



Country Fiche on Terrestrial Spatial Planning

SWEDEN

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1. Current situation and main challenges

From 1 January 2023 the new Ministry of Rural affairs and Infrastructure is responsible for spatial planning.

Sweden has no national spatial plan. The *Planning and Building Act* states that regional physical planning shall take place in Stockholm County, Scania County and Halland County. In other counties, it is voluntary to use regional spatial planning, but ambitions in this respect are increasing in many counties.

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Optional items to be filed in:

General information

The National Transport Agency provides a long-term infrastructure investment plan.

At the regional level there are two entities – the national County Administrative Board and the County Council. Regional development matters are now in general transferred to the County Council whereas the County Administrative Board provides municipalities with data for their comprehensive planning.

The municipalities oversee both a non-binding political vision of how the territory should be developed (comprehensive plan) and the production of legally binding detailed development plans.

Spatial planning system No national spatial plan.

In Stockholm County, Scania County and Halland County the Region is responsible for developing a proposal for a regional plan or a proposal to amend a regional plan. The plan is adopted by the regional council. Municipalities make comprehensive plans and detailed development plans. Systems for spatial planning on a voluntary base are developed in many regions.