

## **Spatial Planning in Slovenia**

### **- National level**

The state prepares laws, policies and other instruments in the field of spatial planning. They define the spatial planning system and provide strategic spatial development objectives and guidelines. In addition to the spatial development laws and strategic documents, the state also has the authority to perform measures concerning spatial development activities and construction, which are of national significance.

### **- Local level**

Local communities have the original right to spatial management and planning of their territories, with exception of spatial development activities which are under direct jurisdiction of the state. A local community is obliged to perform activities in the field of spatial planning and management, as well as planning pursuant to the adopted laws, standards, and criteria. Their principal task in connection with spatial management and planning is concern for rational, mixed, and sustainable land use, as well as economical use of land plots in accordance with the principles of high quality living, working, recreation, and a healthy environment. In decision-making procedures, they are responsible for the direct participation of all the involved and interested parties. They also care for and maintain the identity of the community by considering and protecting the natural and built characteristic features.

## **Spatial Planning Directorate**

The Spatial Planning Directorate is organized in frame of Ministry of the Environment and Spatial Planning. The Directorate is responsible for spatial management at the national, regional and municipal levels, as well as for construction, housing and real-estate brokerage. It coordinates work with international organizational units of the Ministry, bodies under the Ministry and other ministries.

### **Tasks:**

- to monitor, analyse and evaluate policies on spatial planning, construction and housing, and to give proposals for necessary changes or measures;
- to coordinate, guide and monitor the implementation of tasks in the field of geo-informatics;
- to direct the setting-up of the spatial information system and to manage it;
- to monitor, guide and supervise the drawing-up and implementation of all program documents and regulations, as well as regulations of the national land survey service;
- to cooperate with EU authorities and other international institutions and to prepare and collect relevant data for international presentations and comparisons;
- to draft regulation proposals and other documents within the competence of the Directorate;
- to prepare a work program and reports for the Minister, the Government and the National Assembly, and to make initiatives and proposals for measures within its area of work;
- to coordinate activities within the Directorate's area of work;
- to perform and monitor tasks falling within the competence of the Directorate;
- to coordinate work among organisational units of the Directorate, with organisational units and bodies under the Ministry, and with other ministries;

- to coordinate activities with other ministries with regard to the preparation of documents for the Government and the National Assembly that fall within the competence of the Directorate and concern international and European affairs and public relations;
- to direct, coordinate and supervise the preparation of financial programs for the use of funds in the Directorate and the implementation of related public procurement procedures;
- to draft mandatory instructions, explanations, recommendations, information, answers and notes in matters within its area of work.