

The currency of the development strategies of municipalities of the  
Warsaw Functional Urban Area in the context of the reform  
integrating socio-economic and spatial planning | 1

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Local authorities have been facing significant pressure in recent years to review municipal development policies and update their strategies in response to emerging challenges and legal requirements. In 2020 and 2023 new legislation was enacted in Poland that initiated a reform aimed at integrating the strategic planning system and the spatial planning system, among others, at the local level. This paper presents the main changes in the legislation related to the municipal development strategy, and the subsequent challenges in spatial policy-making. In this context, the evaluation was made of the currency of the municipal development strategies of the Warsaw Functional Urban Area. The analysis demonstrates that the integration of socio-economic and spatial aspects of development policy at the local level is being implemented slowly, with the result that local authorities may not be adequately prepared for the legal environment that will exist from 2026 onwards.

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