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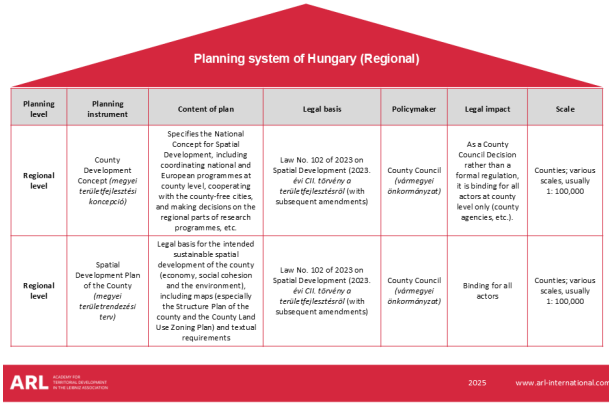
Fact sheet for planning levels

Planning level	Type of plan
County	County Development Plan



Planning level	Planning instrument	Content of plan	Legal basis	Policymaker	Legal impact	Scale
Regional level	County Development Concept *(megyei területfejlesztési koncepció)*	Specifies the National Concept for Spatial Development, including coordinating national and European programmes at county level, cooperating with the county-free cities, and making decisions on the regional parts of research programmes, etc.	Law No. 102 of 2023 on Spatial Development (2023. *évi CII. törvény a területfejlesztésről* (with subsequent amendments)	County Council *(vármegyei önkormányzat)*	As a County Council Decision rather than a formal regulation, it is binding for all actors at county level only (county agencies, etc.).	Counties; various scales, usually 1: 100,000
Regional level	Spatial Development Plan of the County *(megyei területrendezési terv)*	Legal basis for the intended sustainable spatial development of the county (economy, social cohesion and the environment), including maps (especially the Structure Plan of the county and the County Land Use Zoning Plan) and textual requirements	Law No. 102 of 2023 on Spatial Development (2023. *évi CII. törvény a területfejlesztésről* (with subsequent amendments)	County Council *(vármegyei önkormányzat)*	Binding for all actors	Counties; various scales, usually 1: 100,000

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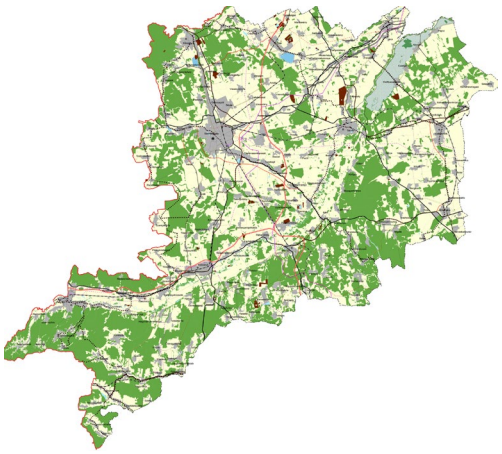

Facts: Development Plan for Vas County (Hungary)

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. 21 of 1996 on Spatial Development and Planning (1996. évi XXI. törvény a területfejlesztésről és a területrendezésről). https://net.jogtar.hu/jogszabaly?docid=99600021.tv
- Law No. 139 of 2018 on the Countrywide Spatial Development Plan of Hungary and of several emphasised spaces (2018. évi CXXXIX. törvény Magyarország és egyes kiemelt térségeinek területrendezési tervéről). http://www.kozlonyok.hu/nkonline/MKPDF/hiteles/MK18216.pdf

Competences

- The County Chief Architect's Office is responsible for preparing the plan pursuant to the abovementioned legislation; the plan is adopted by the county council by resolution (no formal statute).

Binding force

- The plan is legally binding for all actors participating in the planning process.

Tasks and content

Vas County has approximately 260,000 inhabitants across an area of around 3,336 km^2. The legend for the legally binding Structure Plan (which also has a textual element; see details) includes:

- Grey: urbanised areas
- Green: forests
- Yellow: agricultural areas
- Blue: water areas
- Blue transverse raster: existing retention basin of nationwide importance
- Blue straight raster: existing retention basin exceeding 1 million cbm
- Dark brown: areas of specific use
- Black circles: regional centres
- Black dots: sub-regional centres
- Double red lines: motorways
- Single red lines: other roads
- Black dotted lines: planned nationwide network of cycle paths
- Red dotted lines: planned regional network of cycle paths

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- Black and white lines: existing main railway lines
- Black lines: existing regional railway lines
- Violet lines: existing 400 kV transmission network lines
- Violet lines with dots: planned 400 kV transmission network lines

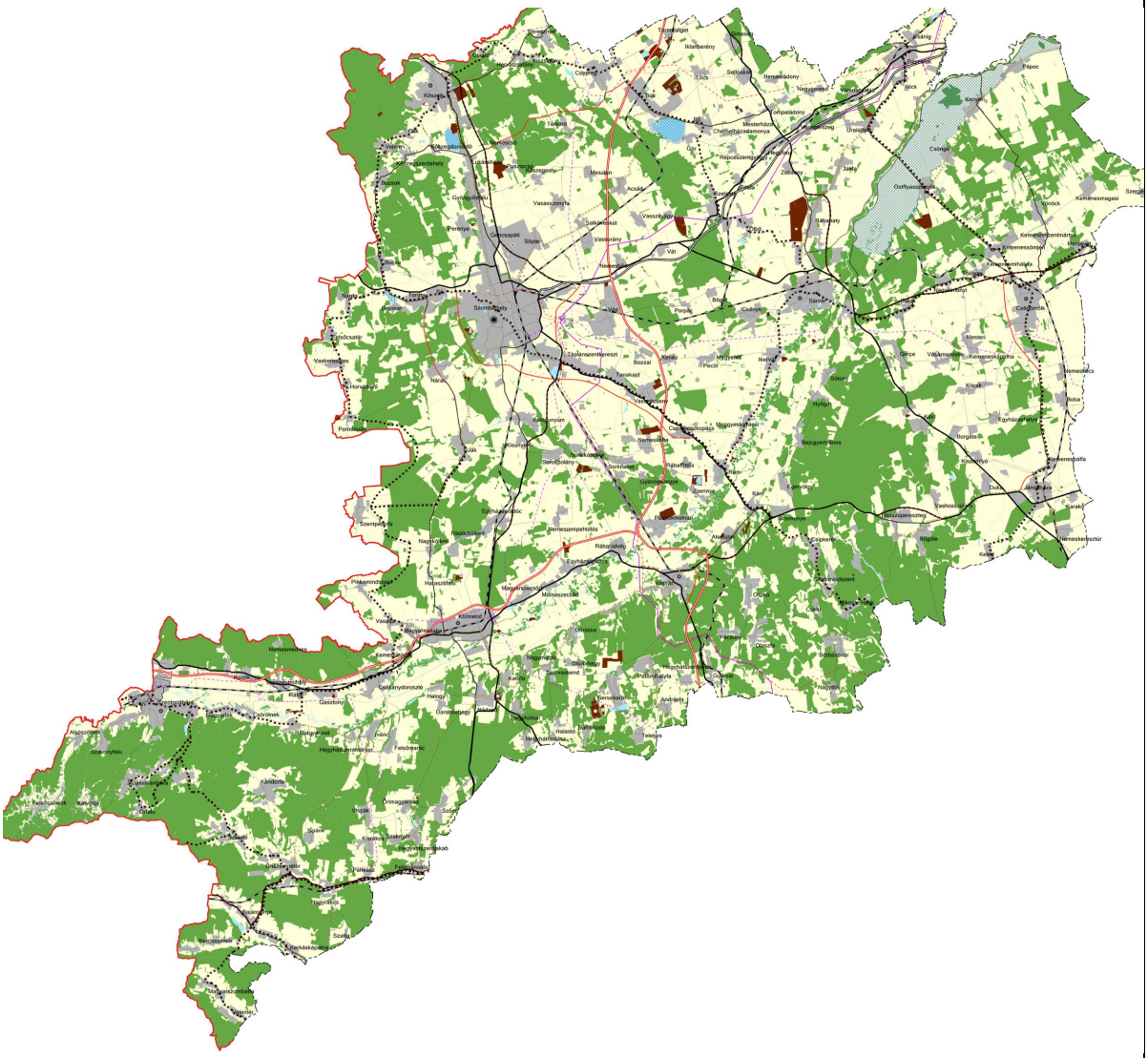
Process, duration, participation

- After broad public discussion, the concept was adopted in 2010.

Duration of validity

- Long-term planning horizon.

Details of the plan



Characteristics

Location of the area

The planning area covers the entire county, which is close to the western border of the country.

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Initial situation
The concept replaces a former version of 2006.

Particularities of the procedure and/or contents
Not typical insofar as situated close to the border of Austria.

Notes and links

Vas Megye Területrendezési Terve. https://www.vasmegye.hu/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/4_2021_%C3%96R_Ter%C3%BCletrendez%C3%A9si-terv.pdf and https://www.vasmegye.hu/wp-content/uploads/2021/04/Vas_MTrT_4_2021r_m2_Szerkezet_javitott-jelkulcs.pdf.

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