**Spatial development strategy of Slovenia 2050**

**Evaluation of its contribution to territorial cohesion**

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**Evaluation and territorial development: Why the national spatial policy (doesn't) get implemented?**

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# Conclusions

* SPRS already contains horizontal, integrated topics;
* Recognition and implementation of the document is not sufficient;
* The linkage of the SPRS with the development documents is missing;
* The horizontal (the competence of the Ministry for the sectoral coordination) and vertical integration (capacity of the local comunities, regional administration) needs to be improved.

*…as we see the activities of the Ministry, its mostly managing the server where the materials are stored…*

*… We only use it (the Strategy) when it suits us, and we choose ony the paragraphs which confirm our standpoints. Else… as if it wasn‘t there.*

*…Sometimes it (the Strategy) does not support our aspirations – then we write down that the certain paragraph is not being taken into account.*

*… It (the Strategy) is also… harmless, to say it bluntly.*

# „The way forward“


# Aim of the evaluation

**Aim:** to assess the integration and the cohesion potential of the effects of the Strategy

Environmental

/

spatial

Social

Economic

Territorial

identity

**Territorial**

**cohesion**

Territorial

efficiency

Territorial

quality

# Methods

Cross-sectional method based on a matrix evaluation

Effects of the Strategy were assessed by policy makers (with the support of the evaluation team) in focus group.

The obtained impact assessments were compared with baseline estimates of the indicators of the state and trends in space.

## Evaluation matrix



**Correlation matrix**

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Env** | **Econ** | **Soc** |
| **Env** | 5 | **Te**Strenght of integration = 5 (4 + 5) Balance = 4 slightly inbalanced to the cost of Economic domain;  | **Tq**Strenght of integration = 5 (4 + 5) Balance = 4 slightly inbalanced to the cost of Social domain;  |
| **Econ** | - | 5 | **Ti** Strenght of integration = 4 (3 + 5) Balance = 4 rather inbalanced to the cost of Economic domain;  |
| **Soc** | - | - | 5 |

Scores: 5 (excellent) – 1 (inadequate)

# Evaluation Summary

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Priorities according to the trend analysis 1-3** | **Ex-ante impact evaluation of the Strategy, 1-5** | **Diffeence between assessed impacts and required direction of structural change** |
|  | a | b | c=b-a |
| **I. Territorial integration domains** |  |
| **F** | Third priority (3) | Very positive impacts (1) | Difference: 2 points, Structural score = bad (1) |
| **G** | Second priority (2) | Very positive impacts (1) | Difference: 1 point, Structural score = good (3) |
| **S** | First priority (1) | Very positive impacts (1) | Difference: 0 point, Structural score = very good (5) |
| **Structural score of impacts on balance (considering priorities)** | GOOD (3) |
| **II. Territorial cohesion domains** |  |
| **Pu** | Third priority (3) | very good impacts (1) | Difference: 2 points, Structural score = bad (1) |
| **Pk** | Second priority (2) | very good impacts (1) | Difference: 1 point, Structural score = good (3) |
| **Pi** | First priority (1) | Least good impacts (3)  | Difference: 2 points, Structural score = bad (1) |
| **Structural score of impacts on balance (considering priorities)** | ADEQUATE (2) |
| **OVERALL CONTRIBUTION TO TERRITORIAL INTEGRATION** | GOOD (3) |

## Results

Resolution on Strategy2050 passed in july 2023:

Word count:

**Balance**: 23 times (in the meaning of balanced development between economic, social and environmental) Crossection logic: 3 times

**Integration / integral**: 24 times

**Cohesion:** 14 times (mostly as a reference to EU policy documents or general concepts of territorial and social cohesion);

Call for Implementation plan until 2034

(outsourced?)

New chapter on ***implementation***:

Policy measures and instruments defined,

(1) Aktivnosti za uveljavljanje in doseganje **prostorske kohezije**: – nadgrajujejo se obstoječi prostorski instrumenti in razvija nabor ukrepov, ki dodatno krepijo uveljavljanje teritorialnega pristopa; – razširi se nabor instrumentov z gospodarskimi, razvojnimi, participativnimi in komunikacijskimi instrumenti (na primer izobraževanje, usposabljanje, ozaveščanje, informiranje, promocija) ter upravljavskimi instrumenti za usklajevanje navzkrižnih interesov v prostoru;

* preverijo in uveljavijo se vse možnosti doseganja prostorskih ciljev in izvajanja prednostnih nalog z ukrepi drugih resorjev; – **vzpostavi in izvaja se integralno presojanje učinkov javnih politik na prostor, vključno s presojanjem učinkov na okolje in prilagajanjem na podnebne spremembe**;
* izvajanje strategije se poveže z evropskimi programi, ki so pomembni za prostorski razvoj;
* razvija se integralno upravljanje na čezmejni ravni v skladu s prostorskimi cilji (na primer evropsko združenje za teritorialno sodelovanje – EZTS).

**Impacts ?**

By 2050:

C1 – suitable conditions for transition into a climate neutral society **established**

C2 – international competitiveness of slovenian cities **achieved**

C3 – quality of life in cities and countryside **ensured**

C4 – territorial identity **enhanced**

C5 – resilience **improved**

**Indicators for monitoring**