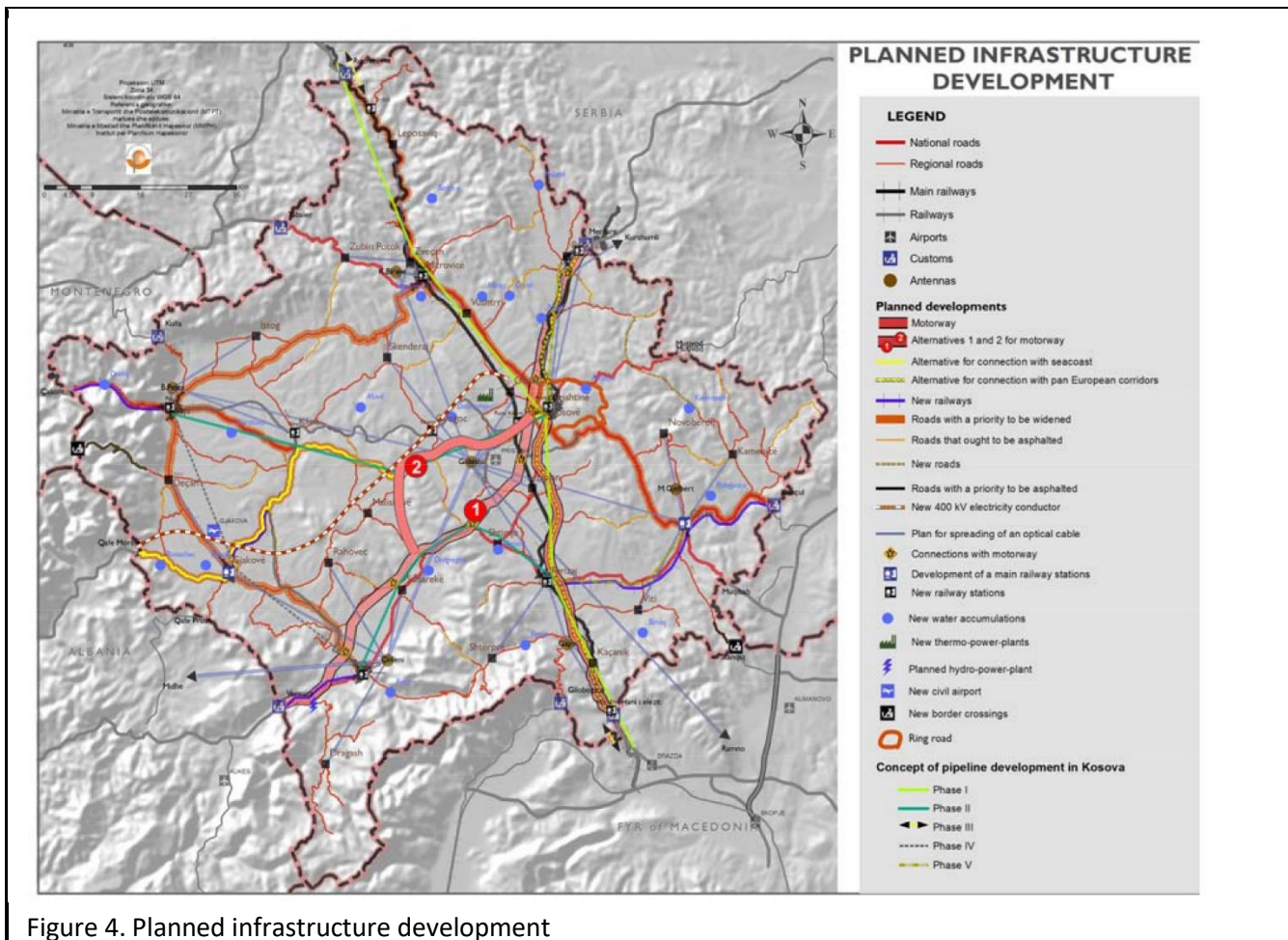


Figure 4. Planned infrastructure development

Characteristics

- The Spatial Plan of Kosovo is the key document for the planning system in Kosovo.
- All other planning and development documents must comply with the guidelines of the plan.
- The plan covers a period of at least ten years, starting from the moment it enters into force.
- The plan should be reviewed and potentially revised in five years or if special circumstances arise.
- The Ministry of the Environment, Spatial Planning and Infrastructure is responsible for reviewing the plan, while the Institute of Spatial Planning undertakes revisions to it.
- This plan comes into force after being endorsed by the Kosovo Government and approved by the Kosovo Assembly.

Notes and links

<file:///C:/Users/49179/Downloads/270566759-Spatial-Plan-of-Kosova-2010-2020-pdf.pdf>
<http://www.testenv.info/DivisionDocs/1%20Shq%20-%20HZKos%20-%20Pjesa%20tekstuale%201120.pdf>
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