

ENGLISH ABSTRACTS OF KEY ARTICLES

Building Act Concept Resource Material, as in its Physical Planning Chapter

This is the first proposal taking into consideration the widest range of physical planning tools and jobs, aiming to formulate, in a systematic way, the possibilities of altering the above part of the Building Act. The proposal is a sum-up of opinions, findings, experience, and inspiration in this sphere, as discussed during the last couple of decades. On purpose, even suggestions upon which some very contradictory reactions can be expected are mentioned, as the necessity of, at least, opening a professional debate over them is of foremost importance. If there is no such debate - this is to say - one can hardly say whether there is at all any common will to solve hot problems and to approach the legal directions of physical planning in a new and comprehensive manner.

Jiří May, Assigning Public Contracts within Physical Planning Documentation

A privileged management of space has always been, still is, and will probably go on as a very tempting matter. Such a power would easily get rid of „bureaucratic complications“... It would admittedly be quite a dictatorship but, in its inner structure, a consistent one... However, the world of democracy is not very much in favour of privileges, but tries to harmonize contradictory interests in an area, before the final decision about „what-happens-to-the-ground“ is taken. This procedure needs some obligatory rules of argumentation. Physical planning, definitely, is such a system of argumentation rules. These arguments, in the proper sense of the word, must have their roots in unprivileged, generally available information. Do we possess means to access it?

Sustainable development: A Conference on Physical Planning and Building Regulation

At the end of last May, the 12th Conference on Physical Planning and Building Regulation took place in Olomouc. The pilot topic of the conference was sustainable development, and most papers of the physical planning section did express opinions on this very subject. The conference was attended by some five hundred specialists on public administration and the physical planning practice. Nevertheless, we consider it useful to present herewith a brief summary of the conference as recorded by the Institute for Spatial Development's team.