

ABSTRACT

This study is a compendium of knowledge on spatial planning at the municipal level. It aims not only at pointing out the theoretical and applied aspects of spatial planning at the local level, but, importantly, above all at linking theory to planning practice, in other words "using theory in practice". The book consists of two main parts. The first treats the theoretical foundations of spatial management and planning and provides an introduction to the second application part, which discusses the dilemmas observed in practice in the preparation of municipal planning documents. The contents of the book thus provide a theoretical and workshop framework for planning work carried out at the local level. The addressees of the work may not only be urban planners and planners (practitioners) and researchers (theorists), but also local government employees and recipients of planning studies – the inhabitants of the municipality.

The paper presents a critical assessment of the current spatial planning system in the municipality, while formulating recommendations – ways to solve the problems identified above of a theoretical and practical nature. Spatial planning should be an instrument for rationalising spatial decisions. The important regulatory function of spatial planning, which is to minimise and prevent spatial conflicts, is not fully realised. Rather, the inconsistency between the effects of spatial planning and the actual needs is noticeable. It seems that the spatial planning reforms carried out so far are aimed at facilitating investment processes rather than rational spatial management. The currently formulated spatial planning principles are too general to ensure spatial order at the local level. It seems necessary to integrate local planning with investment planning.

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