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Syvicol worried about application of spatial planning project



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Syvicol president Emile Eicher hopes to see closer collaboration between Syvicol and the state on the finalisation of the master plan for spatial planning. Romain Gamba/Maison Moderne

Luxembourg municipalities at the start of 2023 will have to give their opinion on a new national master plan for spatial planning. City and communes union Syvicol says the project lacks clarity and applicability, on top of putting the autonomy of communes at risk.

The Union of Luxembourg Cities and Municipalities (Syvicol) met on 14 November to talk about annual budgets and expenditures, state budgets and further points. The big topic on the agenda, though, was the master plan for spatial planning (PDAT) and what it means for the autonomy of communes in the grand duchy.

Including its annexes, the so-called "programme directeur d'aménagement du territoire" (PDAT) published in September 2022 is detailed over a total of 247 pages. For the government, this project should guide the ministry of home affairs and communes in their future land use plans. Headed by spatial planning minister Claude Turmes (déi Gréng), the PDAT sets goals and measures for the sustainable development of Luxembourg until 2050. Luxembourg's 102 communes have until 15 January 2023 to submit their opinion on this piece.

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