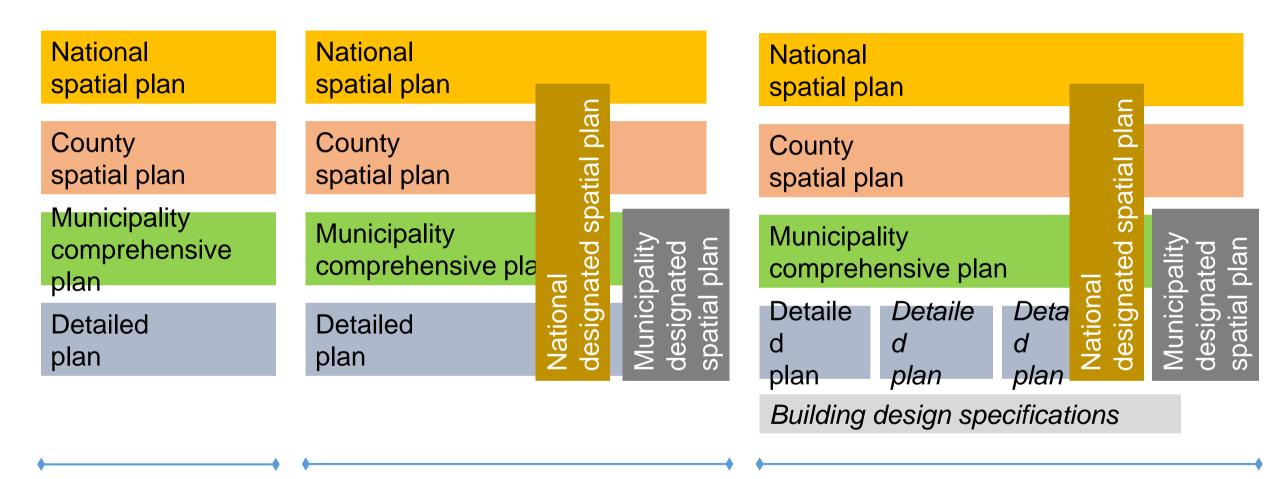


Current issues in the Estonian spatial planning system

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Short history of Estonia's spatial planning legislation

- First modern spatial planning legislation in 1995 Building and construction act
- Building act from 2003
- Some notable changes in **2009**, latest version available in English at https://www.riigiteataja.ee/en/eli/531032014003/consolide
- Current Building act from 2015, available in English at https://www.riigiteataja.ee/en/eli/502012017006/consolide
- Whole new structure of law
- Two new planning instruments
- Planning principles laid out in the law
- Preparations took 8 years hand in hand with the codification of construction act, led by ministry of justice



Recent notable events influencing spatial planning

- Local administrations reform: 213 to 79
 (https://news.err.ee/606664/administrative-reform-this-is-the-new-map-of-Estonia)
- Abolishment of county level administration. Responsibilities given to ministries or local municipalities
- Recent Supreme Court judgement: more exact information and assessment on environment needed on strategic planning level

+ some "omnipresent" issues in spatial planning

Green paper on spatial planning (in progress)

- Combining strategic planning and land use planning (from land use planning to spatial planning)
- Regional planning without regional administration?
- Complexity and regidness of planning processes
- Added value of impact assessement in planning processes
- Stakeholders' role in the decision-making processes

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