

Fact sheet for planning levels

Planning level		Type of plan		
<p style="text-align: center;">System of powers of Greece</p>				
Sub-state level	Municipality	Municipal council	Local authority administration	Local courts (Irinodikia, Protodikia) Local administrative courts (diikitika Protodikia)
Sub-state level	Region	Regional council	Local authority administration	Regional appellate courts (Efteta), Regional administrative courts (diikitika Efteta)
State level	Decentralised region		Decentralised region administration	
State level		Hellenic Parliament (Vouli)	Government (with ministerial council) and President of Greek Democracy	Supreme court (Arios Pagos), Supreme administrative court (Simvoulío tis Epikratias), Court of auditors (Elegio Sinedrio), Special courts i.e. Military courts, Ecclesiastical courts

Spatial Plan for the Region of Central Macedonia: Map P1 (Χάρτης Π1) - Spatial Development Pattern (Πρότυπο Χωρικής Ανάπτυξης)

Source: Ministerial Decree of the Ministry of the Environment No. 73483/852 (Government Gazette No. 485-D'/20-8-2020)

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Facts: Regional Spatial Planning Model for the Region of Central Macedonia, Greece

Legal basis

- Law 4447/2016, Art. 6 'Regional Spatial Plans'
- Council of State Decisions No. 3632/2015 and No. 519/2017
- Opinion of the Regional Council of the Region of Central Macedonia No. 266/2015 (Diavgia No: ΑΔΑ:6ΔΜΛ7ΛΛΝΚΜ))
- Opinions expressed during the public consultation for the Strategic Environmental Assessment of the Regional Spatial Plan
- Ministerial Decree of the Ministry of the Environment No. 73483/852 (Government Gazette No. 485-D'/20-8-2020)

Competencies

The Regional Spatial Frameworks are prepared under the supervision of the Ministry of the Environment and Energy based on information from the relevant region and under the supervision of joint committees with the region.

- The approval of the Regional Spatial Frameworks takes into account the opinion of the relevant Regional Council, which is provided within two months of receiving the relevant study, which is forwarded by the Ministry of the Environment and Energy.
- The National Spatial Planning Council issues an opinion, in accordance with Article 4(6), on the content of the prepared Regional Spatial Planning Frameworks within one month from the submission of the relevant question. If no opinion has been received after the expiry of the above deadline, the procedure continues without the relevant opinion.
- The Regional Spatial Frameworks are subject to a Strategic Environmental Assessment process and are approved together with the relevant Strategic Environmental Assessment by decisions of the Minister of the Environment and Energy. There are joint consultation processes for the Regional Spatial Planning Frameworks and the relevant Strategic Environmental Impact Studies.

Binding force

- State ordinance with a guidance effect on all public authorities and public planning agencies. There is an indirect legal effect on private individuals.

Tasks and content

- The Regional Spatial Plan addresses the general state spatial planning principles laid down in the Region of Central Macedonia and in the State Development Principles Act in more specific form with regard to particular spatial development issues.
- The regional plan deals with development trends, regional guidelines, the regional structure, the regional open-space structure, the regional settlement structure, and the regional economy and infrastructure.

Process, duration, participation

- Firstly, a study for the preparation of a Regional Spatial Plan and a SEA for this plan is commissioned (about two years). A first version of these studies is the subject of a public sector consultation (ministries, local and regional authorities and other public bodies/organisations) and a public consultation (2013). A second version that incorporates the feedback from these consultations is then prepared. This version is put to a second round of consultation with ministries and local authorities (2015).

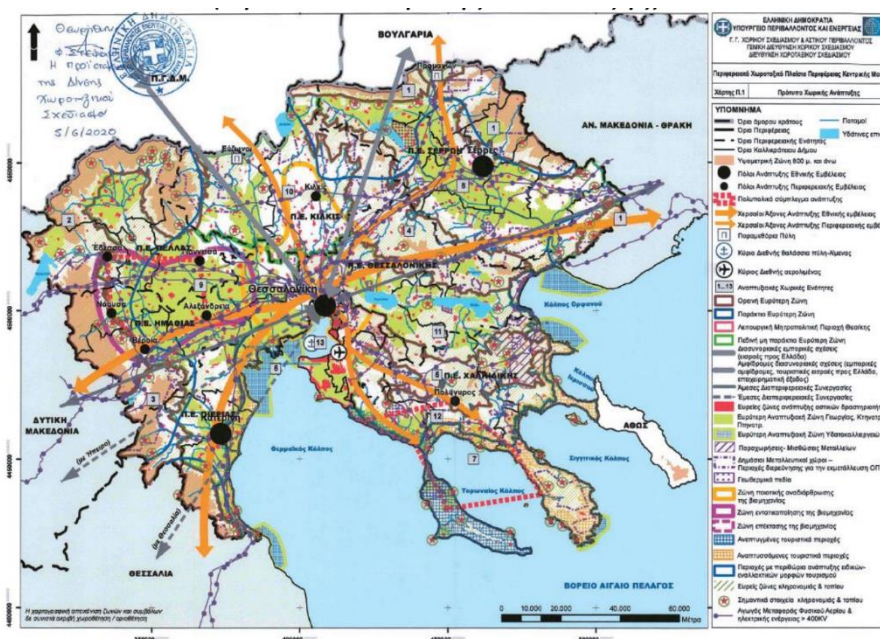
Duration of validity

- Regional Spatial Plans can be revised every five years if there is a documented reason for doing so based on monitoring reports.

Details of the plan

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Characteristics

Location of the area

The Regional Spatial Plan (RSP) covers the entire region of Central Macedonia (1,880,000 inhabitants, 18,811 km²).

Initial situation

The new revised Regional Spatial Plan replaces a very outdated earlier version (2004). Ten years of economic and financial crisis has altered the entire regional productive system. At the outset of a new decade, a new Regional Spatial Plan should be set in force to support development and to facilitate investments.

Particularities of the process

The preparation of the study and the consultation process took a considerable amount of time. The economic and financial crisis and the political changes during the last 10 years slowed the preparation of the Regional Spatial Plan. Paradoxically, the underlying planning level, the Structural Master Plan for the Thessaloniki agglomeration, dates back to early 1985. An initiative to revise this document was halted due to the aforementioned reasons.

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