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Four years after enacting the Law, Kosovo still has no Zoning Map

Nearly four years after the Law on Spatial Planning entered into force, central and local planning authorities have yet not managed to complete the drafting process of all the documents on spatial planning.

Kosovo's Zoning Map and Municipal Zoning Maps have not been drafted yet, thus also suspending the further development of the Detailed Regulatory Plans at the local level.

MESP respectively ISP through an official letter have confirmed for EC that they have not drafted Kosovo's Zoning Map. According to them, there are different reasons for this, but the most important is that the Ministry, respectively the spatial planning sector including the local level, are in the phase of systems changing, while it is claimed that not all administrative instructions have yet been issued that affect the process of drafting these documents. The letter states that the process of drafting the ZMK has begun and that a proposal for approval for the formal start of drafting of this document has been sent to the Prime Minister. It is also added that in the meantime the preparation of the work is being completed through which in details the work plan will be known and the phases through which the drafting process of the ZMK will pass. According to the letter, the issuing of a large number of spatial planning indicators have been completed, which will serve as a basis for starting the drafting process of the zoning maps at both planning levels.

Whereas the Directorate of Urbanism in the Municipality of Prizren through an official response stated that while acting in accordance with the provisions of the Law on Spatial Planning, has discontinued to submit to the Municipal Assembly the proposals of the Detailed Regulatory Plans, because firstly the Municipal Zoning Maps must be drafted.

Given these facts, EC considers that for four years after entering into force the Law on Spatial Planning, its purpose has not yet been fulfilled, namely to "ensure sustainable and balanced spatial planning for the entire territory of Kosovo, through good governance, good land use, and through the protection of the environment and the cultural and natural heritage".

For this reason, EC calls upon the MESP and ISP authorities to streamline the process of drafting all spatial planning documents, namely the Zoning Maps, so that they unblock the process of drafting the

Detailed Regulatory Plans in Local level and thus open the way for LHP implementation to fulfil its purpose, respectively "to ensure sustainable governance, efficient use of public funds, prerequisites for balanced social and economic development, sustainable spatial regulation, providing equal treatment, free movement and adequate access to public services for citizens".

The project "Spatial Planning Transparency in Prizren" aims to open the spatial planning documents of Prizren, in order to meet the obligations of the Charter for Opening Data, and to increase the level of public accountability in this sector. The opening of the database and of the spatial planning documents will create greater opportunities for supervising the work of public authorities in relation to urban planning, building permits, development planning and management of cultural heritage.

Sincerely,

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