

Spatial and Urban Development Agency of Georgia

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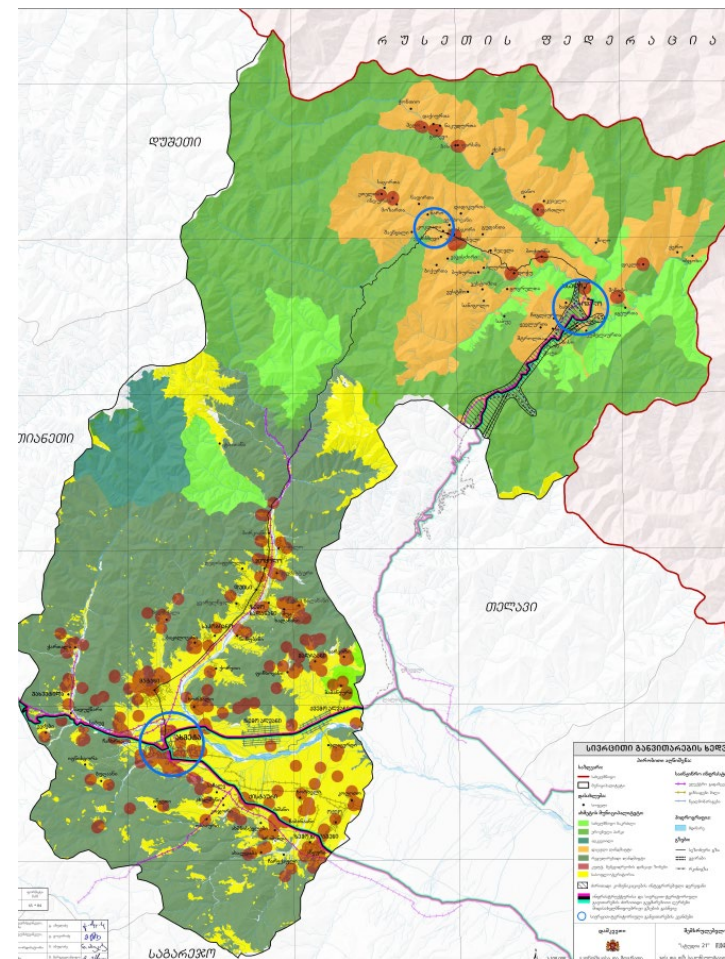
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Agency Description

- Created in 2022 with the purpose to coordinate national spatial and urban policy
 - Less than 20% of the territory is covered by spatial plans
- Goals and Processes
 - Create National Spatial Plan
 - Help regional municipalities create land use master plans and/or more detailed plans





Smart and Sustainable Cities - Strategy

- Smart Cities are not necessarily:
 - High tech and futuristic
 - Expensive and without “soul”
 - For only developed countries
- Sustainability is the key
 - Promote using brown-field inner-city territories
 - Discourage increasing footprint of settlements
 - Encourage agglomeration to control large cities from overcrowding



Signagi, Georgia.



Smart and Sustainable Cities - Goals

- Smart Cities:
 - Better “user experience” of citizens and visitors
 - Efficient use of settlement’s resources
 - Technology as a means to an end
- Sustainability
 - Change mobility patterns
 - Promote mixed-use development
 - 15-minute cities
 - Shift focus from cars to pedestrians
 - Rethinking urban nature: it is a shield against natural catastrophes



Kutaisi, Georgia.



Smart and Sustainable Cities - Challenges

- Smart Cities
 - Poor Data: collection and quality
 - Lack of expertise
 - Very low awareness
- Sustainability
 - Old wrong adage: social problems first and only then sustainability
 - Show me the returns on investments!
 - Awareness is key



Ushguli, Georgia



Cooperation with UNECE

- Spatial Planning
 - Knowledge share
 - Programs to integrate best practices
 - Assist agency to select key experts
- Urban Planning
 - Regional capacity build-up
 - Training is not the solution
 - Need to create system
 - Create educational/training programs
 - Promote benefits of planning





Thank you!

Any questions?