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Towards Sustainable Land Management in Serbia

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While legislation has been introduced to improve land management and urban development as Serbia moves towards joining the EU, it was deemed to fall short in terms of planning and regulation. A bilateral co-operation project between Serbia and Germany has been addressing the issue of standardisation in order to prepare the country for the future. This article outlines the progress so far.

Serbia is on its way to joining the European Union, and hence becoming part of the European information society. The Government of the Republic of Serbia has already taken significant steps in the modernisation and adaption of the legal framework, including in the areas of land management and urban development. In September 2009, the new Planning and Building Act was passed, which among other things aimed to improve investment conditions in Serbia. The new act introduced the possibility of privatising the city-owned construction land and created a clear hierarchy of spatial and urban planning instruments at local level. However, it has become apparent that methods for market-oriented land-use planning, as well as bylaws that would regulate the implementation of the legal provisions, are still lacking.

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