

problems, the spatial goals, the spatial development concept, and the spatial plan. The first five main sections constitute the Documentary Baseline.

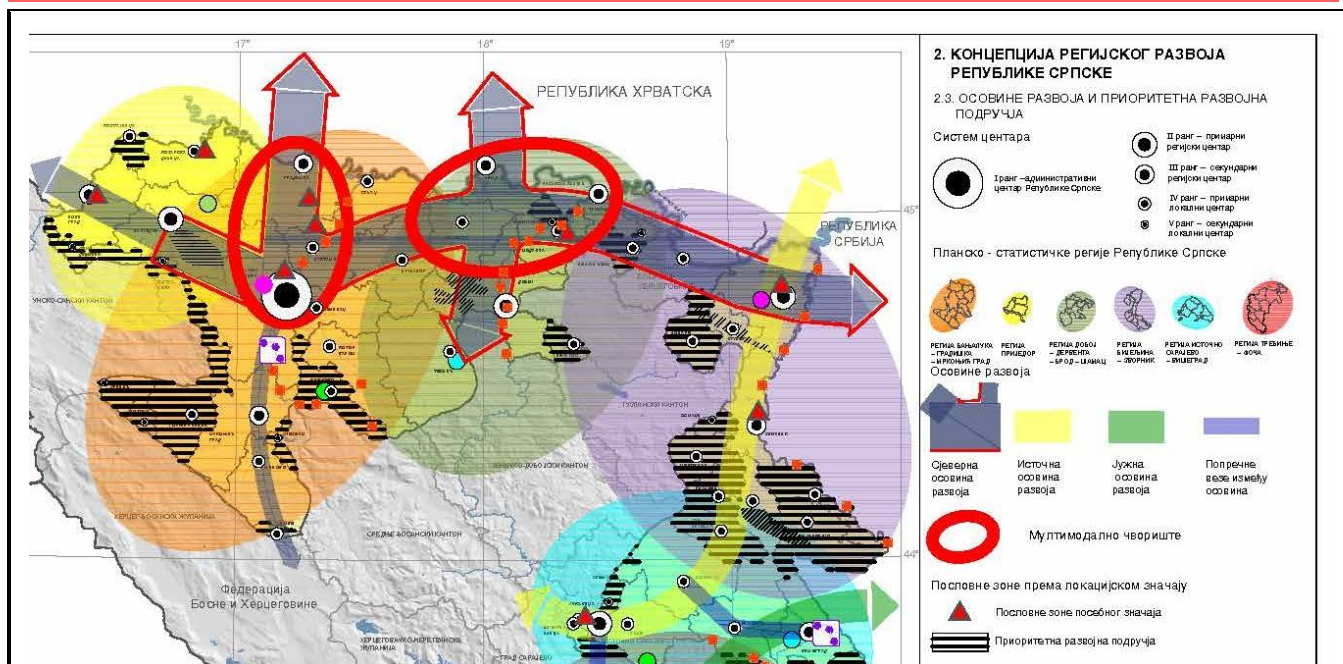
Process, duration, participation

- In 2011, the Ministry of Spatial Planning, Construction and Ecology of the Republic of Srpska decided to initiate the process to amend the Spatial Plan of the Republic of Srpska until 2015; this was primarily initiated by the Ministry of Industry, Energy and Mining and the Mixed Holding Power Utility of the Republic of Srpska.
- Decision No. 01-1075/11 (Official Gazette of the RS, No. 71/2011) was adopted by the National Assembly of the Republic of Srpska in July 2011.
- In the Decision on the Amendment to Decision No. 01-1075/11 (Official Gazette of the RS, No. 72/2012) the time frame of these amendments was extended until 2025.
- The amendments to the Spatial Plan of the Republic of Srpska until 2025 are in fact amendments to the Spatial Plan until 2015 and to the new plan until 2025.
- The New Institute for Urban Planning of the RS was the expert institution/legal entity for drafting the spatial plan proposal.
- Preliminary consultations with local government units and other stakeholders were held in June 2013.
- The expert discussion on the preliminary draft of the plan was held in October 2013.
- The Decision on Adopting the Draft Amendments to the Spatial Plan of the Republic of Srpska until 2025 (Official Gazette of the RS, No. 17/2014) was adopted by the National Assembly of the Republic of Srpska in March 2014.
- The public consultation lasted 60 days (March – May 2014) in all local government seats in the RS. Public presentations were held in April 2013 in all city seats and major urban centres.
- The public discussion (responding to the comments) on the draft plan was held in July 2014. The Planning Council adopted certain conclusions that were later incorporated into the plan proposal.
- The Decision on Adopting the Proposed Amendments to the Spatial Plan of the Republic of Srpska until 2025 (Official Gazette of the RS, No. 15/2015) was adopted by the National Assembly of the Republic of Srpska on 18 February 2015.

Duration of validity

- The amendments to the Spatial Plan of the Republic of Srpska until 2025 apply for the period until 2025.

Details of the plan



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Characteristics

Location of the area

The amendments to the Spatial Plan of the Republic of Srpska until 2025 cover the Republic of Srpska as well as one of two entities in Bosnia and Herzegovina. According to this plan, the area of the RS is 24,666 km² (48.5% of the surface of BiH). The Republic of Srpska covers most of the northern and eastern part of Bosnia and Herzegovina. It is bordered on the north and west by Croatia, on the east by Serbia, and on the southeast by Montenegro. Within the state, the Republic of Srpska shares a border with nine of the ten cantons of the Federation of BiH (inter-Entity border line) and the Brčko District of BiH.

Initial situation

The Ministry of Industry, Energy and Mining and the Mixed Holding Power Utility of the Republic of Srpska were the main institutions which in 2011 initiated the amendments to the Spatial Plan of the Republic of Srpska until 2015. In addition, most local government units (primarily departments for spatial planning) in the RS initiated amendments to this plan by submitting numerous suggestions, proposals, and comments to the Ministry of Spatial Planning, Construction and Ecology as the entity responsible for preparing the plan. Problems in the implementation of the Spatial Plan of the Republic of Srpska until 2015, numerous changes in the socio-economic context of the Republic of Srpska, new issues arising in relation to environmental protection, as well as new issues arising from the European context (climate change, landscape planning, social exclusion and poverty, new economic orientation, technological improvement of infrastructure, geostrategic issues, etc.) and certain spatial development policies and guidelines formulated in the European Union are listed as the key drivers of the amendments.

Particularities of the process and/or contents

The fundamental goal (long-term vision) of the Amendments to the Spatial Plan of the Republic of Srpska until 2025 is the 'activation of the territorial capital (resources and assets) of the Republic of Srpska and its constituent units within the administrative territory of the highest degree of autonomy, based on the principles of sustainable development, which will increase its competitiveness and attractiveness for investment and thus provide the conditions for more efficient and better economic development of all regions as well as improved social cohesion and improved protection for nature and the environment'.

The general goals of the Amendments to the Spatial Plan of the Republic of Srpska until 2025 are as follows:

- Reducing demographic disproportions and stopping negative demographic trends,
- Strengthening the competitiveness of regions,
- Improving social cohesion,
- Strengthening the model for the sustainable use of resources and the total territorial capital of local self-government units and individual regions,
- Strengthening the protection of and arrangements for natural and cultural heritage, landscape, and the environment.

The strategic priorities (projects) and the model of indicators for monitoring the spatial development of the Republic of Srpska represent new approaches in the plan. It should be highlighted that the textual and graphical content and composition of the Amendments to the Spatial Plan of the Republic of Srpska until 2025 is generally not aligned with the official Rulebook on the Method of Developing and Adopting Spatial Planning Documents and their Content (Official Gazette of the RS, No. 59/2011), in force at that time.

Notes and links

- https://vladars.rs/sr-SP-Cyr/Vlada/Ministarstva/mgr/Servisi/Poslovanje/Pages/prostorno_planska_dokumentacija.aspx