

Fact sheet for planning levels

Planning level

Municipality

Planning system of Hungary (local development)

Planning level	Planning instrument	Content of plan	Legal basis	Policymaker	Legal impact	Scale
Local level	Local development plan (területfejlesztési terv)	Long-term operationalization of local development goals; a vision for the municipality; a comprehensive proposal for the social, economic, infrastructural and environmental development of the municipality	Law No. 100 of 2023 on Hungarian Architecture (2023. évi. törvény a magyar építészetéről) (with subsequent amendments)	Municipal Council (electoral district)	Binding for all public actors taking part in the planning process	Municipalities; no other scales

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Note: this represents the current legal status; the former local development concept is to be treated as part of the local development plan in accordance with Méptv. (2023).

Type of plan

Local Development Concept



Facts: Local Development Concept for Szombathely (Hungary) – system of goals

Legal basis

(Please note: according to the Hungarian legal tradition, quotations usually refer to the original provision; the subsequent amendments are incorporated into the online version on net.jogtar.hu.)

- Law No. 78 of 1997 on the Formation and Protection of the Built Environment (1997. évi LXXVIII. törvény az épített környezet alakításáról és védelméről). <https://net.jogtar.hu/jogszabaly?docid=99700078.tv>
- Government Order on the integrated municipal development concept and the integrated municipal development strategy (etc.) No. 314 of 2012 (314/2012. (XI. 8.) Korm. Rendelet a településfejlesztési koncepcióról, az integrált településfejlesztési stratégiáról és a településrendezési eszközökről, valamint egyes településrendezési sajátos jogintézményekről). <https://net.jogtar.hu/jogszabaly?docid=a1200314.kor>

Competences

- The Chief City Architect's Office is responsible for preparing the concept pursuant to the abovementioned legislation; the concept is adopted by the City Council by resolution (it is not a formal statute).

Binding force

- The concept is not legally binding, but rather represents a self-commitment on the part of the municipality.

Tasks and content

According to Section 2 No. 27 of Law No. 78 of 1997, the Local Development Concept is 'a document based on the environmental, social and economic circumstances of the municipality, which is prepared for the whole municipality and which determines the directions of change and the long-term development goals'. The figure indicates the system of goals of sustainable development:

- In the centre: Szombathely, the seat of Vas County, aims at becoming a 'prosperous cultural, economic and industrial centre'
- The external triangles refer to the social (ochre), economic (violet) and environmental (green) dimensions of sustainable development
- The inner triangles refer to the specific programmes of the city to meet the development goals

Process, duration, participation

- The concept was subject to broad public discussion.

Duration of validity

- Long-term planning horizon until 2030.

Details of the plan



Characteristics

Location of the area

Szombathely is the seat of Vas County, located close to the western border of Hungary, founded in Roman times and most likely the hometown of St Martin. The planning area covers the entire area of the city.

Initial situation

In 2011 the city had approx. 79,000 inhabitants on a space of 9,753 ha. Around the inner city, there is a brownfield ring (ochre), which is both a problem and an opportunity. Parts of it now are action areas for redevelopment (red). Additionally, there are focal points of social problems, needing intensive action (violet).

Particularities of the procedure and/or contents

More or less typical for a county seat.

Notes and links

Local Development Concept and Integrated Development Strategy of Szombathely, amalgamated version of first amendment (*Szombathely Megyei Jogú Város Településfejlesztési Konceptiója Integrált Településfejlesztési Stratégiája I. számú egységes szerkezetbe foglalt módosítás*). <https://m.szombathely.hu/onkormanyzat/konceptciok-tervek/>