



# 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.

The Government's goal of the area of community planning, housing market, construction and land surveying activities is to provide all people in all parts of the country with a socially good living environment where long-term good management of natural resources and energy is promoted and where housing construction and economic development are facilitated. Housing shortage is still considered as a main challenge.

## **2.Contacts**

Responsible authority at national level: n.b.

### **General information**

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.

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

### **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 Planning and Building Act states that planning and building is a matter for the municipalities. Municipalities make comprehensive plans and detailed development plans. Systems for spatial planning on a voluntary base are developed in many regions.