

Frankfurt Rhein-Main

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Reason for this Strategic Vision

A population that is no longer growing; a changing economic structure; increasing mobility, and its effects on the towns and municipalities of our region – these are the challenges with which our region will be faced over the next 15 years.

We intend to face up to this situation and to create a Strategic Vision for the Frankfurt/Rhein-Main region. This Strategic Vision forms the basis for regional planning in Südhessen – for the first Regional Land Use Plan in a German Conurbation and for the Südhessen Regional Plan, which covers a wider area.

In this Strategic Vision, all the municipalities of the region have agreed on the goals, which the region intends to pursue up to the year 2020 in order to assert itself in the national and international competition between regions. To do this, a broad consensus is needed. Once finalised, this Strategic Vision has an advisory function for spatial planning in our

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System of spatial planning Germany

Regional Policy of the Federal Government	Spatial Planning Policy Guidelines	Principles of spatial planning
Regional Policy of the Länder	Land development plan	Targets and principles for large-scale development
Regional planning	Regional plan	Targets and principles for development
Local planning	Regional land use plan Land use plan	Description of the types of land use
Local planning	Local plan	Regulations for the urban layout



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German Metropolregions-Frankfurt /RheinMain

Frankfurt /Rhein- Main 2020 A European metropolitan region

Frankfurt /Rhein-Main, a knowledge region and a business region with high quality of life – international, multi-cultural and innovative: this is the profile the region intends to establish for itself until 2020. As a leading European metropolitan region, it is pursuing, through the cooperation of many different people and agencies, the following equally valid objectives. A region of,

Well-developed centres
Young people and families
Science and of education
Innovative sectors
Mobility and logistics
Attractive landscapes and culture

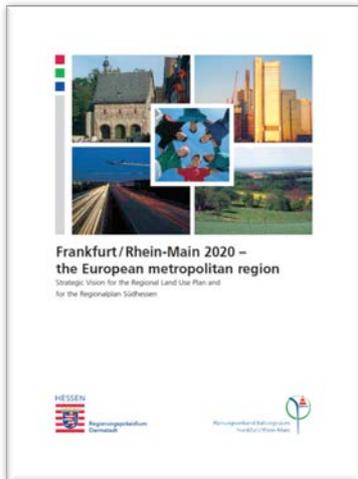
The Strategic Vision in brief

We intend to develop the Frankfurt /Rhein-Main region as a leading European metropolitan region by the year 2020. To do this, we will have to assert ourselves in the international competition between regions. One prerequisite for this process is that everyone involved in the region coordinates their efforts, because communication and the exchange of information form the basis of a successful region. The spatial planning process intends to play its part in attaining this goal.



Frankfurt/Rhein-Main region

The term Frankfurt/Rhein-Main region refers to the Darmstadt Regierungsbezirk or Regional Authority area, known as Südhessen. The economic region of Frankfurt /Rhein- Main covers a larger area.



Strategic Vision for the Regional Land Use Plan and for the Regionalplan of Südhessen

The particular strength of the Frankfurt /Rhein Main region lies in the multiplicity of towns and municipalities that it is made up of; alongside the core, in the form of the city of Frankfurt, we have a large number of smaller centres. We intend to make use of this extraordinary quality in a metropolitan region by developing the various different strengths and potentials of the different towns and rural areas. We intend to secure the development of the urban centres, make optimal use of existing settlement areas, and, in particular specific cases, develop new areas for settlement.

Our region provides attractive employment opportunities and is an international nodal point for networks of goods, services, finances and information. We intend to optimise people's mobility. For this reason, it will be necessary to develop all our transport facilities further to ensure that our region remains competitive into the future. We will continue to improve the exchange of goods as the basis for our development.

Frankfurt/Rhein-Main is home to more research institutions than other similar regions. Demands are increasing, and include the need for interdisciplinary cooperation between different research centres. We intend to make use of this existing network of institutions and develop the region as a region of knowledge.

Our region has always been a focus of interest for people from many different nations. We intend to continue to be an open, tolerant location, and to remain a particularly attractive place for young, qualified people from around the world. At the same time, we intend to be an attractive place to live for young people, and to be a region which is family-friendly.

The contrasts contained within our region make it special. These contrasts– culture, urban spaces and areas for relaxation and recreation – offer a high quality of life. We intend to increase this quality of life and to ensure that the people of our region enjoy living here. We plan to improve the cultural and recreation facilities in our region, as well as our attractive landscape and, to do this, to extend the Regionalpark.

Frankfurt/Rhine- Main Conurbation Planning Association

www.planungsverband.de

Tasks and Goals

The Planning Association was founded on April 1, 2001 as the legal successor to the Greater Frankfurt Association. The Association has the main task of creating a regional land use plan in the conurbation area together with the Southern Hesse legislature. Furthermore, it can also participate in inter-municipal cooperation in the conurbation area. The members are the cities of Frankfurt am Main and Offenbach am Main as well as 73 additional cities and municipalities from 6 bordering districts.

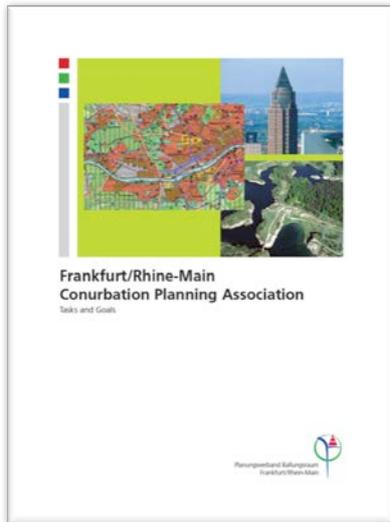
Regional land use planning

The main task of the Planungsverband is the creation of a Regional Land Use Plan. This new spatial planning instrument combines and replaces the previous regional plan for Southern Hesse and the land use plan of the former Umlandverband Frankfurt as well as the land use plans of the municipalities in the extended association areas.

Planning Association Area



Therefore, in the future there will only be one superordinate plan for the Frankfurt Rhine-Main conurbation, which will describe spatial development through to the year 2020. It will apply to the 75 member municipalities and therefore to an area of approximately 2 500 square kilometres with approximately 2.2 million inhabitants and around one million gainfully employed persons. This is a pilot project in Germany; a similar plan is only being developed in the Ruhr region.



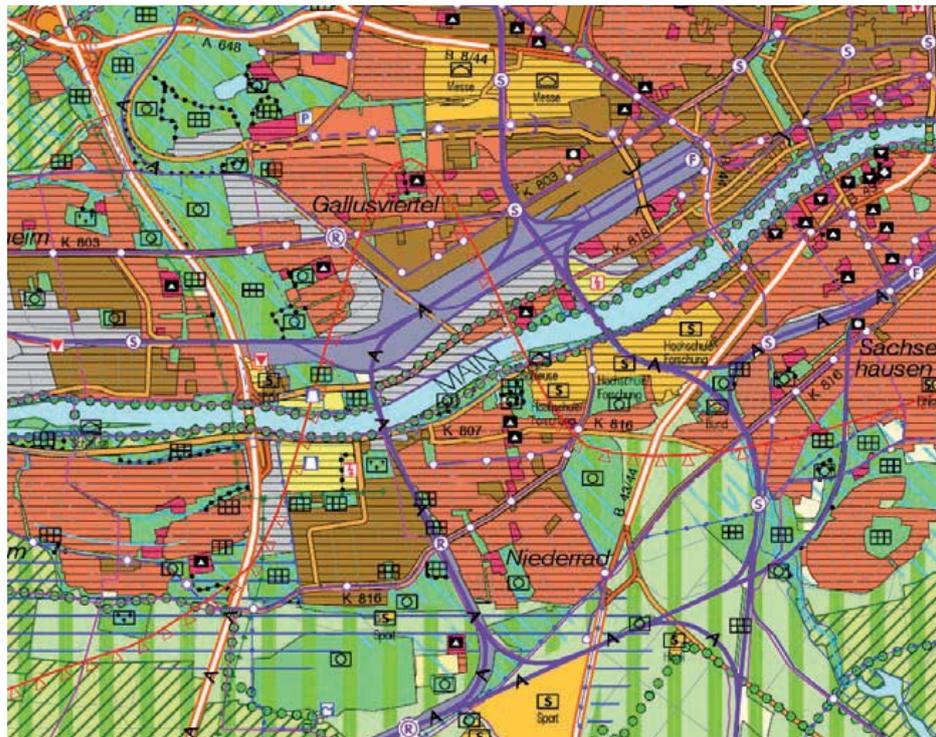
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The Regional Land Use Plan provides a framework for municipal developing plans and specialised plans of other planning entities, such as transport planning. However, it will have no immediate legal effects on the approval of private construction plans and therefore will remain non-binding for the citizens.

The plan provides information on the size and location of future residential and commercial settlement areas, open spaces and their use, green areas to be protected as well as planned streets and railways. In addition, important systems in the technical infrastructure, such as power stations or land fill sites, social and cultural facilities, such as schools and fire departments, athletic facilities or locations for large-scale retail sales can be planned. Existing features and planned features are usually shown separately so that it is easier to see which areas have already been developed and which areas can still support additional development, what should be changed in the future and what should remain.

The Regional Land Use Plan is digitally drawn up at a scale of 1:50 000.



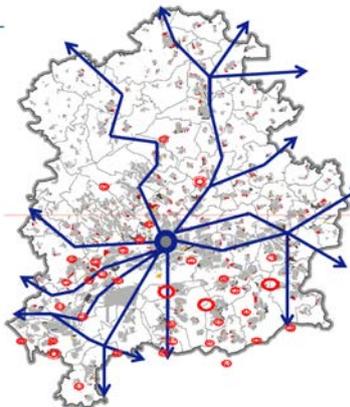
Map excerpt from the Regional Land Use Plan

While current land use and landscaping plans and the regional plan for southern Hesse form the basis for developing the new plan, the following documents, among others, are also taken into account:

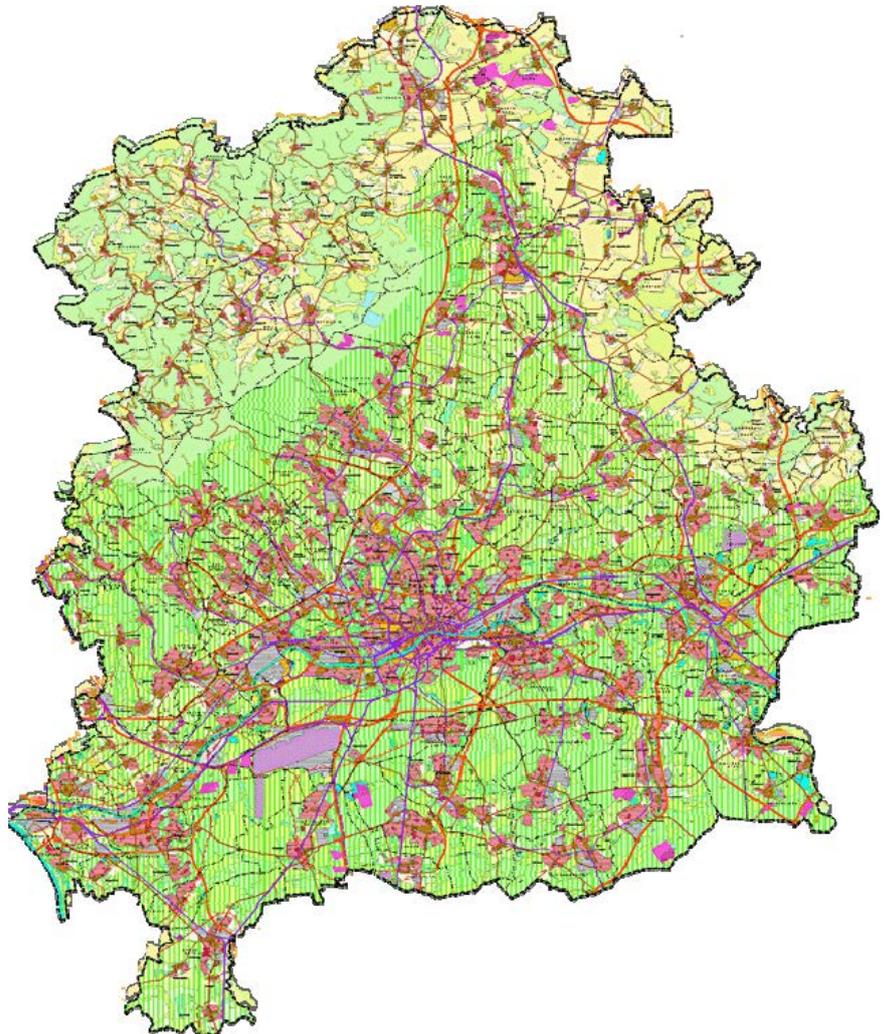
- Development ideas of the member cities and municipalities in the conurbation
- Model calculations pertaining to the population, labour force as well as traffic and transport development
- Studies pertaining to landscape planning
- Other specialised planning
- Environmental testing

The public, every member municipality as well as public agencies are involved in the planning process. The effectiveness of the new planning instrument depends on whether the concept of a common future for the region will be supported and realised by as many of the involved parties as possible. The Regional Land Use Plan has to be adopted by not only the Regional Assembly but also by the Parliamentary Chamber of the Planning Association.

Currently, it is assumed that the plan will become valid in 2010.



Hierarchy of settlements
Axial development



Regional Land Use Plan
in layers

- Settlement structure
- Parks
- Agriculture
- Nature Protection
- Traffic infrastructure