ENGLISH ABSTRACTS OF KEY ARTICLES

Vision Planet

The VISION PLANET project is part of a programme called INTERREG II C which is carried out jointly by EU members and countries intending to enter the Union and using the PHARE funds. The programme focuses on multinational coordination of activities related to physical or spatial planning. As a contribution to the strategy of integration of the Czech Republic with the European Union, the Ministry of Regional Development has claimed its active participation in selected projects linked to some problems of physical planning. The full wording of the national presentation of the Czech Republic, written by Ing. arch. J. Bedrna, is presented herewith to the readers.

Zdeněk Müller, The Brno Exhibition Ground

In the 4/1998 edition of this magazine, Dušan Riedl's article on the 70th anniversary of the Brno Exhibition Centre was published. The article was mainly a theoretic review of the development of this important area's qualities, as seen from the point of view of architecture and urban planning. It is now followed by more information from the practical viewpoint of Zdeněk Müller, the renowned Head Architect at the Brno Exhibition Centre and co-author of several comprehensive plans of the Brno exhibition ground.

Alois Andrle, The Extent of Regional Disparities in Czech Republic

The fact that market economy will bring a rapid development of the country's capital, Prague, is scarcely surprising. Also, the western bordering areas undergo essential changes, the former periphery thus becoming the gateway to more advanced parts of Europe. The other regions, with their mining and heavy industries, are facing tough problems. The article shows how the regional dynamics of the Czech Republic is going to be developed.

Karel Maier, Efficiency of Contemporary and Future Tools of Decreasing the Regional Differences in the Czech Republic

The Czech edition of a paper given at the session of the European Work Group for Central and Southeast Europe (under the German Academy for Regional Research and Physical Planning - ARL), held in Sušice in August 1998.

Alois Andrle, The Reproduction of Population in Cities of 50 000 to 100 000 Inhabitants

Usually, territorial analyses of the population concentrate on the smallest municipalities or the biggest cities. Much less attention is paid to middle-sized cities of 50 000 to 100 000 inhabitants. However, their demographic development is extraordinarily interesting, and so this article focuses on this topic. The retrospection shows the population development by comparison of municipalities on comparable territories.

Karel Schmeidler, The Development of a Central European Region

We still consider South Moravia and the North Austrian regions of Weinviertel and Waldviertel as a territory of abundance. The last few decades, however, have taken a lot from this abundance, and returned little. The area, one of the richest of the Austro-Hungarian monarchy as well as of the pre-war Czechoslovakia, became peripheral and, due to the iron curtain, demographically degraded. Young and educated people were leaving this territory, a place of no hope. Though, it is an area without natural confines, where people used to cooperate disregarding their nationalities, and it is a fertile country of important natural heritage.

Jarmila Horáková & Vítězslav Kuta, Proceeding with the Strategic Plan of Ostrava's Economic Development before 2010

The article begins with the reasons for the decision of the City of Ostrava to elaborate a Strategic Plan of Development before 2010. Further on, it presents the procedure of assigning tasks, selecting researchers, distributing responsibilities, and legalizing obligations by the representatives of the City. It also describes the contents and formal proceedings of a document, its links to physical planning documentation, and the characteristics of some supporting analyses. At the end, the text deals with some difficulties of the realization and evaluation of a document, both by the assigning person and generally.