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The implementation of the European Landscape  
Convention at local level:  
local democracy

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## Role of the Ministry of Regional Development

Strongly participates in the ELC implementation,  
is responsible for (manages):

- town and country planning, including landscape planning
- regional development
- tourism
- EU and selected national subsidies



## Town and Country Planning

Town and country planning in the Czech Republic:

- creates preconditions for protection and development of landscape values and characteristic features,
- is based on participatory co-operation with inhabitants of the area for which the planning documentation is being prepared.

Landscape planning has been a component of town and country planning even before accession of the Czech Republic to the ELC. The Convention has set a system framework and importance for landscape planning.



## Town and Country Planning

- The Building act from 2006 fulfilled the requirement of the ELC:  
  
*“to recognise landscapes in law as an essential component of people’s surroundings, an expression of the diversity of their shared cultural and natural heritage, and a foundation of their identity”.*
- Together with Act on Nature and Landscape protection (from 1992) the Building Act is second most important legal act to fulfill the requirements of the ELC in the Czech Republic.



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## Strategic Level

### Strategy Czech Republic 2030

- Main strategy for the future of the Czech Republic
- Addresses issues of landscape variety, fragmentation and permeability, cultural values, adaptation to climate change, water retention, ecosystem services
- Suggests elaboration of a Landscape policy

### Strategy of Regional Development of CZ 2014-2020

- Landscape issues are part of priority area Environmental sustainability
- Implementation on regional and local level (Community led local development)





## State Level: Spatial Development Policy

Aims and principles of the ELC are projected into the state level planning document, the “Spatial Development Policy of the Czech Republic”. It demands e.g.

- protect and develop natural, civilizational and cultural values of the area,
- keep the cultural landscape character and identity,
- ensure protection of un-built area and its sustainable, efficient and economical use,
- limit landscape fragmentation,
- delimit areas for improvement of water management.



## Regional Level: Development Principles

Planning documentation on regional level specifies and modifies measures of the state level document, including measures for landscape planning.

It includes:

- identification of landscapes throughout the territory, according to ELC,
- definition of quality objectives for these landscapes.

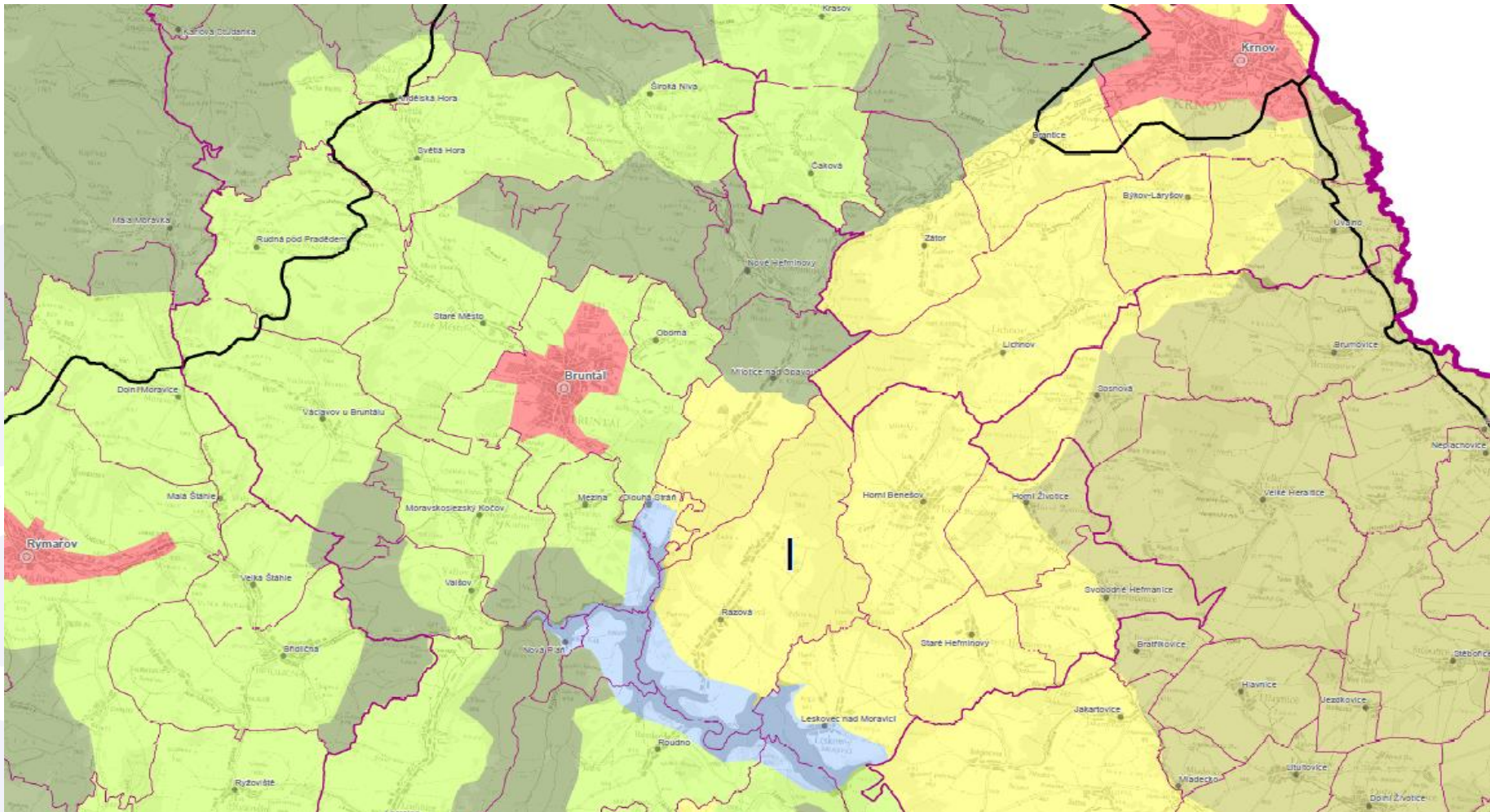
Planning documentation on regional level is binding for local plans procured by municipalities.





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# Landscapes in a Regional Documentation

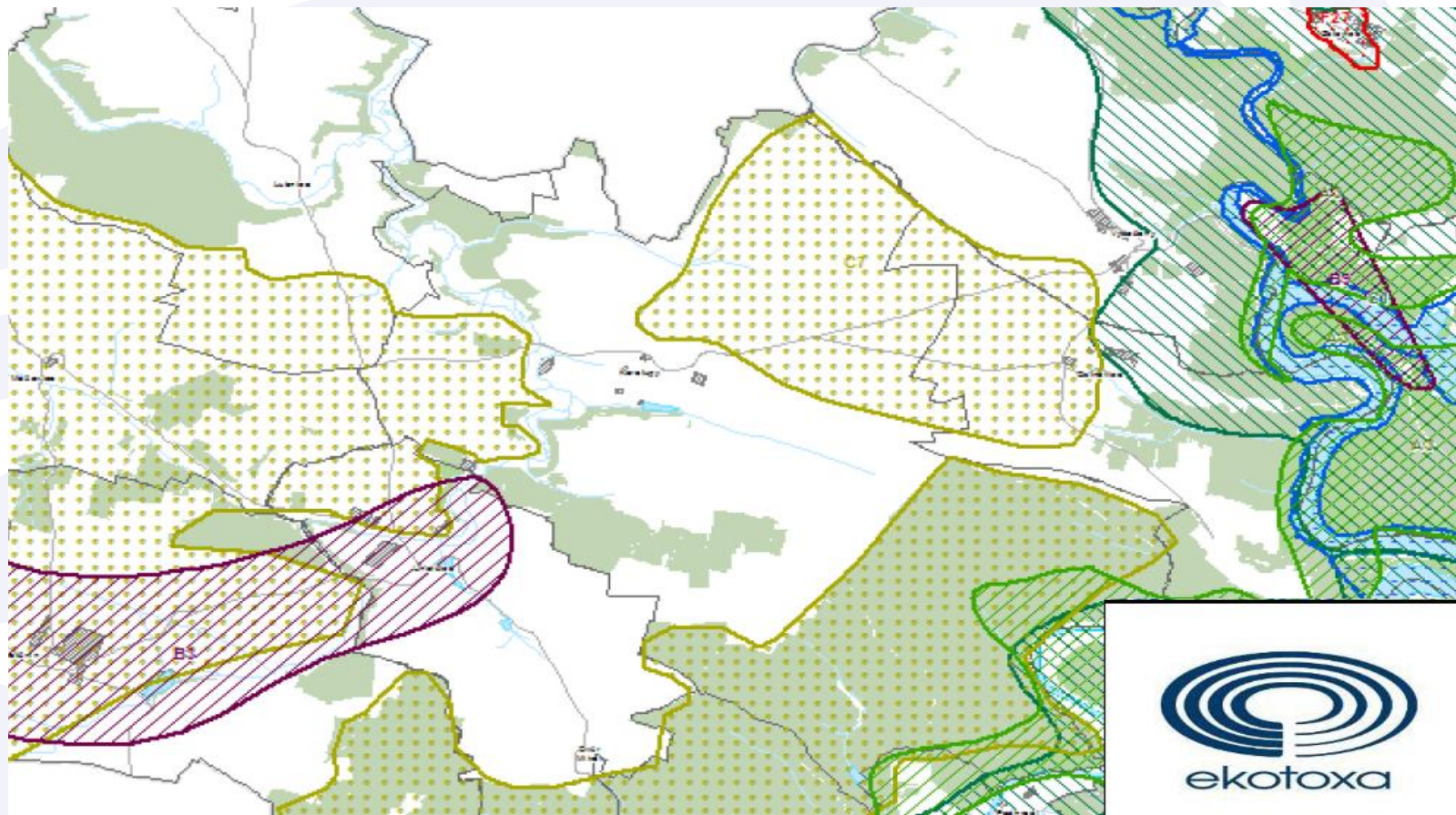




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## Subregional Level: Landscape Studies

Landscape studies are voluntary plans for several municipalities supported from EU funds.





## Local Level: Local Plans

- Ministry of Regional Development methodically specifies implementation of ELC measures into the local plans. An amendment to a public notice that facilitates implementation of ELC is under discussion.
- Town and country planning co-operates on implementation of many measures defined by the national action plan for adaptation to a climate change.



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# Thank you for attention

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